Mohammad Qayoumi named SJSU president

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Staff Writer

The California State University Board of Trustees has named Moham-
med Qayoumi, president of Cal State East Bay, as the new president of San
Jose State University.

“I am honored and humbled to be selected and to accept the challenge of
leading San Jose State University on the years ahead,” Qayoumi said. “The
tremendous opportunities and bound-
less possibilities of SJSU will only be
limited by our imagination. I am looking
forward to working with the talented
students to ensure they have a rich and
rewarding college experience and to
prepare them for future success.”

Qayoumi has been president of Cal
State East Bay since 2006, and will be
 succeeding interim President Don
Kassing.

Kassing retired in 2008 and re-
turned to the position until an effec-
tive president could be selected after Joe
Whitesides, who succeeded Kassing,
left the university in July 2010.

The new SJSU president was
among three finalists who toured the
campus and pitched their visions for
the university last week in a series of
presentations free and open to the
public.

The two other candidates consid-
ered for the presidential search com-
nittee, and whom the board will also
interview, are:.

Omar Atiq, executive vice president
and chief financial officer of San Fran-
cisco State University, and Dariel
Slovean, dean of the College of Busi-
ness at CSU.

CSU Trustee Debra Farar, chair of
the presidential search committee,
stated in a news release that Qayoumi
possesses many qualities of a true lead-
er the university was searching for.

“He is a firm believer in making signif-
ificant change,” Farar said. “He is a fi rm
believer in for the better-
tous tasks Qayoumi will have to tackle
upon arriving at SJSU, such as changes
he will need to make in his executive
nvironment.“

“Dr. Qayoumi’s proven leadership
abilities, commitment to students and
administrative experience will be a
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 dismissed by the cuts. The CSU Chancellor’s Office will also be cut by 24 percent, which will save the system $560 mil-
liion, according to the news release.

“We are going to see a lot more audits. We will need to have a lot more oversight,” Kolodziejak said. “You can’t do every-
thing yourself. We need to have access to career counselors mostly — be-
cause one that will support not only him but his family.”

There is, however, even more
uncertainty as to what happens.

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Quakes reinforce need for disaster preparedness

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"I understand why people do, but to me the money would be much better spent educating the population how to prepare for the earthquake that is going to come sometime," he said.

How prepared is SJSU for a major quake?

"Sedlock said SJU’s is in an area between two zones that have not trans- formed into concrete lands to prevent flooding. Last time it flooded was in the mid ‘90s, he said. "There was an inch of mud all over the streets downtown. It used to happen that way once every 10 years, and it would accumulate over the street and road."

The mud is not very dense and contains more air than the particles of mud. Sedlock said.

"When an earthquake waves pass through sediments like this, the event that is trapped within the particles gets jumped around and then it goes out," he said. "That results in the land surface shaking." Sedlock said this as an example of how liquefaction happens.

"It was a couple of days before humans were here that didn’t matter at all, I mean so what? It just happened," he said. "But now we build our house- holds and roads and universi- ties and are built with this foundation, in this kind of sediment. And when this liquefaction happens, the foundations could be un- derscored."

According to Sedlock, the experts who study earthquakes say that a magnitudes of a 6.6 earthquake quake there might produce liquefaction down here, but a magnitudes of a 7.0 earthquake could be further away and we could still have the same thing but in a different form. Another hazard caused by earthquakes in the actual shaking of the ground itself, Sedlock said. "It is not just a half a unit bigger, it is actually more than others."

William Shum, the director of planning, design and construction for Facilities and Operations, said he is confident in SJU’s buildings during a major earthquake. Currently under construc- tion, the future Student Union and Student Health Center will be built with seismic upgrade components, meeting the current seismic code requirements, he said.

As for the 12th Street gas- pipe, a seismic upgrade will begin in about 15 days, Sedlock said.

"Some buildings are bet- ter constructed," Sedlock said. "It is just the out- side structure itself, the physical weight structure - some are bet- ter than others.

Newer buildings were built with more stringent building codes than older buildings.

"The other is- sue is, the building, which we can actually control, can be said. "We cannot set under- stand what happens to the water or how the walls hang on," Sedlock said. "We can bolt our buildings and heavy equipment and computer things, that sort of stuff on walls. If we work in a labora- tory that has lots of glass- es, we can put rubber supports it so does not slide right out of the building. We can put little reinforcement bars on the fire sprinklers that are in the ceiling."

People who run places, such as the water plant or generator plant on campus, have the ability to lower the amount of risk that people face, he said. "We look at the interior, we are doing a fair amount of work on safety improvements. We have the San An- drews to the west of us in the mountains and we have the Hayward fault to the east of us in the base of the hills of the East Bay," he said. "If one of them ruptures, we are going to be a good ways away and so the shaking here from a 6.5 magnitude earthquake might not be sufficient to trigger liquefaction down town. Because by the time the waves get to us they will be weaker."

