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Board of Trustees approves tuition hike for CSUs

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The California State University Board of Trustees Committee on Finance approved a two-step tuition increase on Tuesday to sustain enrollment, classes and services for current students, according to a CSU news release. The committee is supporting a five percent increase, about $105, for the 2010-2011 school year that will go into effect Jan. 1, 2011, for this year’s winter and spring terms. The second increase will go into effect in Fall 2011 for the 2011-2012 school year. It will be a 10 percent increase or $444. See FINANCE Page 2

Program aims to bring together local leaders

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Staff Writer

SJSU students and the future lead- ers of San Jose will have an opportu- nity to learn new strategies to improve their leadership skills in politics in a training event Nov. 13. The second annual collaboration event is hosted by Neighborhood America, SJSU and the City of San Jose Strong Neighborhoods Initiative Program and United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County, according to the event brochure. See LEADERSHIP Page 2

SJSU aviators forced to relocate

ALEX SPICER
Staff Writer

After 50 years of residence at the Mineta San Jose Interna- tional Airport, the SJSU aviation department found itself kicked to the curb, lacking money and temporarily, a home. Glynn Falcon, the acting director of aviation, said that when its 50-year lease ran out on the 60,000-square-foot site this past summer, the city re- fused to extend it, leaving the aviation department with a $2 million demolition bill – money that was sorely needed. "We have had 50 years to plan for a new aviation campus, it had not been done so, much less planned for or reserved funds to run it," Falcon said. "Aviation majors have been frustrated by all of this, and are much deserving of an administration that more fully recognizes aviation's need for funds to grow and to help modernize the programs." The aviation department found a new home, however, at a small, smaller site located at the Coleman Avenue Facil- ity at Reid-Hillview Airport in San Jose, where according to Falcon, general aviation is not only tolerated, but appreciated. Randy Baudendistel, a senior aviation operations student and president of the SJSU flight club, "The Flying 20," said the city did not extend the lease because the price of the land skyrocketed since the beginning of the lease. "Fortunately, we were locked into a 50-year lease with an extremely low rent," Baudendistel said. "As we approached the end of the lease, it became apparent that the value of the land was so great, the airport would never give us a rate we could afford, or a long-term lease that could provide the stability and security an educational facility needed." Despite this, Baudendistel said the 10-15 years before the end of the lease, no budget was ever created to retain or create a new campus. "Responsibilities were pushed around from aviation department leads to provosts to deans of engineering," he said. "No one wanted to put the effort in because retirement was on the horizon for most, and the amount of work involved in restructuring an entire program was immense." Aviation operations alumni Kevin Knecht said it was sad to see the beloved Boeing 727 the department maintained get chewed to pieces along with the facility by bulldozers. "The fact that the school had nearly 50 years to remove a lease they were getting for dirt cheap should give you an indication of the attitude the school has or at least shows about the aviation department," he said. "It is mind boggling that the school does not promote the bull out of the aviation department. SJSU has the only public aviation program in the state." Larry Cari, the associate vice president of public affairs at SJSU, said the university had every intention of staying out at Mineta International when the 50-year lease ran up. "The airport authority and the city of San Jose wisely decided that as they're...
A memorial service is scheduled for Sunday for retired Professor James J. Ehrlich, a teacher and leader in the SJSU presidents as director of alumni relations.

Ehrlich died Oct. 30 after a year-long struggle with lung cancer.

Sunday’s service will be held at Almaden Hillel United Methodist Church, 1200 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, at 14 p.m., said Charles Bull ock, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

During his 35 years at SJSU, Ehrlich served as president of SJSU, SJSU president as director of alumni relations.

Ehrlich led the university, but when the university was young, he also had the integrity to point out that not to them, “He always believed, whatever it was, whether it was popular or not. His sense of right was generally straight on, but it was not always popular. He always tried to keep the love of his job.”

Bunzel, former head of Spartan Shops, said that Noah always had something to say about any subject he wanted to talk about.

“I was aware of everything on campus, because I was on the student government. I was a student—sometimes I was involved, and for me it’s just rewarding to work with my community and public officials and to network with them.”

The Board of Trustees Committee will determine its final action for the budget and tuition proposals today.

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Finns said full-fdyr tuition increases for an estimated 180,000 students — half of all CSU undergraduates, according to the news release.

Students who are not fully covered by financial aid will benefit from newly extended federal tax credits available for families with incomes of up to $180,000, according to the news release.

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But Chavira said amazingly, she was OK. She said she had her head down and she thought the engine had failed. “I knew the number of men was so high,” she said. “I knew if it was her truck or the one in front of her.”

She said her unit trained long hours in preparation for the invasion into Iraq and that she wasn’t really afraid. Chavira remembers convoying over the Kuwait border into Iraq.

“It actually looked like hell — smoke stacks were billowing everywhere,” she said. “I remember getting lost in a sandstorm and really exhausted after driving for two days.”

Not only near the heat of gunfire, Chavira said she had to pull guard duty on Iraqi prisoners of war who were held in only by barbed wire.

She remembers the days of hauling 50 pounds of gear every day because of the Camel Sticks as the worst irritations.

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Conan’s new show lives up to unreal hype

HUSAIN SUMBA
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Wednesday, November 10, 2010

The world is back to normal now. Birds are chirping, the sky is blue, and Conan O’Brien is back on TV.

