San Jose ranked No. 1 mid-sized college town

American Institute for Economic Research releases study detailing best cities for school

San Jose has won the coveted spot among all mid-size metros in the United States as the No. 1 college town, according to the American Institute for Economic Research’s list.

It’s good that the school is getting recognized,” said Brandie Locke, a senior business and accounting major. “But my one concern is will it make more people come to an already overcrowded school?”

She said overall it is great — SJU is a great school and it should be noticed that junior business major Teressa Jemmersen said she came to SJU for its close proximity to Silicon Valley and the job opportunities that will be available for her once she graduates.

“Like the campus because it is more open and welcoming,” she said.

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Doug Evans, a Career Center employment specialist, spoke on having a personal job search strategy and how to be successful during the Job and Internship Search Workshop on Sept. 20 in the Career Center.

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San Jose beat out other mid-size metros such as Austin, Texas; Raleigh, North Carolina and Buffalo, New York; according to the institute.

The list states that a "mid-size metro" is a city with one million to 2.5 million residents and San Jose has 951,213 residents.

According to its website, the American Institute for Economic Research looks at more than just professors and classes when assembling its College Destinations Index for each year.

The institute’s website states that it also analyzes the academic environment, the quality of life surrounding campus and professional opportunity for graduates, using information from the National Science Foundation, the Census Bureau, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the 2009 average from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and others.

The academic environment is broken down into research and development spending, and SJU’s expenditures is $404 per capita, according to the National Science Foundation’s findings in 2009.

One thing that has always bothered me is that people put this school down because school, but I came here in 2007 because their engineering program was No. 8,” said Austin Roberts, a senior chemical engineering major.

“I like San Jose, and it deserves to be No. 1,” said Nicole McGivern, a junior justice studies major.

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“Like the campus,” McGivern said. “It is one of the prettiest out of all the ones I have seen.

They are looking for and make your resume a match for what they are looking for,” she said.

The Career Center job fair has several other suggestions on how to be more appealing at the job fair — dress professionally, prepare a one-minute verbal cover letter, explain how you fit into the company, organize questions for potential employers and remember to get contact information so you can follow-up.

The presentation's purpose was to help students incorporate active learning methods, Winnard said.

"Don't work harder, work smart- er," she said.

To increase information retention, Winnard said students should take notes.

Notes are essential for class but also for reading at home because they reframe the material, she said.

Students need to rid themselves of distractions such as Twitter and send- ing emails or texts while learning, she said.

The best route to effective learning is to turn off all unnecessary electron- ics such as computers and phones she said.

"Allowing your mind to create a memory trace is an important prac- tice," Winnard said.

She said reviewing information is essential toward creating a memory trace.

Drilling your work for each day throughout the week will help you retain data through the practice of repetition, Winnard said.

Assignments can be partitioned into hubs for each weekday and weekends can be used as days for re- view, she said.

For example, Monday and Tuesday’s workloads can be separated into two days in order to thoroughly cover content, Winnard said.

She said Saturday can be dedicated to active learning procedures.

Winnard said students should make us get involved a lot with her ac-

Active learning involves practicing and using strategies such as chunking information and being able to systemati- cally categorize new data, she said.

Winnard said her students are being asked to turn in a number exercise to give the stu- dents a feel of how the active learning will work.

"If I thought it was going to be good because the instructor was very like, creative, she made us involved in her act- ion," undeclared freshman Evelyn Mota-Gaitan said.

She said she really enjoyed the chunking activity and was glad she chose this major because it is one of the required activities for her Science 2 class.

"I really enjoyed it and she kept us on our toes," investigators, said Luu Fran- cescu, a graduate student in creative writing.

Franescu said it gave her a better overvew of how our memory works and how our memory is fragile and needs a lot of help.

She said she is actually going to change the way she does her home- work a little.

"She has us chunk a really long series of numbers and that was quite entertaining," she said.

Students were individually tested outside the class and the number of numbers, Winnard said.

"Students somehow learned more without making mistakes, until you cast the (number) information lost from the lack of taking notes," Winnard said.

There are many roadblocks of this misconception, she said.

"It is realy really good, I feel refreshed on all the techniques so I can apply it to my current class," said Sandi Nazarian, a junior in the institu- tion.

