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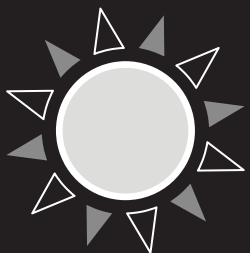
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State Supreme Court upholds Dream Act

California court decision upholds out of state tuition exemption for undocumented students

JAIMIE COLLINS
Staff Writer

The California Supreme Court ruled unanimously Monday morning that Assembly Bill 540 is constitutionally viable, reversing a lower court decision in the case of Martinez v. Regents of the University of California, according to a media relations specialist for the California State University system.

"We are in the same situation as the University of California that as an entity of this state we are covered by this law and we implement this law," Erik Fallis said. "We joined in the argument in this case for the implementation of AB 540."

The case involved Arizona citizen Robert Martinez, joined by 42 other U.S. citizens, who sued the UC system, arguing that educational bill AB 540 infringed on their constitutional rights, according to a news release from the National Immigration Law Center.

Signed on Oct. 11, 2001, AB 540, also known as the DREAM act, allows students who attended high school in California for three or more years, including undocumented immigrants, to pay in-state tuition rather than out-of-state fees at public colleges and universities, according to the release.

Martinez argued the bill was unconstitutional because it granted undocumented students special privileges that are not accessible to U.S. citizens, therefore violating immigration laws, according

to the release.

"For this entire decade, (AB 540) has been the law that the CSU, the UC and the community colleges have been operating under," Fallis said. "It essentially maintains the status quo for us. (AB 540) appropriately expands access and educational opportunities to all legitimate California high school graduates."

Junior kinesiology major Vicky Tran said she thinks AB 540 is an important law that does a good job at bettering the public education system.

"By passing this law, California is taking a stand and saying that they support offering equal education," she said. "I am glad it is passed and think it will do wonders as far as further educating the community and the state."

The trial court ruled with the UC system, which was then reversed by the California Court of Appeals, according to a case brief from the California Supreme Court.

In repealing this decision, the state Supreme Court ruled that the out-of-state tuition exemption was constitutional because it was not based on state residency, but instead on other criteria, such as high school attendance, according to the case brief.

"There's quite a difference between the two tuition levels ... generally charged at the residential rate and then the higher tuition that is charged for non-residential stu-

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Spartans foster high hopes for new season



Freshman guard Keith Shamburger goes up for a layup against Whitman in the Spartans exhibition win on Nov. 6.

PHOTO: STAN OLSZEWSKI | SPARTAN DAILY

UPD collects gifts to brighten holidays for local families

JAIMIE COLLINS
Staff Writer

Embarking on its 18th year, the University Police Department Holiday Toy Drive annually assists families in need that live around SJSU by donating new toys and food baskets during the holiday season, said Sgt. Manuel Aguayo of UPD.

The UPD collects toys from various donors, including family members of the campus community, while partnering with Christmas Dinner Fund, an organization that provides food baskets for other organizations that are hosting independent toy drives, he said.

Travis Lowe, a sophomore chemical engineering major, said he thinks the drive is a great idea for the campus.

"It's important that we increase philanthropy on campus," he said. "This toy donation is the perfect way for SJSU to reach out to the

surrounding community."

Aguayo said last year's drive provided assistance to about 250 families and 1,200 children.

Unlike previous drives, he said this year's donation effort is expanding its services to any member of the SJSU community, including students, staff members or employees that may be in need of assistance.

"There are so many people out there who have less than us and it's never a bad idea to lend a helping hand," said Caroline Jones, a senior business management major. "Children especially shouldn't have to go without the simple pleasures."

Currently, toy donations can be dropped off at the UPD office, but within the next couple of weeks, there will be donation bins placed around campus and within various

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Students advise peers on sleep deprivation

AMARIS DOMINGUEZ
Staff Writer

With finals right around the corner, sleep deprivation is a common yet preventable issue for college students, said one of the peer facilitators of Tuesday's "Getting a Better Night's Sleep" workshop.

Sharmeen Poushnejad, along with three other peer facilitators, informed the 38 students in attendance about the benefits a full night's rest could give them and the risks of not getting enough sleep.

