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The aviation department's new home is now located on Coleman Ave. at Reid-Hillview Airport.

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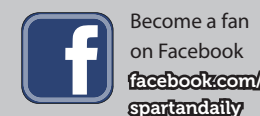
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**ALEX SPICER**  
Staff Writer

After 50 years of residence at the Mineta San Jose International 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 refused to extend it, leaving the aviation department with a \$2 million demolition bill -- money that was sorely needed.

"The university has had 50

years to plan for a new aviation campus, it had not 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 new, smaller site located at the Coleman Avenue Facility 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 stu-

dent 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 in 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 heads 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 alumnus 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 renew 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 hell out of the aviation department. SJSU has the only public aviation program in the state."

Larry Carr, 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

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## Board of Trustees approves tuition hike for CSUs

**JEN NOWELL**  
Staff Writer

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.

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## Program aims to bring together local leaders

**TYLER DO**  
Staff Writer

SJSU students and the future leaders of San Jose will have an opportunity 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.

Jaime Angulo, community relations program manager of the Neighborhood Housing Services Silicon Valley, said this event originated from a national network called Neighborhood America in hopes of providing future leaders with the appropriate skills to guide themselves and others in a political setting.

"We want the community to have the opportunity to learn firsthand about the community leadership programs that are available for network,"

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# Former professor dies of lung cancer at 79

ALEX SPICER  
Staff Writer

A memorial service is scheduled Sunday for retired Professor James E. Noah, who served three SJSU presidents as director of university relations.

Noah died Oct. 30 after a year-long struggle with lung cancer. He was 79.

Sunday's service will be held at the Almaden Hills United Methodist Church, 1200 Blossom Hill Road, on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 2 p.m., said Charles Bullock, dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

During his 33 years at SJSU, Noah held positions as a professor in the school of journalism & mass communications, director of university relations from 1965-1978 when Robert D. Clark, Hobert W. Burns and John H. Bunzel served as president, and was a professor of public relations in the school of journalism & mass communication until he retired in 1995, Bullock said.

Noah estimated that he taught more than 12,000 students, wrote more than 4,000 news releases, and designed and edited more than 500 publications, Bullock said.

Rev. J. Benton White, a religious studies professor emeritus at SJSU, said he considered Noah to be his best friend.

"He was a stubborn journalist," White said. "He had to be right under any circumstances, and I was a person who knew I was right, so we had this love-hate relationship that went on for most of our lives."

White said that Noah was respected throughout the world of public relations.

"He defended the university, but when the university was wrong, he also had the integrity to point that out to them," he said. "He always believed in whatever was right, 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 people honest."

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

"He was very articulate on speaking on subjects," Duval said of Noah. "We seemed to agree on so many things between us — of course a lot of those things were Democratic because we're Democrats. What I loved about the guy was on any subject he had so much memory he could remember things and I can't remember anything."

He was very interesting to be around, just a wonderful person, he said.

"He was very warm," said Don Ryan, the former director of financial aid at SJSU. "A wonderful and talented individual and a very dear friend on top of it."

Gus C. Lease, the director of the school of music in the 1980s, said Noah was a people person.

"He was always cheerful and happy," Lease said. "His communication skills were outstanding."

William Briggs, director of the school of journalism and mass communication, said Noah was a tough teacher.

"He had that reputation," he said. "Sort of no-nonsense in the classroom, but I think he had the respect of the students, and he certainly had a lot of experience to share and to give them."

Briggs recalled how Noah would always eat at the same place for lunch every day.

"He was pretty predictable," he said. "Jim wanted to get a cheeseburger and that was it. Day in and day out the same thing, and he was perfectly happy. He was from the Midwest, he liked to have his ground beef. Nothing fancy or exotic. We used to tease him about that, but he didn't mind — it put his universe right where he wanted it to be."

Briggs said he enjoyed all the different activities he was able to do with Noah and his family.