She said she came out of personal interest, but liked the skills of active learning — taking down notes and what not to do in class.

"It was useful for her because, she said, she will be able to apply it when doing her homework and other assign- ments and writing a thesis someday.

"Don't rely on your professors to give you everything you need, that is what the textbook is for," Winnard said.

She mentioned that class lectures and other professors are not meant to be a complete lecture, because the test readings outside of classes are meant to supplement the lecture — so students should not fall into the mis- conception that at home readings are unimportant.

Students should never take short-cuts because they need the practice, she said.

"Pam like Da Vinci before you paint like Picasso," Winnard said.

In your academic career, as with real life, one should learn to walk be- fore they can run, Winnard said.

"Try to be an extreme not to complete an action," she said.

She said try is the operative word and students can't do things success- fully if they only make an attempt.

Marc Alcatai, a freshman business science major, said what he found the event to be helpful and liked how Winnard taught.

He said he found it to be interac- tive which reminded him very much with his homework and was engaged.

"It was very informational," Al- catai said. "I just learned that the way I was learning throughout my whole life was not really eff ective, I feel kind of stupid.

Winnard said Alcatai was persuaded by her interest, so she chose the choice that it was really life changing for his acca-

It was really helpful in general, is about memory and it works out in all aspects of life," he said. "She was in- teractive and interactive which was better- wise what I was learning does it better.

Winnard said students should make an appointment at the Learning Assistance Resource Center for more information on learning and memory techniques, with the addition of be- lieving themselves.

Evans and Winnard herself will be available on Monday-Thursday, 9-5 am and Friday, 9-4 pm.
During the 2000 Electronic Entertainment Expo, Bungie, a highly successful video game developer announced that it would be releasing a new project, a game called “Halo: Com- bat Evolved” in tandem with the launch of Microsoft’s new console, the Xbox.

“Halo” released in November 2001 and went on to establish itself as Microsoft’s flagship game, breaking sales records and going on to sell more than 5 million copies by 2005. Effectively creating a multimillion-dollar franchise the game was celebrated by critics and players around the world as one of the most refined and well-made games ever made.

The forward 10 years, 2 sequels and several spin-offs have been released. Bungie has released several expansions, the magnum opus of which is the upcoming prequel game titled “Halo: Reach.” Although a prequel in terms of the storyline, the action surrounding the events is similar, Bungie has confirmed that “Halo: Reach” will be a launch title, meaning that players will be able to jump into the action right away.

“Halo: Reach” takes place in the year 2552, where humanity is locked in a desperate struggle with an aggressive collective of alien races known as the Covenant. The game tells the ill-fated story of the defenders of the human-controlled planet Halos, one of the last bastions of military strength against this alien threat.

The narrative in “Reach” presents a more robust and detailed world than in previous games. It immerses the player into the action and provides the storyline in the middle of the game. The action sequences are well done and the narrative is well written.

In-game music plays out appropriately during missions, building up and swelling out in proportion to the action unfolding on the screen, creating a tense atmosphere. The action is fast-paced and exciting, always running away from death. Vehicles are a great addition to the game and provide a new way of thinking about gameplay. The introduction of vehicles into the game is a welcome addition and adds a new layer of strategy.

“Reach” is the complete package. Anyone new to the series or anyone who has been visiting “Halo” for years will find something to appreciate in “Reach.” It’s the perfect combination of action and strategy, making it an experience that is hard to put down.

The game offers a wide variety of game types. Invasions is a three-player cooperative game about getting game types. “Reach” is a game about collecting as many missiles as you can and bringing them back to your base, Headhunter — which focuses on collecting as many missiles as you can and bringing them back to the goal. "Reach" has some of the most well-played games that are both strategic and analytical. The game is also well-designed and easy to learn.

Players can select armor types, such as the “magnum opus” system, gaining access to weapons and equipment that would be difficult to obtain in previous games. The game also introduces new game modes, such as “Active Roster,” where players can customize their weapons and equipment before entering the game. The game also includes a variety of new game types, such as “Firefight,” which adds new weapons and equipment to the mix.

In the future, Bungie, the creator of “Halo,” will add online matchmaking to the campaign, automatically grouping random players together so they can play the game truly as one. It’s Bungie’s last Halo game, and there is a lot to work with here. It only gets better knowing that Bungie will continue to support the game by providing new game types monthly as well as making new maps in the future. Hopefully, it will be online, and hopefully it won’t be in the eyes of the night.