"Students are like zombies or stressed out during finals times," Poushnejad said. "When students don't get enough sleep they stress themselves up so much that they make themselves sick during finals."

The peer advisers presented a PowerPoint presentation of the different sleep cycles that people go through and then went into catego-

ries of disorders that can arise when students do not get enough sleep.

According to The Sleep Foundation website, there is no magic number of hours of sleep a student should get.

Not only do different age groups need different amounts of sleep, but sleep needs also vary between individuals, with most adults needing seven to nine hours of sleep, according to The Sleep Foundation website.

"One of the consequences of sleep deprivation is that you miss out on going through the cycles of sleep," said peer adviser Karen Malm. "That can decrease the immune system and you can't recharge and you can't rebuild your immune system."

She also said that sleep deprivation can heighten the risk of chronic diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease and obesity.

Activities encouraged audience

participation in which students guessed which types of foods and activities are the best choices to ensure a full night's rest.

The workshop ended with a list of tips students could incorporate into their lives to gain a better night's sleep and to live healthier lives.

The four peer advisers took turns reading off tips such as cutting back on caffeine and alcohol, avoiding large meals before dinner, turning off the TV and simply going into another room and reading a book if students still could not sleep.

Poushnejad said the majority of college students deal with stress on a daily basis and she hopes that students took away some tips toward living a healthier life when it comes to the importance of getting a full night's rest.

"I really want to promote health

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Professor explores the nature of truth

KELSEY LYNNE
LESTER-PERRY
Staff Writer

The second event in the SJSU Philosophy Colloquium Series for Fall 2010 featured an assistant professor in the department of philosophy at Stanford University.

On Tuesday afternoon, Alexis Burgess was on the second floor of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library in conference room 225-229 discussing a paper he had written called "An Alethic Account of Referential Success," to a group of seven eager philosophy students and professors.

He spent the colloquium discussing truth, references (hence referential) and alethiology in terms of sentence structure.

Alethic is defined as "relating to the philosophical concepts of truth and possibility and especially to the branch of logic that formalizes them," according to Encarta.

Gabriela Gonzalez, a sophomore justice studies major, said she attended the event to get extra credit for her philosophy class.

"There was another one two weeks ago about juvenile injustice," she said.

The last feature colloquium speaker was Rita Manning, a professor of philosophy and SJSU philosophy department chair.

The topic was "Juvenile (In)justice" and it was held on Oct. 26.

Bo Mou of the SJSU philosophy department introduced Burgess by saying that the discussion was going to deal primarily with metaphysics and a kind of fusion philosophy.

Burgess led into his lecture by saying that he was looking forward to the opportunity to work through the rest of his writing and then proceeded to read and explain excerpts from his most recent piece, condensed into a handout.

Deflationism was one of the more in-depth items up

for intellectual debate.

The deflationary theory of truth, according to the Stanford website, is to assert that a statement is true merely by asserting the statement itself. For example, to say that 'snow is white' is true or equivalent to saying simply that snow is white. This, according to the deflationary theory, is all that can be said significantly about the truth of "snow is white."

"What if we were to accept deflationism about truth but recover a connection between truth and reference by defining the latter in terms of the former, effectively inverting the correspondence theorist's order of explanation of these key semantic notions?" he stated from the handout.

He compared deflationism to a kind of deconstruction.

"It's a very, very menial account of the meaning of some linguistic expression," he said. "References, short story, in the simplest form. This is not a completely radical suggestion. It has to do with preconditioned semantics. My proposal is just to start from scratch."

He shifted the discussion from background and history to his actual writing by joking around about using too many "isms."

The third page of the handout focused on nine examples of sentences written to try to explain his theory about singular term tokens.

For example, he explained that the sentence "Obama is Muslim" is a falsehood with an intuitively referring term.

In other words, one knows who Obama is as a reference, but calling him Muslim – a falsity – cancels out whatever truth might have existed in the statement.

Another example is "Obama is tall."