Conan’s new show made its much-hyped debut last night, and although it was a fairly soft opening, it shows a lot of promise for the future.

It was fairly light on comedy and focused more on his return to TV and recapping his exit from NBC and The Tonight Show.

Starting on a high note, the show cold opened with a skit recapping Conan’s exit from NBC. He did it in a comical way, sending off what he did until he got his show on TBS, such as ap- plying to Mad Men’s advertising agency and a gig as a clown at a kid’s birthday party.

Conan’s monologue was funny as well, but partly relied on jokes about NBC.

Some of Conan’s best moments from the final week of The Tonight Show with Conan O’Brien were his jokes about NBC, but months later it’s starting to wear thin. I hope, for the sake of old and new fans, that he gets over that so he can move on and explore the possibilities of basic cable.

Basic cable, on the other hand, seems to be something he will be making fun of in his new show. His band is even called The Basic Cable Band.

In its cold open, CNN host Larry King appears as his guardian angel and talks Conan into taking his act to the wondrous place known as basic cable.

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‘Walking Dead’ series comes alive on AMC

DONOVAN FARNHAM
Online editor

AMC continued its stor- ies/television dominance on Hal- loween with the premiere of its newest drama, despite the premise being slightly out of character for the network.

‘The Walking Dead’ is a post-apocalyptic zom- bie-meltdown drama that follows Rick Grimes, a police officer in the South who finds him- self in the middle of a world ravaged by a plague that has turned the vast majority of the world’s population into mindless, undead monstrosities.

Grimes, played by Andrew Lincoln, is on a search for his wife and son who he hopes have survived the epidemic, a journey that brings him face to face with other survivors who have managed to outlast the ever-present corpses.

The survivors are always under the threat of attack by the zombies, which the casters work and cinematogra- phy plays into with extraor- dinarily suspenseful effect.

The series so far has mas- tered the art of letting the characters react to the envi- ronment as paranoia begins to set in.

They wonder if a horde of zombies or none at all will wait around the next corner with- out having the entire show devolve into nothing but gotcha-surprise moments.

The series succeeds with an- other visual element: the zombies.

The best part of the un- dead horde is that they’re all real actors made up to look like a decaying horde, which lends an element of realism to the actors shamble in dif- ferent directions across the streets of Atlanta.

Be forewarned, this series isn’t for the faint of heart be- cause of the buckets of gore, which are thrown onto the streets and out of the bod- ies of the zombies whenever they’re put down for a final time.

But, like the gotcha horror- movie gore moments, the gore isn’t overplayed and lets the real strength of the series come through.

The characters and story are fantastic — as expected from the network that pro- duces “Mad Men.”

‘The Walking Dead’ premise has more depth than other stories in the horror genre and the whole point of this series to explore the dif- ferent ways people act when faced with insurmountable odds — in this case the odds are a bunch of walking, rot- ting corpses.

The survivors that Grimes runs across will have to col- lectively decide how to deal with each other and the old prejudices and hatred that existed before the epidemic and how to coexist with each other in the group for sur- vival. All while dealing with the undead.

The worst part about the series is that it’s a television show and airs once a week so viewers will have to start watching them should be ready for a lot of cliffhanger endings.

‘The Walking Dead’ hits the perfect balance between horror-movie gore and terror while maintaining the great, compelling storytelling for which AMC is known.

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**Capital punishment**

*When life in prison is not enough*

Since 1973, more than 1,000 people on death row have been exonerated, according to a story on the home page of the Death Penalty Information Center.

This number may not be much in the context of the number of people on death row, but it means that the execution of every person is not justifiable.

In the U.S. there are currently 2,329 people on death row, according to the information center.

However, one case has disturbed my stance on the death penalty — the Petit family murders.

On July 23, 2007, in Cheshire, Conn., the Petit family was murdered by two men.

The family's house was set on fire, and the Petit children's bodies were burned.

The coroner said Petit's family took out a large sum of money for the intruders, Petit's wife, in an effort to create a fake alibi and daunt the Petit family's house.

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**Grand theft bicycle**

*A Tour de France of motion*

It has happened to just about everyone I know.

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I've come to the conclusion that I don't have much reason or right to complain.

I'm not mad at the Petit family, I don't know their what are their reasons are for taking my friend.

I hope the thief stole my bike and sold it for money to feed their families, but it is just as possible that the thief is off on a crime spree.

The point is that I don't know, so I'm going to be angerly/unjust for it.

**America's political discussions are irrational**

The radical 18th century economist Adam Smith, speaking about the nature of property, wrote that where the principal architects of power were the owners of their society.

In day, the merchants and manufacturers made sure that any government policy would attend scrupulously to their interests, and our political discourse has devolved into a quagmire of histrionics. Drowned out by the cacophony of voices, the American citizen finds itself being pulled into the popular appeal and the focus on the people of England.

This disconnect between reality and the content of our discourse is one of the greatest problems our country faces today. It puts future generations in further danger.

The somber truth is, we are no longer in a healthy debate that turns this tide of irrationality.

*On The Contrary* is a biweekly column appearing on Wednesdays.

Jennifer Hailey is the Spartan Daily Features Editor.
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