Photos courtesy of Gamepro.com
No more "Fancy Footwork" for Montreal-based band Chromeo — its new style is strictly "Business Casual."

The album’s heavy use of the vocoder (think disco-style Auto-Tune), synthesizer and the overly operatic vocal harmonies are Chromeo to the electrofunk-iest.

You have P-Thugg, a short, chunky, chinstrap-sporting Arab on keyboards, synthesizer and talk box. And then you have Dave 1, a lanky, sight-impaired, skinny jeans-wearing Jew on guitar and lead vocals.

Unlike Chromeo’s first album, “She’s in Control,” “Business Casual” sounds like it was recorded in an actual studio. It also sounds like members P-Thugg and Dave 1 have had some serious relationship successes and failures in the past six years because their lyrics are solely about that topic.

The album as a whole sounds like the soundtrack to a 1970s Dirk Diggler porn flick, but the lyrics sing ironically of anti-confident nerds having uncomfortable love affairs.

One example of this is a song called “Don’t Turn the Light On,” which is one of the most risqué songs on the album. It has a chorus that repeats “Don’t turn the lights on/Cause tonight I want to see you in the dark."

The bass line continually bumps while a synthesizer keyboard sprinkles the song with something that sounds like a wind chime.

"It makes me wonder what you’d say," the lyrics continue. "It’s taking me back to the month of May/When I watched you do it (all night)/I’m thinking back to what we’d shared/In many ways I’m already there/And I watched you do it."

If this isn’t the most blatant allusion to mutual masturbation I have ever heard, I don’t know what is.

The song “Hot Mess” has epic keyboard solos that sound like electronic music legend Daft Punk, and the 1980s style female vocal overlay reminds me of lesser-known English rave band Hadouken!.

Other songs like “Night by Night,” “You Make It Rough” and “When the Night Falls” sound like the 1970s disco and funk stylings of artists such as Michael Jackson or Boney M.

This is exactly why I love Chromeo, and why I love this album. Not many bands can successfully create a disconnect between the way their music sounds and the way their lyrics are heard.

If one were to listen to this music without hearing the words they would think the album was about disco dancing, but the juxtaposition that Chromeo creates is something completely different.

"Don’t Turn the Light On" and "Night by Night" are two songs off the album that have been made into videos. They do a great job of not only showcasing how unlikely the lyrics are, but also how awkward the pairing of this musical duo is.

The rest of the songs have a similar theme: unrequited interoffice love, fantasizing about sexy coworkers and slamming doors (“J’ai Claque La Porte” is a song on the album, which translates to “I have slammed the door in French”). Chromeo Facebook describes the duo as “best friends since their adolescence, virtuous musicians, writing hip-hop encyclopedias, and the only successful Arab/Jew partnership since the dawn of human culture.”

Honestly, I couldn’t care less about their racial identities. The only thing the Arab vs. Jew reference does for me is make me want to watch Jesus Christ Superstar. It’s my favorite rock opera, and come to think of it — a few songs off of “Business Casual” would fit perfectly into that soundtrack.

