Facelift in store for SJSU website for fall semester
Nic Agueño  Staff Writer

With the help of students and extensive research, SJSU’s website will be revamped by the fall semester.

“We want the website to be more functional and user-friendly,” said Director of Communications Cyril Manning. “We want to build a website that is beautiful and captures the character of San Jose State.”

He said that pitted against other universities’, websites, student-based graphic design team Design Creature was chosen to revitalize the website the university currently owns.

Cyril Manning, Design Creat- ures’s faculty advisor, said the organ- ization gave students the opportunity to work on real world projects for the SJSU community and non-profit organizations.

She said Design Creature has created websites for the school of art and design and school of jour- nalis and mass communications.

“In general, it’s about giving them ideas about how to analyze and learn how to design functions in enterprise, busi- ness, marketing, design strategy, production and client relations,” she said.

The process of redesigning SJ- SU’s website began in Fall 2010, and Hwang said a total of six graphic design students from Design Creature were involved with the project.

“We hope to capture the energy of the campus community through photography and architecture,” she said. “The website will help fa- cilitate a relationship between the students, faculty and campus offi- cials.”

Hwang said the new site will of- fer a sense of school pride as well as user navigation.

“There are too many success stories from students, faculty and staff,” she said. “To achieve, the legacy of the university will be a strong part of this redesign.”

The redesign involved several stages, including research and user stud- ies.

Students may wish to get out their hanging chads and turn on their cable news as the 2011 elec- tions for Associated Students govern- ment are officially underway.

With election tents placed in two locations—in front of Clark Hall and in the Campus Village Quad—San Jose State University students were urged to vote in person and on-line to elect new representatives.

Megan Chan, a junior compu- ter science major, said she enjoyed the process of selecting her new student government.

“It was easy to get on the com- puter and I got a within and very easy,” she said.

Despite the simplicity of vot- ing, Chan said she felt more stu- dents could be involved.

“If the people I talk to are like ‘hating, what’s that?’ she said. Jessica Gutierrez, a senior jour- nalism student major, said she simply didn’t have time to vote.

“I have too many things going on to go into those booths or to go online,” she said. “Plus I don’t know anyone (running).”

Despite participating in elec- tions in the past, she said her cur- rent goal was graduation in May, and since her departure was com- ing so soon, she didn’t feel the alumni of student government af- fected her much.

Sophomore business major Raji Bass said he hadn’t voted yet, but had received an email informing him of the election, and saw in- dividuals campaigning on campus.

“I don’t know exactly what they do outside of their job titles,” she said. People might want to vote more if they knew what A.S. actually did.

Bass said that although he had seen individuals giving things away, his perception of the event changed when he realized repre- sentatives were paid with A.S. fees.

“You think it’s something free, but you’re paying them anyways,” he said.

The executive board, which consists of the president, vice president and controller, each re- ceives a monthly stipend of $400 and each member of the A.S. Board of Directors receives a stipend of $500 monthly, said A.S. President Tomasz Koloskow, who is running for re-election.

Prateek Gupta, a junior electri- cal engineering major, said while participation had visibly increased from last year, there was not much going on.

“We didn’t expect it to be like this,” he said.

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A crowd of enterprising up- and-comers met employers in the Student Union on Tuesday for the Spring Job and Internship Fair.

From lower-degree positions seeking graduates eager to find work, to the career center invited stu- dents to 75 hiring companies.

“I’ve never seen anything like this in recent years,” she said. “The number of people attending was more important than the number of people attending.”

In addition to this increase, Alim-Vannedge said an even larger growth — 59 percent — is visible in the number of jobs, the virtual listing the center has.

Despite this growth in hir- ing employers, the Career Center faces a new challenge and is working to make sure students are prepared.

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A common thread of employers’ desires is the search for the “unique” skill set that can make them stand out from the rest of the world. Technical skills are essential in the modern world, but employers also seek candidates who can think creatively and solve problems. 

One such employer, Baytech Interactive Web Solutions, said they were looking for candidates with a combination of technical and soft skills, as well as experience working with teams. “We want to find people who can work well in a team environment,” said a company representative. “We look for candidates who can adapt to new technologies and are enthusiastic about learning.”

Nuno Allmen-Vinnedge, the director of the website redesign, said the project was a huge undertaking. “We spent a lot of time researching and planning before we started the redesign,” he said. “We wanted to make sure that the website was as user-friendly as possible.”

The website redesign involved five separate levels of testing, with each level building on the previous one. The first phase involved user testing, followed by usability testing, testing in simulated environments, and finally testing in the real world. The team used a variety of tools, including surveys, interviews, and user testing, to gather feedback.

“We had a feedback loop in place to make sure that we were on track with the redesign,” said Allmen-Vinnedge. “We met with users and stakeholders throughout the process to ensure that we were meeting their needs.”

The website redesign was funded by a combination of internal and external sources. The internal funding came from the university’s IT department, while the external funding was provided by a grant from the state government. The team also received support from various external partners, including the university’s marketing department and a local web design firm.

The redesign project was a major undertaking, but it was also a rewarding experience. “It was a challenging project, but it was also very rewarding,” said Allmen-Vinnedge. “We were able to create a website that is much more user-friendly and engaging.”