This sentence could be either true or false, so the token, or reference, of Obama isn't a solid truth or falsity.

said. "The California Supreme Court today properly rejected an attempt to deny this opportunity to thousands of current and future talented students."

Kayla Core, a sophomore interior design major, said she thinks students who attended high school in the state should be able to attend college paying in-state tuition.

"It's great the colleges are making this opportunity available to students," she said. "They shouldn't be considered out-of-state students because they aren't."

Christine Helwick, general counsel for the California State University, said in a news release stating the CSU's position on the ruling that the CSU system would continue to operate under AB 540.

"This is the same argument that the California State University made in the case and in its implementation of AB 540 because it appropriately expands access and educational opportunities to all legitimate California high school graduates," she said. "The CSU continues to advocate that racially and ethnically inclusive college universities better prepare students for the diverse workplace of the future."

Washington to prohibit sale of alcoholic energy drinks

ANDREW GARBER (MCT)
The Seattle Times

OLYMPIA, Wash. — The Washington state Liquor Control Board on Wednesday approved an emergency ban of caffeinated alcohol drinks, the type of beverage that sickened nine Central Washington University students last month during an off-campus party.

Board members said they took action because of public health and safety concerns. The ban will take effect Nov. 18 and remain in place for 120 days while the board goes through rule-making procedures for a permanent ban. The state Legislature also is expected to consider passing a law early next year banning the drinks.

"We have been concerned for some time about the dangers posed by alcohol energy drinks. At my request, the board this morning voted to ban this new breed of alcohol drinks in the state of Washington," Gov. Chris Gregoire said at a news conference after the vote. "The Liquor Control Board has a duty to protect the safety of the people of Washington state. It has fulfilled that duty by banning these drinks."

Gregoire said she had been concerned that caffeinated alcohol drinks were targeting young people.

"Reports of inexperienced or underage drinkers consuming them in reckless amounts have given us cause for concern," she said. "With hospitalizations and near-lethal blood alcohol levels, many of these young folks were unaware just how drunk they had become. ... Quite simply these drinks are real trouble for our youth."

The six women and three men who became sick at the Oct. 8 house party in Roslyn, Kittitas County, had consumed



Four Loko is one of the caffeinated alcoholic drinks banned in Washington state.

PHOTO: AIMEE MCLENDON | SPARTAN DAILY*

Four Loko, a product some people have dubbed "blackout in a can." It is among some two dozen such products on the market that combine a stimulant with alcohol.

All of the students who became ill were under 21 and had high blood-alcohol readings. One woman nearly died, officials said, noting that consuming a single, 23.5-ounce can of Four Loko, which is 12 percent alcohol, is considered comparable to drinking five or six beers.

Since the incident, various groceries across the state have pulled caffeinated alcohol products from their shelves.

Jim Halstrom, a lobbyist for Phusion Projects, the maker of Four Loko, objected to the action during the board meeting.

"No one is more upset than we are when our products are abused or consumed illegally by underage drinkers. But

we also believe curbing alcohol abuse or underage drinking will not be accomplished by singling out a lone product or beverage category," he said. "We think the true answer lies with increased education and awareness by all and with respect for the law."

After the meeting, Halstrom said, "We're concerned about the haste with which this was addressed. We understand that much of the impetus for this came out of the Roslyn event. What we have seen from the police reports ... our product was not identified as at fault."

"I'm not saying our product was not consumed. I'm saying we're not at all sure that our product was the one that created the significant problems," he said, referring to the students becoming ill.

This month, the Michigan Liquor Control Commission banned Four Loko and dozens of similar drinks.

Last year, 25 state attorneys general, including Washington state Attorney General Rob McKenna, asked the Food and Drug Administration to examine the beverages. Washington state liquor stores do not carry the products, but many convenience stores do, according to the state Liquor Control Board.

Critics say the hefty dose of caffeine in the drinks masks the effects of the alcohol.

Makers of the products counter that combining alcohol and caffeine is not new. Fans of the beverages compare them to cocktails such as Irish coffee, rum-and-cola and vodka-and-Red Bull, all of which combine alcohol and a stimulant.

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TOY

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departments, Aguayo said.