Electrofunk duo Chromeo’s third studio album “Business Casual” was released Sept. 14.
We’ve been playing as the bad guys for years now — and only in the multiplayer aspect of the game — play a war that is still being waged — you turn on the nightly news and see the United States' fighting forces and the bravery they show in the deadly situations they face in armed conflict. And I’m sure the single-player mode of the new-3 record in 2008 before losses in each of the last games — in which there are no interruptions. The general feeling was that Team Savior Project editor had failed of the U.S. Navy SEALs. Of real-world terrorist organizations, fighting against any restrictions because of their sexual orientation. Indeed, even if it means they are homosexual. This world. As a Christian I know that I’m called by God to make a difference through my actions and my neighbors the same way that I want them to make a difference. The topic came up again when President Barack Obama was elected and he promised to repeal the policy. The topic came up again when President Reagan was in office, but he expressed his willingness to work with Congress to repeal the policy. What was Favre supposed to do? He’s just supposed to be a normal American guy and rock the fashion. I understand that the new ‘Medal of Honor’ is going to be a change to the team. He should have realized that. Favre had vowed to never leave the Minnesota Vikings in the last three years. In that time Favre crossed the line from legend to anti-hero. In 2010, Favre added another name to a Sports Illustrated online column by Michael Rosenberg. In a recent interview, ‘For the sake of his legacy, let's hope Brett Favre stays retired. There will never be a normal American guy and rock the fashion. "Please, let this be true," Rosen- berg said about rumors of Favre’s return in the beginning of August. "What is the old saying? Fe- eding us into thinking you were shooting down our fee. You feed into thinking you were shooting down the air. I still think it was a great game — but arguing that a game should be banned is a really bad idea. The military's ban on gay, lesbian and bisexual military members increased the awareness of homosexual military members. In 1993, 924,174 letters were bet- ter than black people. It was a time when there was a lot of discrimination and abuse being expressed against African- Americans because of the fact that while white people did not fear them there were better than black people. When I was growing up hearing about African-Americans to be in the same room, school or restaurant or at work. I remember thinking of King as the bravest man I have ever known and the bravest man the military’s ban on gay, lesbian and bisexual military members increased the awareness of homosexual military members. It was a time when there was a lot of discrimination and abuse being expressed against African- Americans because of the fact that while white people did not fear them there were better than black people. When I was growing up hearing about African-Americans to be in the same room, school or restaurant or at work. I remember thinking of King as the bravest man I have ever known and the bravest man The decision to include this part of the game spawned a slew of comments. We've been playing as the bad guys for years now. The decision to include this part of the game spun off of a story that appeared in The Spartan Daily. The topic came up again when President Reagan was in office, but he expressed his willingness to work with Congress to repeal the policy. The topic came up again when President Reagan was in office, but he expressed his willingness to work with Congress to repeal the policy. The topic came up again when President Reagan was in office, but he expressed his willingness to work with Congress to repeal the policy. We've been playing as the bad guys for years now. The decision to include this part of the game spawned a slew of comments. We've been playing as the bad guys for years now. The decision to include this part of the game spawned a slew of comments. Zeitgeist: ‘Time’s up’ is a freely column appearing on Tuesdays.

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Sharks gear up for training camp

Veterans Marleau, Heatley and Thornton say the team will learn from last season, welcome new additions to roster

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Sports Editor

The San Jose Sharks hit the ice as they started day one of training camp this past Saturday at Sharks Ice.

The returning players and new prospects were split into two teams as they ran drills and had their first official practice with head coach Todd McLellan and the coaching staff.

"We'd been practicing here with the guys for a couple weeks now and it’s good to just get the coaches out there and add some pace to the practice," said returning center Joe Thornton.

Patrick Marleau, who is returning as a left wing forward, said he is excited that training camp is underway.

"It's nice to get back on the ice," Marleau said. "I think the week leading up to training camp everybody's worried about testing and getting back in, but as soon as you get that first day under your belt it's like 'OK, here we go.'"

The Sharks, who won the Western Conference and were second in the league behind the Washington Capitals, are learning from last season and hope to make similar advancements this year.

Marleau said coming from a good play-off season last year helps prepare them for the regular season this year.

"I think the learning experience we had is going to be tremendous for us moving forward but we have to build off of it and continue to get better," he said. "We didn't reach the goal we wanted to but we took some steps but there's another couple of big steps to take and that's our focus. Just have a good camp, get ready for the season, and as the season goes on keep getting better and get ready for playoffs."""

Over 50 players attended the first day of training camp, and hope to make similar advancements this year.

Thornton said the level of the team's confidence and the additions to the roster in the off-season have made for a stronger team.

"It's nice having guys who made commitments this summer, they came in and worked hard, the test results show that," he said. "It's a group of guys that want to be around each other and work hard together and work hard for each other, so that's a big thing right there."""

Thornton said the level of the team's confidence and the additions to the roster in the off-season have made for a stronger team.

"It's always been good, ever since I've been here," he said. "I think they do their homework when they add people to this locker room, 'cause everybody seems to be a real good guy and we all get along real good already."

One major addition to the Sharks' roster was Antti Niemi, who signed a one-year contract at the beginning of September.

Niemi was previously with the Chicago Blackhawks, the team which won the Stanley Cup last season.

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