"He was very much a family person," he said. "He raised a

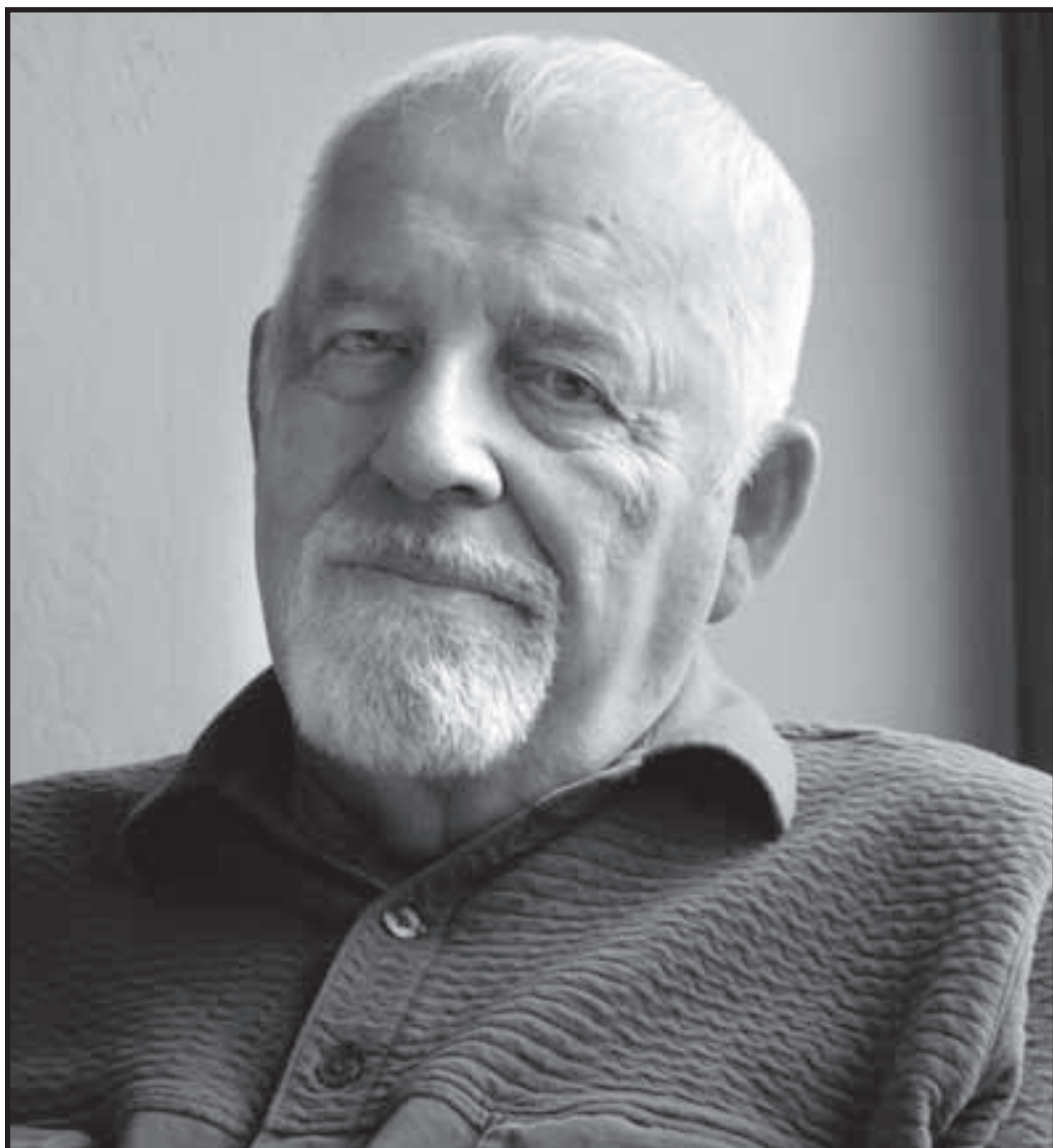


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Jim Noah served SJSU for 33 years in a variety of positions. He is survived by his daughters Lisa, Sarah and Amy.

great family."

Benton White said everyone Noah knew admired him.

"He was a loving husband," he said. "He was a strict parent with his children, and a teddy bear with his grandchildren."

Jim is survived by his daughters Lisa, Sarah and Amy, and nine grandchildren, Bullock said.

White will perform the service for his old friend, just as he did for Noah's wife, Janet.

Instead of flowers, the family

requests donations to either the American Cancer Society or the Hospice of the Valley.

Condolence cards to the family can be sent to Lisa Noah Foshay, 256 Barbara Drive, Los Gatos, 95032.

## FINANCE

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Junior marketing major Uny Trang said he was disappointed by the announcement.

"I just lost my job, so I'm doing whatever I can to pay for school."

According to the news release, Student Trustee Nicole Anderson was the only committee member to vote no for the proposed tuition increases.

"I think it's ridiculous," said Kasey Sanders, a senior creative arts major. "It's breaking my pocket, personally."

She said she doesn't understand why they keep increasing tuition.

"I don't understand what it's for," Sand-

ers said. "The school looks the same. Classes and resources are the same, so where is my money going?"

Financial aid will fully cover the tuition increases for an estimated 180,000 students — about half of all CSU undergraduates, according to the CSU news release.

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

"For all students it's bad, because they have been increasing tuition for a few years now," said Roger Luna, a senior computer engineering major. "What is the point of a state school if there are slowly increasing tuition to what a private school could be?"

He said state schools' tuition costs aren't as high as private schools yet, but with con-

tinual increases every year, it will accumulate.

"It's outrageous," said junior aviation major Adrian Uribe. "There are so many other places they could find money, so why do they have to go through students?"

Benjamin F. Quillan, CSU executive vice chancellor for business and finance, said that while he appreciates the funding the CSU system received this year, in the last five years state support for schools has remained the same, yet student population has grown by 25,000 students, according to the news release.

Quillan said they received \$106 million in funding, but it was one-time federal stimulus money that is going to be used to increase student population on CSU campuses by 30,000, according to the news release.

## LEADERSHIP

From Page 1

Angulo said.

He said the network's purpose is to provide training to the future leaders in an educational event that occurs annually and is an outreach aimed at community members and emerging leaders.

Angulo said he expects students to come to have a chance to listen and talk to public officials such as Interim President Kassing, Mayor Chuck Reed and guest speaker Professor Terry Christensen.

Ajhanai Channel Inez Newton, a freshman justice studies major said she thought the event was interesting but was unsure if she could go since it will be on a Saturday.

"I would like to meet the president of the University," she said.