"Many of these departments have already asked us for a toy donation bin to place in their main offices," he said. "Be on the look out for bins around campus, especially at the MLK Library and the UPD."

Aguayo said donated toys must be for children ages zero through 14 and be new and unwrapped.

Junior sociology major Katherine McCarthy said she is glad UPD hosts such a program and looks forward to donating items.

"The holidays are supposed to be a time of giving and generosity and I seriously can't think of a better way than giving a child a toy," she said. "Buying one or two toys isn't really going to set you back, so why not contribute?"

Aguayo said UPD will classify toys by age group and gender, compiling a list of recipients and assessing how many children are in each household before providing a donation based on inventory.

Families are provided with one gift per child per family and also receive a pre-packaged gift basket, he said.

Donors who are unable to donate gifts are encouraged

to give money donations either in person or on the department's website, Aguayo said.

Victoria Nguyen, a junior health science major, said her church does similar events and that she is glad to see SJSU taking the initiative.

"San Jose has a lot of families that can barely pay the bills, let alone buy Christmas presents," she said. "Those who are better off should try to share the wealth."

Aguayo said the deadline for donations is Dec. 10, giving UPD a week to do final inventory and assignment of gifts before they are distributed on Dec. 18.

"This is a very intricate organized program that we have," he said. "We have been doing it for so long that we have a very tight timeline."

Aguayo said community members can submit their family for consideration by filling out a form and showing identification. Families may also be considered by referral, during which any member of the campus community may provide a family's name and contact information.

UPD is limiting donation recipients to households within the 95112 zip code – specifically families that live around the campus, he said.

In addition to a call for donations, Aguayo said UPD is also seeking volunteers to help collect toys, assist in gift

wrapping or help deliver donations and food baskets.

"We could use as much help as we can get for this holiday toy drive," he said. "We have grown significantly since we first started this program in 1992 ... with just a few families around the neighborhood."

Aguayo said anybody interested in volunteering can register in person at UPD, by sending an e-mail to police@sjsu.edu or by visiting sjsupd.com.

Senior music major Alex Truong said he hopes to get involved because he feels giving is a gift in itself.

"Sure, its nice to get your own gifts but giving a gift can also be great," he said. "Nothing beats the feeling of making someone else's day."

Aguayo said the overall goal of the toy drive is to maintain holiday spirit on and around campus to show that SJSU cares about the surrounding community.

"We really want to maintain that holiday spirit by giving to people in need and we want to provide a service to the community," he said. "When you think of the children that are involved, we want to do whatever we can to give them a nice holiday."

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to people, especially on our campus, because I feel like there are so many people that are unaware of chronic diseases or any risk or prevention methods," Poushnejad said. "As a student I think it is good that we can share knowledge with each other on the same level."

Freshman psychology major Jamison Koopnem said although the workshop was a requirement for a class, he learned valuable information about the importance of sleep.

"The chart where they showed the sleep cycles was really interesting," he said. "I thought the event as a whole was very informative even though I don't have sleeping problems myself."

Undeclared freshman Carolyn Bowles said she enjoyed the interactive activities the most.

"I learned ways to help myself sleep better and the types of things that cause me not to go to sleep like knowing what to eat," she said. "The activity was a good way to get everyone involved."

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dents," Fallis said. "The court simply upheld that the law is valid."

Kenneth Brown, a senior political science major, said he thinks the supreme court made the right decision in upholding the bill and is glad that all students are guaranteed access to higher education.

"It only makes sense that students that graduated from a high school in California should be given the chance to attend college here as well," he said. "This isn't an issue of immigration policy, who is legal and who isn't, but instead it's about providing fair admission requirements."

In the National Immigration Law Center news release, attorney Tanya Broder said the court's decision recognized the importance of post-secondary education.

"As Californians, we know that it is in our interest to ensure that all of our youth, regardless of status, who attend and graduate from California high schools have access to affordable higher education," she

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Students come back to school to earn degrees



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Junior sociology major Kim Jackson returned to school after a series of unfortunate events, including losing her home.



Senior teaching major Penny Young came back to school after symptoms of multiple sclerosis caused her to lose her job.