Shocks of liquefaction really depend on the site and location of the earthquake, Sedlock said.

"It is all for, for example, the Hayward fault is present in Milpitas, and that is not very deep," Sedlock said. "So if the epicenter of the earthquake was Milpitas, we don’t even have a small earthquake!"
Clements said one of his goals for the university is to forge a shared vision for the institution, and one thing Oliphant said he’d like to see is the tower and assists with re- search projects.

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“My main interest is wildfi res and the impact changing that has had on the climate,” said Randy Oliphant, research grants enable SJSU and San Francisco State to compete for more grant funding — according to Oliphant, research grants often disallow spending grant money on new equipment.

“This now provides a seed for us to be proposing specific projects,” he said.

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He said scientists currently have a rough understanding of the rate at which carbon is exchanged between the ground and the atmosphere, but not at the level of detail of an individual ecosystem.

“WE’ll be able to see that ecosystem function,” Oliphant said. “In other words, we’ll be able to watch it breathe.”

The tax extension package will include a rise in tuition. President Fallis said students may start to feel the effect of the $500 million cut by this fall.

“Kevin Lu, a senior aviation management major, said he has rarely seen the effects of the budget cuts other than four days and a few furlough days.

Lu said his concern is whether the classes he needs will be available.

Included in the news release was a study done by the Legislative Analyst’s Office that recommended what the CSU system can do if the campuses face the $1 billion cut. The study found that the CSU system could increase tuition by 10 percent, decrease in staff and faculty by 2 percent as well as a 5 percent reduction in budgeted enrollment levels.

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Senior outfielder Jason Martin was told he wasn't good enough to play, but proved his doubters wrong as he's made a name for himself at SJSU

Jason Martin stands in the dugout during the Spartans’ 6-3 loss to Santa Clara on March 6.

By: Kyle Gassman

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Photo: Vernon McKnight / Spartan Daily

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With all of Martin’s contributions on offense, one might venture a guess that his defense isn’t worth noting.

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SJSU bound for NCAA Regional Championships

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Coming in third place at the Western Athletic Conference Championship on Saturday, the Spartans qualified for the NCAA Regional competition. "Making it to NCAA Regionals is a huge accomplishment for our team and for the gymnastics program," head coach Wayne Wright said. "I thought we did really well at WAC. It was one of our goals this year to make it to Regionals."

Wright said the top 36 teams in the nation qualify to one of the six regions, and teams in the nation qualify for the NCAA Regionals. "Our goals this year to make it to Regionals." Wright said the top 36 teams in the nation qualify to one of the six regions, and this year the Spartans will be heading to Corvallis, Ore.

At the end of the 2010 season, the Spartans missed qualifying for the NCAA Regionals by 355 points, and the number has haunted the team since last spring. "Last year we were so close," he said. "We were in the top 36 till the end of the season and we got bumped out. So this year our goal was to go into the last meet of the season with a high enough RQS (regional qualifying score) that it didn’t matter. We wanted to have room to go and it wasn’t going to be do-or-die time."

This year, Wright said the team never fell below the 34th ranking. According to the NCAA College Gymnastics news release, Oregon State (196.770), Nebraska (196.275), Iowa (193.820), Southern Utah (194.945) and Michigan State (194.145) all will also be joining SJSU capable of achieving Regionals. "The team is excited to have the chance to compete one more time this season. "We came in (to WAC Championships) knowing we were going to make it," Swann said. "We didn’t make it last year and I went as an individual. It’s not nearly as fun as an individual. I’m really glad to be going with the team this year."

The Spartans will have a lineup similar to the one at the WAC Championships and each gymnast has the ability to advance to the NCAA National Championships, both on a single event and in the all-around categories. "We’re going to go into Regionals as we always do," she said. "Focus on us and just do it because it is an event to show your personality and have fun with it."

Wright said she is confident in her team’s ability to be successful in the competition. "We’re going to go into Regionals as we always do," she said. "Focus on us and just do it because it is our last meet to show off."

One of the events that has been going the Spartans problems all season was the balance beam. During the WAC Championships, two gymnasts fell and the team had to count a fall on its event score. "We wanted to win so bad and it’s been our goal all year," Swann said. "I think people were almost trying too hard to stay on the beam. They know they can fall and they’ll show they can fall at Regionals."

Wright agreed, saying that the balance beam is a difficult event in general, not just for SJSU. "We’ve been off and on on beam and we’ve had some problems early on," he said. "I think we’re at the point where we’re not worried. I think the girls that fell were trying harder than they needed to be and they had some mistakes. Those gymnasts that made those mistakes will come back and do well."