The website redesign was completed in late 2022, and it has received positive feedback from users and stakeholders. The team is now focused on maintaining and improving the website, with new features being added regularly. The website redesign has set a new standard for web design, and it is hoped that it will inspire others to work towards creating more user-friendly websites in the future.
Federal agencies to be affected by cuts

McClatchy Tribune

WASHINGTON — The largest domestic spending cut in U.S. history will squeeze almost every federal agency and shrink programs dealing with health care, transportation and energy, according to a CNN survey released Monday.

The 14 agencies that will lose the most funding in the next year, in billions of dollars, according to the survey, are:

- Health and Human Services
- Agriculture
- Transportation
- Energy
- Commerce
- Housing and Urban Development
- Interior
- Defense
- Labor
- Education
- Treasury
- Justice
- State
- Homeland Security

The survey, which was conducted by the American University Center for Strategic Intelligence, found that the agencies would lose an average of 20% of their budgets next year.

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Democrats eager, Republicans wary of plan on Medicare vote

WASHINGTON — House Republicans will make a decisive decision today on a sweeping GOP plan to overhaul Medicare, Medicaid and Medicare, and many are not eager for a vote that could potentially shelve the plan for good.

Democrats, however, are eager for the debate and may try to vote on the plan next week. The debate is expected to be contentious, with the outcome uncertain.

The House vote planned for Friday will come after Rep. Paul Ryan’s widely announced plan to reform Medicare and Medicaid, and many are not eager for a vote that could potentially shelve the plan for good.

Republicans are considering the budget plan, drafted by Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and other legislation, but many say they are not eager to vote on the plan. The plan, unveiled last week, is being moved swiftly through the House, although it would be difficult to make any changes to the plan.

If Republicans do vote today, it could put their jobs at risk. The plan, which has been met with fierce resistance from seniors. And while many have avoided speaking out against the plan, there are a growing number of aging Americans who are looking for principled leaders to say they want Medicare and Medicaid, and many are not eager for a vote that could potentially shelve the plan for good.

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Drink of the week

BY NIC AQUIN

Bubba Gump’s in San Fransisco has a variety of signature drinks and margaritas. Last weekend, I decided to give one of their creations a try.

Ordering a margarita or mixed drink is always refreshing, no matter what your poison is. Bubba Gump’s has plenty of indoor and outdoor seating as well as bar seating. I chose to order a margarita to go along with my beautiful view of the bay.

Searching for something succulent with fresh fruit, I chose Bubba Gump’s signature Superfruit 1800 Margarita.

The drink consists of 1800 Silver Tequila, fresh lemon, strawberries, blackberries and VeeV Acai Spirit. Presented in a shaker, I was elated to try it out.

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Overall, I enjoyed the drink, but I prefer a drink that is a bit stronger. Nonetheless, I am pleased with Bubba Gump’s Superfruit 1800 Margarita and would recommend it to any fan of Cadillac or pomegranate margaritas.

The price tag was a bit steep at $10.95, but I figured why not — it’s their signature drink of the week.

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Eric Austin
Staff Writer

Monthly dish-sampling event fills bellies at local restaurants

There is nothing really like being the glue of a local community,” she said. “Doing the Dishcrawl event adds so much value to the community and the small local businesses.”

Lee founded Dishcrawl in the Bay Area a year ago and it has become so popular that it has already spread to some of the largest cities in North America, she said.

“I think the beginning we were doing one Dishcrawl a month,” she said. “By the end of last month we were in four different cities including San Francisco, San Jose, Montreal and New York.”

A ticket to attend a Dishcrawl is $26, which may seem steep at first. Bear in mind, however, that this includes one night at four different restaurants and the chance to mingle with the owners and other food lovers who attend these events.

“The last month, Dishcrawl hosted its events, including one in San Jose that took attendees to four locations in San Pedro square in downtown San Jose,” she said.

The approximately 80 Dishcrawlers who came to the San Jose event were able to sample traditional Moroccan food at Morocco’s Restaurant, classic Italian street food from Tikka Bytes Gourmet Food Truck, Mexican cuisine from La Pinata Mexican Restaurant and tea and pastries from Satori Tea.

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“I think it’s a great idea,” Oakland native Jason Shultz said. “I try to make it to any Dishcrawl that I can because I just love food too much to miss out on this.”

It is not just food lovers who have embraced Dishcrawl with open arms — restaurant owners in San Jose are also on board with this new concept.

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Students' musical passion births South Bay Composers Collective

Jaimie Collins

Culture and community go hand-in-hand now that a group of musically inclined students have brought into being a musical entity to SJSU’s campus. Based in San Jose, the South Bay Composer’s Collective is a group of students who write music, organize concerts and support the local musical scene through low-performance fees.

This talented group of students is currently made up of four SJSU students — Amanda Mikaelsson, Tristan Perotti, Harlan Otter and Jason McChristian. “I think it is a great help to us composers get our music and name out there in the musical world,” said Mikaelsson, a junior music composition major.