AIMEE MCLENDON
Staff Writer

At the top of her game Penny Young was working her dream job as a graphic designer, pulling down more than 70 Gs a year.

That was 13 years ago, before she began having strange health problems that she said ultimately cost her the job.

As an office manager for 17 years, Kim Jackson was making decent money, owned a nice house and had a good pension plan.

That was before 2003, when she said her company closed its doors and left Jackson at a crossroads.

Both Young and Jackson said they decided to come back to school in their 40s so they could live out the second half of their lives working fulfilling jobs.

Young Faces a Disease

After a few years of strange afflictions such as temporary blindness, left-sided body numbness and a "locked" eye, Young said she was finally diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

She said the medical issues leading up to the diagnosis forced her out of her graphic design job and into another one.

But after the diagnosis Young said she wanted to be home and did not want to work.

"That lasted about two weeks," said senior teaching major Young. "And then I thought 'I can't just sit here, I have to get out and do something.'"

So Young said she made a list of everything she ever wanted to do and looked over it for a while.

She likes children and teaching so she said it made sense to earn a teaching credential.

A single mother to 19-year-old Kayla, Young said she wasn't sure about starting all over again from scratch but the transition back to school has been a good one.

The Adjustment

"I don't even feel like I'm 42," Young said. "The transition was fun for me because I like to keep my mind busy."

The hardest part of adjusting to academic life — where a majority of students are much younger — is prioritizing and sacrificing her time, she said.

"I have no life and I find it harder to complete assignments than other students who decide to finally work on their projects the night before it's due," Young said.

The total number of students ages 35-59 is 2,367, and of those, only 953 are undergrads, according to the Office of Institutional Research website.

Yet for Young, who said she has good days and bad days with her M.S., age isn't an issue until her classmates find out, she said.

"When they find out my age they are a little different toward me," Young said. "But that's only until they find out I'm not

like their mom — then I pretty much get along with all of them."

She said she doesn't waste much time feeling sorry for herself but deals with the bouts of M.S. symptoms as they come.

Young said letting go of a 4.0 grade point average was stressful, but now she's settled with it.

"It was my daughter who helped me," Young said. "She reminded me that we all get the same piece of paper when we graduate and that helped me let go of it."

She hopes to teach junior high school once she earns her teaching credential.

Young said there's just something about the adolescent age group — they are still kind of twisted up.

"Someone has to love them and teach them," she said. "The government has helped me every now and then and what better way to give back?"

One of the challenges students in their forties face is feeling like a fish out of water, said Deanna Peck from counseling services.

"I think there could be a big sense of insecurity for older students," she said. "Students in their 40s could be feeling like misfits because younger students may think they never met their goals or had a career."

Other challenges older students face that might differ from younger students, Peck said, are working full time, paying a mortgage and taking care of their families, as well as taking full-time classes.

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PENNY YOUNG
Senior Teaching Major

A Fish Out of Water

For Jackson, a junior sociology major, getting divorced, losing her house and then her career was the motivation for coming back to school.

The single mother of 20-year-old John, said she could not uproot her son and remove him from the security of family in order to stay with her company.

So she partnered in a house-cleaning business, did catering on the weekends and sandwiched part-time classes in between the two jobs.

"I really felt out of place at first," Jackson said.

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"It was hard. You know, I think my perspective is different because of my life experience."

Jackson said since she's been at San Jose State, she has been thinking a lot about how she wishes she had earned her degree a lot earlier.

Now working at a legal office downtown, she said she has to wear professional clothes and slacks that make her feel even more out of place when she comes to class.

She said group projects are definitely a challenge and that she can't tell if it's just her perception, but she feels as if professors expect more from her because of her age.

Until recently, Jackson said she had been working to get into the impacted nursing program on campus.

At her age she said she can't spare three years while waiting to be accepted full-time so she decided once again to change her life up and major in sociology.

Hoping to be a juvenile parole officer when she graduates, Jackson said she thinks she could add something to the current system.

Hope for the Future

"I think there is some good in all kids — especially ones who have support," she said. "I think that given the chance, most of those kids would opt to do better and change their lives."