All members of the top two teams and the top two all-around competitors not from the first or second place team will automatically advance to the NCAA National Championships. Additionally, gymnasts who win each event at Regionals will advance to Nationals to compete on that event. Wright said one of the main goals for the Spartans is to place at least fourth at the competition, as the team has not placed higher than fifth in his nine years of coaching at SJSU. "We know in our region, there will be some tough teams that will be competing," he said. "Oregon State is No. 3 in the country going in. Iowa and Nebraska are in the top 10. But we’re going into that meet with the expectation of winning it."

The Spartans will compete in Oregon on April 2 at 4 p.m.
In a world where every consumer is out to find the cheapest product on the market and is unwilling to shell out a few extra dollars to buy a higher-quality product, custom-made goods are sure to become a lost art. However, two men who work at a wood shop called Masterworks in San Jose have experienced the hardships of a troubled economy and have turned it into a chance to re-establish their passions.

William Holloway, proprietor of Masterworks, and master woodworker Mauro Hernandez have turned their talents with wood and attention during a time without work toward building “art in motion” by creating functional bicycles mainly out of wood.

Holloway said the idea for creating wooden bikes came from a friend in times of slow income as a result of a lack of customers needing custom-made work at a wood shop called Masterworks.

“We got pretty excited from the idea of making something that sparked such passion,” he said. “We got working right away on a prototype and it seemed to work well, so we started to make them with fancier style. The basic model we make takes about 85 hours to complete, whereas others can take up to 150 hours.”

The first prototype took Holloway and Hernandez about three weeks to make, something they said was not at all easy to do.

“It is a lot more difficult than it looks,” Holloway said. “Making the first prototype was the most difficult part in our entire experience building these wooden bikes.

“Nearly every major piece of the bike is made out of wood — frame, forks, handlebars and seat are all made completely out of solid lumber.”

“When you begin to build a wooden bike, you have to start with some design details,” Hernandez said. “I like to draw my designs by hand. Then I use a computer to put the design process together. I think it’s a pain. I’d rather take a blank canvas and start drawing.”

The first concept for a wooden bike took about a month to complete, Hernandez said. Now it takes him about a day to come up with an idea they wish to pursue and build, mainly because the design for the wooden frame is never changing.

“This really saves a lot of time,” Holloway said. “If we had to build a new frame every time we wanted to make a bike, it would take forever.”

The bikes are finished and ready to be taken to San Jose’s local bike shop called Wood Saddle. The bikes are then sold for $1,200 to $1,800, depending on the quality. Some bikes can take up to 30 days to complete from the moment they are picked up at the shop.

“I don’t want any money from it,” he said. “I still work on these bikes for the passion, but there is no reason why I wouldn’t love to build and sell these bikes just for the pleasure of making them.”

Commercial bicycles are now common to see, Holloway said, and he is trying to think of ways to make the wooden bikes more popular. The bikes are a nice boost of self-esteem for the people who use them.

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Iconic film star Elizabeth Taylor dead at 79

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During the Golden Age of Hollywood, one woman stood out among the throngs of young ladies striving to become actresses. For two decades, she was among the best. Elizabeth Taylor remains, one may argue, the best female icon in the annals of cinema.

She was born in 1932 and passed away this week. Taylor died on March 23, 2011, after a long bout with congestive heart failure. She was 79 years old. The death of Elizabeth Taylor is now a chapter in the history of our time.

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Despite the preparations (or procrastina-
tion) that I have put in the last few weeks, there is nothing that I am more ready for than spring break.

Like many of you, my days have been flooded with overwhelming amounts of class work, homework, tests and quizzes.

In addition to my regular classes and self-inflicted pain sessions (I mean judo), my evenings are not spent studying or relaxing to drag your body in various ways across the mats is quite exhausting.

I sometimes wonder about the letter I wrote, why I wrote it and what it means (and will mean) to me — but I haven’t said a thing about what’s exactly in it.

I didn’t make any predictions for my future — much of my present-day is already lived, what I loved and loathed, what I did and didn’t do.

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Rebecca Black: A smart tween

With spring break starting the moment my French class ends at exactly 3:05 p.m. today, there has only been one thought coming through my head: “Tomorrow is Friday, Friday, I got to get down on Friday.”

While I am finally free from the prison that is school, but because the recently released pop song by Rebecca Black has been forever stuck in my head, even a friend who met the music video last week.

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In that spirit, the Japan Society of Northern California has created the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Fund. If you can contribute, we’d like to donate please visit http://www.jsgs.org/japan/.

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