Michael Fallon, the director of the Center of Community Learning Leadership and sociology lecturer, said he and event partner, Jaime Angulo, co-sponsored the event to allow students and community members to be more educated on the issues such as housing and finance in their neighborhood and community but mainly to get them to become more involved.

"Students of every major are invited to come and network," he said. "Because not just political science or sociology are encouraged to come, so journalism and engineering students are invited to come help with the problems being addressed in the community that are not singular and isolated. We need a combined effort to resolve these issue."

Melson Chan, a senior business management major said he thought this would be a great opportunity to meet members of the community and public officials and to network with them.

"This sounds like a great opportunity for me in my line of work," he said.

Terry Christensen, political science professor and author of "Local Politics: Governing at Grassroots, and Neighborhood Survival," said the event will aid neighborhood leaders to be more effective in their jobs through a number of workshops to get practical training on political subjects, such as outreach, meeting facilities and trying to influence elected officials.

According to the brochure, there will be 11 workshops available from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. after the continental breakfast and meet and greet.

Fallon said lunch will be provided along with the showing of a

movie titled "A Village Called Versailles," which details how a specific ethnic group, specifically the Vietnamese group, can organize and advocate for themselves as a community for their own interest in the city and county government.

"It will reveal the dynamics of a particular ethnic group, minority groups ... demonstrates how effective community organizing can be," Fallon said.


Angulo said some of the popular workshops such as Developing Your Leadership Potential and Working with Faith-Based Institutions are some of the workshops filling up fast.


"People will get some real practical training and info that would be useful whether they're neighborhood leaders or not, because it's really basic community organizing," he said.


There will be great access to practical information training, Christensen said and neighborhood leaders will use this time to spend teaching community members and students about specific skills and strategies.

"It's good opportunity to be with your peers once in a while and talk about how things are going and what are the problems," he said.

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Christensen said CommUniverCity members, who are neighborhood leaders, will be present to help train at the workshop sessions.

CommUniverCity is a "collaborative project of the Five Wounds/ Brookwood Terrace communities, San Jose State University (SJSU) and the City of San Jose that seeks to empower students and residents and to build community by organizing service-learning projects that address education, community health and improvements to the neighborhood environment," according to their website.

"It's (the event) a way to learn about how politics work at the ground floor level," Christensen said. "Not just read about it, but be involved, and for me it's just rewarding to work with my community and with my neighbors and have that sense of community."

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# In Iraq and at sea: Women in the military transition to life as SJSU students

**AIMEE MCLENDON**  
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With a large collection of shoes and a spare bedroom for a closet, Monica Chavira said she enjoys champagne brunches and coffee with the ladies.

But, she can also handle a small grenade launcher or a light machine gun and maneuver a five-ton truck through dirt roads wired with roadside bombs.

She is an Army combat veteran of the Iraq War getting her degree in forensics biology.

Terri Bella said she enjoys shopping, pedicures, bubble baths and facials.

But she's also a sharpshooter with a 9 Millimeter pistol and can handle the towline of a Coast Guard ship aiding stranded ships at sea.

She spent 10 years on active duty in the Coast Guard and is currently in the Coast Guard Reserves also earning her degree in molecular biology.

Both women have made the transition from military life to full-time students at San Jose State University.

## Chavira Goes To Iraq

It was in 2003 when Chavira said her duty assignment to Germany was cancelled and she was ordered to duty in Iraq during the second wave of the U.S. invasion.

"I guess I was just more mad that my Germany assignment was cancelled," Chavira said. "But that's the job and that's what I signed up for."

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 being really exhausted after driving for two days straight."

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

She remembers the 120-degree heat, wearing 50 pounds of gear every day and the Camel Spiders as the worst irritations.

"There were lot's of Camel Spiders — they are pretty gruesome and they can jump like six feet," she said.

But already a camper, she said she knows all the tricks of the outdoors.

That experience came in handy because Chavira said she was sleeping in tents with four other women and did not have running water.

The role and experience of women in the military is ever-changing and ever-evolving, said Jonathan Roth, a professor who specializes in military history.

"The integration of women into the military is not, and has not been easy," Roth said. "It was very hard particularly in the beginning with issues of sexual harassment. But I think the military has been successful in dealing with it."

He said that even though the military does not officially allow women into combat positions, they do come under fire and combat situations.

## Roadside Bomb Blast

Driving on the way back to her post, Chavira said her truck was hit by a roadside bomb, but at first she didn't know if it was her truck or the one in front of her.

She said she heard a loud pop, there was dust in her face, she had her head down and she thought the engine had blown up.

Both soldiers in the truck with her were knocked unconscious, the windshield was destroyed and a door blew off but Chavira said amazingly, she was OK.

"I couldn't really see but my training just kicked in and I wasn't afraid," she said. "I kept driving until I could find a safe place to pull over. I radioed it in and then guarded the truck."

The two Soldiers got glass in their eyes but were otherwise OK, she said.

## Reflections Of A Soldier

Not always being in the midst of gunfire and mortar, Chavira said there is a lot of boredom and waiting — and



Monica Chavira, now a forensics biology major, was happy to gear up and go home after a one-year tour in the Iraq War.

PHOTO COURTESY: MONICA CHAVIRA

all your shipmates and no connection to the outside. Sexual purity was a tough part of it."