Jackson said she doesn't think she can change the whole system, but thinks she could provide guidance and hope so young people will believe

they can change their own circumstances.

She said her first semester at state is overwhelming but that nothing in her schedule can budge.

At work she said she has to be "on" and can't be thinking about, or working on, anything from school.

"I'm working and have a full-time class schedule and I feel bad that I can't provide everything for my son," Jackson said. "He has to work and had to quit football. But on the other hand, I guess it's a reality check for him — now he knows just how difficult it really is."

She said she wants John to continue school while he is young.

"I hope watching me inspires him to continue school while he is young," Jackson said. "I think it would be great if he could learn to sacrifice some now instead of a lot later."

Both Jackson and Young agree that life just happens — everyone is vulnerable and one never knows what is right around the corner.

Jackson said she worries about trying to get a job when she graduates because she will be almost 50 years old.

After sacrificing 17 years, she said all she got was a check and a handshake on the way out the door.

But she has encouragement for people in the second-half of their lives who come back to school.

"Just don't give up," Jackson said. "I can't see the light at the end of the tunnel yet, but I'm not going to give up."

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Senior Spartan guards spearhead men's basketball playoff hopes

JOEY AKELEY
Senior Staff Writer

Since Adrian Oliver arrived at SJSU, he said his goal has been to get the Spartan men's basketball team into the NCAA Tournament. The senior has one last chance.

"I just want to win -- like badly," the shooting guard said. "It's always on my mind."

Of the six leading scorers from last year's 14-17 team, only Oliver and senior point guard Justin Graham remain, and head coach George Nessman said they will be the leaders of this year's team.

"We've been competitive and we've had some success, particularly at home, but now we need to make that next step and Adrian and Justin need to be integral in that," Nessman said. "We are capable of finishing significantly above .500 and getting a space in the postseason."

Oliver whose 22.5-points-per-game scoring average last year led the Western Athletic Conference, was named Preseason Conference Player of the Year by the WAC media.

"He has an incredible work ethic, and it shows," Graham said of Oliver.

Graham led the team in assists a year ago, averaging 4.8 per game.

"He has great vision, and I have a great way to work off the ball and get open," Oliver said of Graham. "With his great passing ability and my good scoring ability, that complements itself right there."

Graham said Oliver is versatile enough to play point guard or shooting guard.

"It's nice to be able to play some wing, some 2, and let him take over a little bit," Graham said. "When he's hot you just give him the ball and get out of his way. And when he's not, it's all about how can we give (Oliver) an easy score."

Of the three new starting spots available, one was claimed by true freshman guard Keith Shamburger, who scored 32 points in the Spartans exhibition win against Whitman on Nov. 6.

"He's a unique scorer," Nessman said. "Already,

our two seniors are looking for him on the perimeter."

“We are capable of ... getting a space in the post-season.”

GEORGE NESSMAN
head coach

Starting junior forward Wil Carter had a game-high 11 rebounds in the Spar-



Freshman guard Seth Brent (32) and junior forward David Michaels defend SJSU senior guard Justin Graham in the Spartan's 109-92 exhibition win over Whitman College on Nov. 6 at the Event Center.

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SEASON SCHEDULE

Nov. 12	@ Eastern Washington	W, 67-60
Wed.	USF	7 p.m.
Sat.	@ Oregon	2 p.m.
Nov. 24	@ CSU-Bakersfield	7 p.m.
Nov. 28	UC Riverside	2 p.m.
Nov. 30	Univ. of Texas-San Antonio	7 p.m.
Dec. 4	@ UC Irvine	7 p.m.
Dec. 10	Santa Clara	7 p.m.
Dec. 12	Eastern Washington	1 p.m.
Dec. 18	@ Seattle Univ.	5 p.m.
Dec. 22	Puget Sound	7 p.m.
Dec. 29	@ Fresno State	8 p.m.
Dec. 31	@ Utah State	7 p.m.
Jan. 6	Boise State	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	Idaho	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	@ Louisiana Tech	7 p.m.
Jan. 15	@ New Mexico State	7 p.m.
Jan. 22	@ Hawaii	7 p.m.
Jan. 27	Utah State	7 p.m.
Jan. 29	Fresno State	7 p.m.
Feb. 3	@ Idaho	7 p.m.
Feb. 5	@ Nevada	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Nevada	7 p.m.
Feb. 15	Montana State	7 p.m.
Feb. 19	ESPN Bracket Buster	TBA
Feb. 23	New Mexico State (ESPN2)	8 p.m.
Feb. 26	Louisiana Tech	5 p.m.
Mar. 3	Hawaii	7:30 p.m.
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tans 67-60 regular-season opening win against Eastern Washington.