“If you’re a like-minded artist, the Collective was founded by Perotti, a senior music composition major, and SJSU graduates McChristian, Otter, Corey Kittinger and Andy Ly. This Collective was spun out of conversations we had about the lack of, and need for, support and promotion of music as our own community,” Perotti noted. “Those of us who wanted to do something with an independent spirit, with encouragement of our professors, decided it was time to make a move and promote our work and try to advance the musical culture in San Jose.”

Pablo Furman, coordinator of the composition and electro-acoustic music program at SJSU, is one of several faculty members that challenged students of the Collective to start a program like this. “Composing the music is one part, also includes the one that you do that makes you produce a venture like that,” he said. “No provide them with advice, some seed money and any kind of assistance they need, also support them.”

Other than that, Furman said the students were required to pay for the venue rental and the musicians students were required to pay for, albeit a large one, but not all that it takes. “Students have a unique role to play in shaping the future of the (San Jose art) community,” he said. “There is a lot of potential for San Jose to develop into the art center it’s always wanted to be and we can all be a part of it.”

Although the group currently consists of all students, it is not restricted to SJSU and any composer with a West Coast music background is welcome.

“We are partly in the forming the potential to be the start of a new network of composers and ensembles in greater Bay Area, not exclusively SJSU,” Perotti said. “The Collective has a passion to bring art to the community, he said, and urges students and community members to contribute. “We are accessible people who live, work in public and organizing all the details which took place on March 9, boasting two full-length live performances of music written by members and performed by a majority of professional musicians based in the Bay Area.

The San Jose Chamber Orchestra featured in the Collective’s first concert in May 2010, with music written for the string quartet and also took part in the second performance, which took place on March 9, bearing a name of the event.

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From left: Harlan Otter, Jason McChristian, Tristan Perotti and Amanda Mikaelsson are Composer’s Collective. 

South Bay Composers Collective and San Jose Chamber Orchestra perform.
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The SJSU baseball team took its time at the plate and dominated University of San Francisco, leaving the Dons scoreless in a 10-0 victory.

The Dons, who had beaten the Spartans 10-0 during their last matchup on March 15, showed no sign of consistent defense against SJSU and finished with four errors. "They really took it to us last time we played them — actually 10 to nothing — so it's something that's been bugging us a little bit," said head coach Sam Piraro. "It's kind of a sweet payback for us. It feels really good."

Errors moved slowly as the Dons were clumsy in the outfield, giving the Spartans a number of chances to score. "[SJSU] made some uncharacteristic mistakes and we made them pay for it," Piraro said. "They made a few errors and we capitalized on those because of that."

The bottom of the sixth inning sealed the deal for the Spartans, as the Dons gave up five runs to make the score 8-0.

As Jonathan Abramson came into pitch for the Dons in the sixth, freshman infielder Jake Valdez singled to center field but was caught stealing second.

Senior infielder Danny Stienstra was able to reach first on an error by the USF shortstop, then another single by senior outfielder Jason Martin advanced Stienstra to second. Sophomore infielder Tyler Christian added another single, advancing Stienstra and Martin. Freshman outfielder Matt Lopez followed with a base hit, the first in his collegiate career, allowing Martin and Stienstra to score.

"I was looking for a pitch to drive — luckily it got through the first baseman and I was able to drive in runs and help out the team," Lopez said of his hit. "We were able to take advantage of their defensive errors. It helped us out. As long as we put the runs on the board, we can win."

Freshman pitcher D.J. Slaton came in for freshman starting pitcher Johnny Melero in the top of the fifth inning and took control of the Spartans' defense.

"I just tried to keep the hitters for USF off balance as much as possible and get everything over the strike zone," Slaton said. "I got a little bit wild, but I stuck with the groove."

Slaton struck out five players and gave up no runs in three innings following Melero’s one-hit outing. Senior pitcher John Austin closed out for the Spartans, allowing only one hit in the top of the eighth.

"D.J. showed some composure," Piraro said. "He walked the first two guys and pitched out of trouble. I thought that was very impressive. He used that as a building block for the next two innings. Obviously, he had good stuff. They weren’t making good contact off of him."

He said the bulk of the defense came from the three pitchers.

"It was an easy game for us to play defense because the pitchers struck a lot of guys out," he said.

A change in fielders for USF in the eighth inning didn’t make much of a difference and the Spartans still earned another run. "Our pitching did a great job and kept them to two hits and we were able to take advantage on the offense," Lopez said. Overall, SJSU held USF hitless, leaving the Dons with no runs on two hits with four errors, while the Spartans finished with 10 runs on 15 hits and no errors.

"They shut us out at their house," Lopez said. "We were looking to come in and put some revenge. It feels good that we were able to put up the same score on them."

The Spartans hit the road Friday for their next conference matchup, a three-game series against the New Mexico State Aggies, and will return home Thursday, April 21, against Louisiana Tech.

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"Spartans leave Dons scoreless in vengeful rematch"

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(Right) Senior infielder Danny Stienstra looks on from the on-deck circle as freshman infielder Jacob Valdez takes his at-bat.

(Below) Sophomore infielder Tyler Christian slides into home plate during SJSU’s 10-0 victory on Tuesday.