## Drug Bust

She remembers the most exciting mission was the drug bust of the "Gatun," in which the Coast Guard seized nearly 20 tons of cocaine, the largest drug bust in U.S. history.

"I mean it was exciting," Bella said. "All hands were on deck just passing down brick after brick of cocaine, it was stressful."

During that same mission, she said something went wrong with the water and they were rationing bottles of water, there were no showers and the toilets could only be flushed once a day.

"It was horrible and we were thirsty and I remember that limited what we could cook that day," Bella said. "And when you're out to sea, food is the one pleasure you really look forward to."

The downfall she found with her experience in the military, Bella said, is she felt that she had to work four times as hard just to prove herself.

"I was once in charge of an all-male staff and it was a struggle," Bella said. "I knew the undercurrent of thought and I understood they didn't respect or respond to me as they would a male superior."

Yet with all of its challenges, good and bad, Bella said she got so much out of serving in the military.

"I got life lessons that I couldn't get any other place," she said. "I learned how to take good care of my shipmates and other people. The Coast Guard helped me in many ways, including getting the education I'm working on now."

much time to reflect and drive oneself crazy.

She said the biggest disappointment from her experience in the war is seeing "the evil nature of humanity."

Yet for all she gained from her military experience, she said she wouldn't take any of it back.

She said before the military she used to be a very superficial person – now she is not.

"I think if I were thrown into the wild I could survive," Chavira said. "I am very independent, can live and travel on my own and take care of myself."

Roth, who also heads up a task force to help veterans on campus, said being feminine and in the military is a challenge.

"It's viewed as a male institution – there's no crying in the military right?" Roth said. "But women are cutting across that idea. Just like in sports and business, the military culture is going to have to work itself out and adjust to women who serve."

He said adjusting to and accommodating women will ultimately make it a better institution.

## Bella Hits The Sea

For Bella, who served on two Coast Guard ships, military life was a mixture of three months out at sea and three months living back at the base, she said.

Bella said the Coast Guard's mission focuses more on search and rescue, immigration, fishing patrol and marine pollution.

"We are out there every day patrolling," Bella said. "It's a lot of physical exertion to be a boat crewman."

She said one of the toughest duties on the boat was standing watch.

With that duty, Bella said she worked from 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. She began at 4 a.m. standing watch, then worked a regular eight-hour shift and then stood watch again until 8 p.m., she said.

Standing watch was exhausting, she said, because there were no iPods or computers and she had to remain alert because anyone caught dozing could be brought up on charges.

But she said she knew that was just her job and her life and she had to keep going.

"You get very close to your shipmates – they are your family out there," she said. "We were all trudging through it together and that's what got me through."

On the flip side of that, Bella said being in constant close quarters to shipmates for months at a time caused sexual tension as well.

She said on her first ship the number of men was about 160 compared with about 30 women.

"There was a profound mixture of being young and having a flush of attention thrown at me," Bella said. "It was definitely a challenge having close relationships to



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Terri Bella, a molecular biology major, spent 10 years serving in the Coast Guard and is currently in the Coast Guard Reserves.

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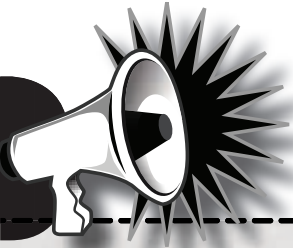
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# CAMPUS VOICES



BY: AIMEE MCLENDON

## WHAT SIGNIFICANCE DOES VETERANS DAY HOLD FOR YOU?

KRISTA RICH



Graduate Occupational Therapy

I haven't celebrated at all since my uncle died. He was a veteran — he didn't die in war, but I remember my loved ones who provided service.

LAURA CORBALIS



Junior Business Marketing

It's to take a day off to remember the people who fought and died. Also, it's a day to go enjoy all the things there are to do in America.

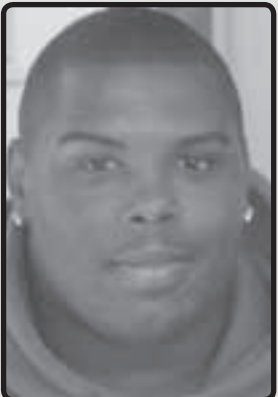
GINA THOMPSON



Junior Mathematics

My grandfather was in World War II and I have uncles who are in the military. We just go out to dinner — it's just a day to tell stories and share about their experiences. We make them dinner and take care of them.

JA'RODD WATSON



Junior Psychology

It's about pride in our country and showing respect to those who fought, including my grandfather who fought in World War II. It's acknowledging how important it is and how great our country is.

JONATHON NANGLE



Sophomore Criminology

For me it's about remembering those who have fallen. Not just those in the military but firemen, police and EMTs as well. My uncle was in Vietnam so it has significance.

SERGIO ANTONIO



Junior Microbiology

Honestly, for me it's about honoring their bravery. It's a way to remember all the people who participated in the wars — it's saying thank you for fighting in the war.

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FALL SERIES REVIEW

Conan’s new show lives up to unreal hype

HUSAIN SUMRA  
Senior Staff Writer

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 exodus 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, wading through what he did until he got his show on TBS, such as apply 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 it 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 on his new show. His band is even called The Basic Cable Band.

In his 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.

Andy Richter, Conan’s sidekick, had some good moments as well and it’ll be great to see the two of them spar comedically on the new show.

One thing that felt missing was interaction with the band, although I’m sure that will develop eventually. After all, Max Weinberg will not appear on the new show.

The lamest segment was probably his rigged vote on the first guest on his show. On his website, Teamcoco.com, there was a poll that asked fans to vote for the first guest. Some choices included Robert DeNiro, the Pope and Vladimir Putin.

None of the above were the guest though, the real guest was a curator of a nutcracker museum.



Conan O’Brien made his TBS debut on Monday.

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The Masturbating Bear also made an appearance as Conan tried to explain that NBC was now using him for picking lottery numbers in a fun segment.

The guests, Seth Rogen of “Knocked Up” fame and Lea Michelle from Fox-hit “Glee” were nice to have on the first show.

Michelle brought some timeliness as she talked about pictures of the cast of “Glee” in GQ Magazine while Rogen brought the funny and played up his January 2010 film “The Green Hornet.”

The finale included Jack White of The White Stripes and Conan rocking out, which is fitting because his last show involved him playing a guitar as well.

Overall, the show has promise and it beat both Jay Leno and David Letterman in the ratings.

Time will tell whether people will continue to tune in as Conan has to work off some rust to get to his classic self again.

‘Walking Dead’ series comes alive on AMC

DONOVAN FARNHAM  
Online editor

AMC continued its storytelling dominance on Halloween 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-zombie-outbreak drama that follows Rick Grimes, a police officer in the South who finds himself in the middle of a world ravaged by a plague that has turned the vast majority of the world’s population into mindless undead monsters.

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 camera work and cinematography plays into with extraordinarily suspenseful effect.

The series so far has mastered the art of letting the characters react to the environment as paranoia begins to get the better of them.

They wonder if a horde of zombies or none at all wait around the next corner without having the entire show devolve into nothing but gotcha-surprise moments.

The series soars with another visual element: the zombies.

The best part of the undead horde is that they’re all real actors made up to look like a decaying horde, which adds to an element of realism as the actors shamble in different directions across the streets of Atlanta.

Be forewarned, this series

isn’t for the faint of heart because of the buckets of gore, which are thrown onto the streets and out of the bodies of the zombies whenever they’re put down for a final time.

But, like the gotcha horror movie 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 produces “Mad Men.”

“The Walking Dead’s” premise has more depth than other stories in the horror genre and the whole point of the series is to explore the different ways people act when faced with insurmountable odds — in this case the odds are a bunch of walking, rotting corpses.

The survivors that Grimes runs across will have to collectively 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 survival. 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 if viewers start watching they 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.



AMC’s ‘The Walking Dead’ premiered on Halloween.

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# Sophomore dives her way into record book

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Staff Writer

SJSU competitive diver Jessica Holden draws motivation from her sport while she balances family, friends, school and her life inside the pool.

“I love the competitive aspect of playing sports,” she said. “I really feel as though competing ... has taught me about hard work and determination, which carries over to other aspects of my life.”

Describing herself as motivated, caring and compassionate, the 5-foot-3-inch diver is in her second season with the Spartans and said diving is simply a part of her daily routine.

“I honestly don’t know what I would do if I wasn’t diving right now,” the sophomore nursing major said. “I would have way too much time on my hands.”

Born to Tim and Kathy Holden in June of 1990, Jessica Holden was raised in Fair Oaks, Calif. She graduated from Roseville High School where she started diving in her junior year for the Dos Rios Divers.

In the two years she has been at SJSU, Holden was named a 2008 Academic All-Western Athletic Conference honoree and was recently named the Verizon Western Athletic Conference Diver of the week for Oct. 6-12.

“What is unique about Jessica is she is very humble,” said junior kinesiology major Heather Denman, Holden’s teammate from the swim team. “You would never know she is such an incredible diver by talking to her because she doesn’t like to talk about herself. I think that is rare in athletes today.”

Holden qualified for the 2011 NCAA Zone Diving Championship by scoring a 290.7 for six dives in the one-meter event in a dual meet against CSU East Bay and UC Santa Cruz on Oct. 8. With the score, Holden broke SJSU’s record for this event, beating the previous holder Amy Kilby, who posted a record of 286.05 last season.

Before she took to the pool, Holden was a gymnast and was introduced to diving through a former teammate.

“I tried it and instantly loved the sport,” she said. “It is very similar to gymnastics in a sense that you are flipping through the air. The major obstacle was getting comfortable to the idea of landing on my head into a pool of water instead of landing feet first on a mat.”

Holden and her teammate Kilby make up the diving team which is included in the larger swimming team.

“We have a really strong team chemistry (with the swimmers) this year and both Amy and I love being part of it,” she said. “I have met my current room-



Sophomore diver Jessica Holden placed first in the one-meter and second in the three-meter in a meet at UC Davis on Saturday.

mates and best friends through SJSU swim and dive. I am lucky to have them as friends.”

Denman said Holden is very nice, easy to talk to and gets along with everyone on the team.

“Whenever the team is all together you can always see Jessica talking to her teammates and laughing,” she said.

Both Holden and Kilby compete in three events including a one-meter and three-meter springboard and platform diving at five, seven and 10 meters.

As the only two divers, they have formed a unique bond, supporting each other in and out of the water.

“Me and Amy have gotten really close over the past two years,” Holden said. “We are both really competitive people so we challenge and motivate each other. We are actually a lot alike and really just understand one another which has helped us to develop such a strong friendship.”

In addition to the relationship she holds with her teammates, Holden is extremely close with her family which is where she gets her athletic edge.

“We all talk on the phone at least once a day and are always there for each other no matter what,” she said. “My sister is five years younger than me so it is really important that I stay connected with her especially since I’m not at home and able to be around her all the time.”

Holden believes she has had a great start to the season and attributes her success to Mark Butcher, the new diving coach the team received this year.

“He has made so many adjustments to my technique that have improved my diving tremendously,” Holden said. “It isn’t even halfway through the season yet and I feel like a completely different diver. My coach always inspires me through his love of the sport and dedication to both mine and Amy’s success in diving.”

Butcher said Holden is a dedicated and hardworking athlete who balances school and athletics, and everyone on the team admires her.

“She began diving at such a late stage and has become a very competitive diver,” he said. “Jessica not only brings points to the team — she brings her personality, which, in many ways, is just as important.”

For the remainder of the season, Holden hopes to improve and win a place in the top three at every dual meet. She also aims to contribute to the team finishing in first place at the WAC Championships.

“Playing sports has always motivated me not just to succeed in gymnastics or diving, but to get good grades and be successful in life,” she said. “The thought of making my parents, especially my mom, proud inspires me to not only play sports but do whatever I can to succeed in them.”

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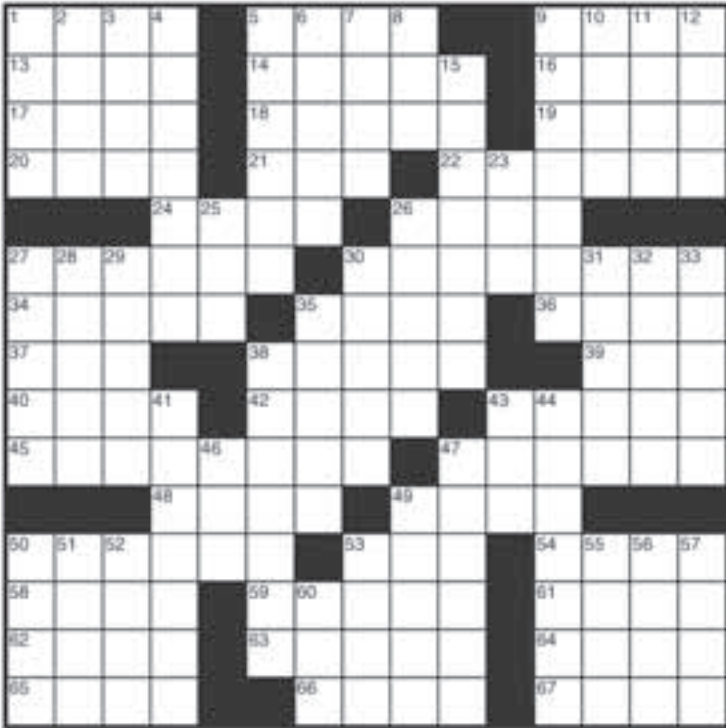
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# Capital punishment

## When life in prison is not enough



**AMBER SIMONS**  
Copy Editor

I am not one who believes in the practice of capital punishment.

I don't believe it helps deter crime, I don't believe it gives anyone a true sense of relief or justice, and I don't believe in retaliation.

Also, it is my belief that the death penalty is an escape from punishment for those who are in fact guilty — I would rather have them rot in prison thinking every day about the destruction they caused.

Thirty-five states have the death penalty as a means of punishment, according to the Death Penalty Information website, while only 15 states are without capital punishment.

Since 1976, 1,233 people on death row have been executed, according to the website.

One reason I am usually opposed to the death penalty is the chance that the accused could in fact be innocent.

Since 1973, more than 130 people on death row have been exonerated, according to the same website.

This number may not be much in comparison to the number of people on death row who have been executed, but the execution of even one innocent person is not justifiable.

In the U.S. there are currently 3,261 inmates on death row, according to the website.

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

On Nov. 8, "Steven Hayes smiled as he was sentenced to death by a Connecticut jury," according to a story by ABC News.

It is repulsive that a human being could be so brazen.

Hayes was tried and convicted for his role in a 2007 home invasion that left one family completely torn to shreds.

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

After a trip to the bank to take out a large sum of money for the intruders, Petit's wife, Jennifer Hawke-Petit, and daughters Hayley and Michaela perished in the family's house.

Out of a family of four, only Dr. William Petit survived the heinous ordeal after being beaten with a bat

and tied up in the basement, according to a story on the Hartford Courant website.

Even the Petit family house was destroyed by the fire the two criminals set to it.

"Hayes is convicted of raping and choking Hawke-Petit to death and accused accomplice (Joshua) Komisarjevsky is charged with sexually assaulting 11-year-old Michaela Petit. Michaela and her older sister Hayley, 17, died after they were tied to their beds, doused with gasoline and the house was set on fire," according to ABC News.

During the sentencing this month, "Petit, pausing to choke back tears, said, 'Michaela was an 11-year-old little girl tortured and killed in her own bedroom, surrounded by stuffed animals,'" according to the Hartford Courant website.

The coroner said Petit's children died of smoke inhalation.

Although it pains me to say it, I'm glad Hayes got the death penalty.

The details of this case are so excruciating that I can see no other way to punish this man.

Good riddance! He deserves to burn in hell, if there is such a place.

No man who feels content with these types of actions should be walking or even breathing on this planet.

I hope Hayes' accomplice meets the same fate.

# Grand theft bicycle

## A Tour de France of emotion

It has happened to just about everyone I know — my bike was stolen.

My best friend said when she's had material items stolen from her, she hopes that the person needed it more than her.

I'm not as forgiving as my friend. I was pissed.

Some time last week, a jerk stole my lime-green cruiser, decked out with blue dice valve caps, a rubber-ducky instead of a bell and a white basket in the front.

The bike was locked to the stairs in front of my house, but that didn't stop the thief from knocking out part of the wood banister to slip the lock off and make off with it.

Immediately after, I tried not to let it bother me, realizing it is just a material item, but for some reason I took it personally.

I thought "Why would someone do this to me? Don't they feel guilty for stealing my bike?"

The answers to those questions are, the person doesn't give two craps about me or know me, and the person has probably moved on to steal other bikes and forgotten all about mine.

According to the National Bike Registry, it is estimated that about 1.5 million bikes are stolen each year, and the majority of those thefts go unreported.

After getting over the feeling of self-pity, I decided that I wouldn't bother reporting my bike getting stolen.

I got honest with myself and admitted that I barely used my bike, which is why I didn't know it was stolen right away.



**JENNIFER HADLEY**  
Jennerally Speaking

To be even more honest, I hadn't rode my bike since February. So really, I was angry because someone stole my possession, not because I used the bike to get to school every day or because it got a lot of pavement time.

I'm still mad that someone took

something of mine, but the truth is it will probably go to better use now.

My bike getting stolen isn't as devastating to me as it would be to my friends who actually use their bikes to get to school and work every day.

UPD Sergeant Manuel Aguayo said an average of 100 bicycles are stolen on campus each year.

I loved my \$300 cruiser, but it was just sitting pretty in my patio area for months.

I've come to the conclusion that I do not have much reason or right to complain.

No matter what people's circumstances are, I don't think it's ever OK to steal. However, I've never been in a situation where I would consider stealing.

Just like the thief has no idea how I feel about my stolen bike, I don't know what their reasons are

for taking my beloved cruiser.

I hope the thief stole my bike and sold it for money to feed their family, but it is just as possible that they stole it for drug money.

The point is that I don't know, so I'm going to let it go and hope my bike is in a better place.

*"Jennerally Speaking" is a column appearing sporadically throughout the semester.*

*Jennifer Hadley is the Spartan Daily Features Editor.*

# America's political discussions are irrational

American politics, as the midterm elections demonstrated, have descended into the irrational.

On one side stands a corrupt liberal class, bereft of ideas and unable to respond coherently to the collapse of the global economy, the dismantling of our manufacturing sector or the deadly assault on the ecosystem.

On the other side stands a mass of increasingly bitter people whose alienation, desperation and rage fuel emotionally driven and incoherent political agendas.

More than half of those who identified as "mainstream Americans," in a poll by the Republican-leaning Rasmussen Reports, now view the tea party favorably, while the other half, still grounded in a reality-based world, is passive and apathetic.

The liberal class has its own share of the blame, having wasted its energy imploring Barack Obama and the Democrats to promote sane measures such as job creation programs, financial regulation and criminal proceedings against the financial industry, not to mention an end to our permanent war economy.

Those who view the tea party favorably want to tear the governmental edifice down — with the curious exception of our bloated



**SALMAN HAQQI**  
On The Contrary

military and the security state that revolves around it — accelerating our plunge into a nation of masters and serfs.

The Sarah Palins and the Glenn Becks use hatred as a mobilizing tool to get the masses fearful and angry, to call for their own enslavement as well as to deny uncomfortable truths such as global warming.

Our dispossessed working class and beleaguered middle class are vulnerable to this ma-

nipulation because they can no longer bear the chaos and uncertainty that come with impoverishment, hopelessness and the loss of control.

They have retreated into a world of illusion, one peddled by right-wing demagogues, which offers a reassuring emotional balm.

This state of mind appears to protect them from the turmoil in which they have been forced to live.

The propaganda of a Palin or a Beck may insult common sense, but for a growing number of Americans, common sense has lost its validity.

The grievances are legitimate and people rightly want answers, but they are not getting them except from shrill voices that seem to have some internal coherence — if you

suspend disbelief and enter into their world of irrationality and deceit.

Ridiculing tea party shenanigans, however, is a serious error. It is far more appropriate to understand what lies behind the movement's popular appeal and ask ourselves why justly angry people are being mobilized by the extreme right and not by the kind of constructive activism that rose during the Depression.

These days tea party sympathizers are hearing that every institution — ranging from government to the corporations and the professional class — is rotten, and that the system is "broken."

Amid the joblessness and foreclosures, the Democrats can't complain about the policies that led to the disaster either.

President Ronald Reagan and his Republican successors may have been the worst culprits, but the policies began with President Jimmy Carter and accelerated under President Bill Clinton.

During the presidential election, Barack Obama's primary constituency was financial institutions, which have gained unprecedented dominance over the economy in the past generation.

The radical 18th-century economist Adam Smith, speaking about England, observed that the principal architects of power were the owners of their society.

In his day, the merchants and manufacturers made sure that government policy would attend scrupulously to their interests, however "grievous" the impact on the people of England.

In the face of the calamitous problems facing our country, our political discourse has devolved into a quagmire of histrionics.

Drowned out by the cacophony of extremist voices, the American citizenry finds itself arguing for policies that are not in their own self-interest.

This disconnect between reality and the content of our discourse is one of the gravest problems our country faces and puts future generations in further jeopardy.

The sombre truth is, I see no force in our future capable of turning this tide of irrationality.

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

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# AVIATION

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going through their renovation efforts, they needed to think about the future of that site,” he said. “We had a very nice lease out there, it was a good partnership and it was very effective for us. The city couldn’t guarantee us that same thing ongoing for the future of the program, so we started looking elsewhere.”

Luca Vezzuto, a coach on the SJSU precision flight team and senior aviation operations student, said it was difficult to see the old aviation campus being let go.

“After having spent three years at that campus, I had grown emotionally attached to it,” he said. “The fact that the the department had a very long time to deal with the lease issue and gave it no thought until it was time for us to leave, gave me the impression that they saw our program as expendable.”

Vezzuto said if it weren’t for the students pressuring the department to resolve the issue and key faculty members taking the initiative, he felt that they would have become a “homeless” department by the start of the Fall 2010 semester.

Carr said programs at SJSU are defined by the work the departments puts into them, so the program is going to be as good as they choose to make it.

“(The department) has a brand-new facility, and a lot of work by a lot of people at this campus to put that contract in place with the county and to make the program work,” Carr said. “I think if you base it on the amount of effort that has gone into that program by a lot of people throughout this campus, they’re in a pretty good place.”

Baudendistel said frustration ran high throughout the aviation department as the end of the lease edged closer and no questions had been answered.

“The Engineering College, which oversees the department of aviation, questioned our need for an airport presence,” he said. “They also saw the dwindling program as an opportunity to sell off assets. The large amount of assets in the form of aircraft, mildly used equipment and specialty tools would go up for auction.”

However, Baudendistel said profits from the auction were supposed to go into reviving their dilapidated facilities, but are instead being used to cover general maintenance costs at the new facility.

“The auction fund isn’t a replenishing fund that can continue to cover these costs for an indefinite time,” he said. “The message sent was, ‘If we can’t get rid of you, we’ll just bleed you dry.’”

Carr said it was the department chair who decided what was to be kept in the program and what was to be sold off as scrap.

“Things like the electrical bills and maintenance of a facility have to be paid for – the program has to pay for those things,” Carr said. “It was necessary for the program to be housed at an airport, and so those costs have to be paid for somehow.”

A few years ago, the department hired a third party to evaluate the department status as well as identify what can be done to improve the program, Baudendistel said.

“The report found that the lack of qualified full-time professional pilot faculty was one of main factors holding the department back, along with a lack of leadership at the chairman position,” he said. “Here we find ourselves, years later, in virtually the same position.”

Jason Utpadel, president of

Alpha Eta Rho (a professional aviation fraternity) and senior aviation management student, said that following the study, SJSU decided to merge the aviation department with what was then called the division of technology.

“Over the past 10 years we’ve been merged, we’ve had a lot of technology people become the chairperson, as we have lost a lot of our faculty due to early retirement programs,” he said. “That might be one of the hindrances of the department. A technology chairperson, despite how much they try to help, doesn’t come from the same background as aviation.”

Knecht said the department has only one tenure-track professor.

He said the other professors are only part-time because they do not meet the College of Engineering’s prerequisite of a Ph.D. to be a full-time professor.

Most professional pilots who would be perfectly suited to teach most of the aviation classes will not be able to because of this restriction, he said.

“This puts a severe strain on the limited facility they have now and just flat out doesn’t make much sense,” he said. “I think if the bigwigs over at the College of Engineering would

really take a look at what track a majority of aviation students are on, they would see that they do not need engineers to teach classes, they need pilots.”

Despite the drama, the move to the new facility at Reid-Hillview Airport has been a good thing for the department, Utpadel said.

“It allows us to go on the airport,” he said. “From the hangar you can walk right on to the tarmac, there is no gate stopping you. Our plane is with everyone else’s plane. It provides us with a closer link to the Flying 20, which is the flying club that caters to us.”

After the move to the new campus at Reid-Hillview Air-

port, the program has been on a steady path to improvement and has been led by students and backed by key faculty members, Vezzuto said.

“Even though our program is improving, it is not out of the woods yet in terms of financial support,” he said.

Falcon said that while things appear to be going much better under the current chairman, there is still a lack of funding to upgrade their programs, equipment and obtain much needed full-time faculty.

Baudendistel said he dubbed Falcon “the savior of our department,” for his work keeping the department alive for the last 30 years.

“His patience, vigilance and intelligence have made him one of the few professors still standing after the battle to keep aviation alive,” he said of Falcon. “Professor Falcon has a true passion for aviation and for the students he teaches, but the politics of a broken university bureaucracy prevent him from achieving his goals of getting the aviation curriculum back on track.”

His work on behalf of the students both in the halls of the University and out cannot be understated, Baudendistel said.

“Without Glynn Falcon it is fair to say, there would be no aviation department,” he said.

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