In that game, Oliver had 34 points, including 14 points in the game's final 6:25.

"His ability to score is just unusual," Nessman said. "He can score in many different facets of the game and in many different places on the floor."

Junior forward Matt Ballard is the team's final starter, although Oliver said the Spartans will go to a four-guard lineup if necessary.

"We have mobile bigs, which we didn't have before, so we really won't miss a beat when we go with four guards and one big," Oliver said.

Other players who have seen significant minutes in the first couple of games are sophomore guard Chris Jones, junior guard Calvin Douglas and sophomore center Joe Henson.

With the game on the line, both Graham and Oliver said Nessman would give him the ball for the last shot.

"Me. Yeah, no question," Oliver said about having the last shot.

"He thinks it's him, but coach is going to give me the ball," Graham said. "If he gives him the ball, I'm not concerned. He can score."

Nessman said it depends on the game situation.

"We are always looking for a matchup problem," he said.

By winning 14 games last year, the Spartans matched their highest total since the 2000-01 season.

But Graham said he's not satisfied.

"We need to make the playoffs," Graham said. "It's as simple as that."

The Spartans home opener will take place tonight at 7 p.m. against the University of San Francisco.



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Junior forward Wil Carter pulls up for a jumper over junior guard Juan Alvarez in SJSU's 109-92 exhibition win over the Wildcats on Nov. 6 at the Event Center.



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Center adds more bite to San Jose's offense

JOEY AKELEY
Senior Staff Writer

At 21 years of age, center Logan Couture is on the brink of stardom for the San Jose Sharks.

"He makes a lot of things happen," head coach Todd McLellan said. "He's pushing himself up into that prime area."

Couture credits his early success, six goals in 16 games, to being able to read the play.

"I see things develop quick, and I can get to spots quicker than most," he said.

No wonder teammates Jason Demers and Jamie

the puck's going to be or where the puck is going to squirt out," McGinn said, "and that's something you need in this game."

Couture hopes his second year with the Sharks is his breakout campaign in the NHL.

"He's earning more and more minutes — power play, penalty kill — understands the game, wins a lot battles," McLellan said. "If he just keeps doing what he's doing, we will have no issues at all with him."

Normally positioned on the second and third lines, Couture has recently seen

said a key to the Sharks season is getting scoring contributions from all the lines.

"Teams lock in on our top line, even our second line at times, so our third and fourth line really need to contribute and score some more goals," he said.

Playing on the second line with forwards Ryane Clowe and Joe Pavelski against Calgary on Saturday, Couture set a new career high with three points in a single game. He was named the first star of the game, scoring what proved to be the game-winning goal in the third period to beat the Calgary Flames 4-3.

He also had an assist in Tuesday's win against the Los Angeles Kings, helping the Sharks improve to 9-5-2 on the young season.

In 2005, Couture was signed by the Ontario Hockey League's Ottawa 76s, where he played for four seasons.

"Going to Ottawa when I was 16, moving away from home, first time being away from my family, I grew up so much," Couture said. "When you're living on your own, especially at that young of an age, I think it really helped in my development as a person and as a hockey player."

McGinn, who played with Couture on the 76s for three seasons, said Couture has always been a silent leader.

"He just continues to get better every year," McGinn said. "He's the type of guy who's not going to say very much, just prove it on the ice."



Sharks center Logan Couture has six goals and four assists for San Jose through 16 games this season.

PHOTO: CLIFFORD GRODIN | SPARTAN DAILY



Sharks center Logan Couture attempted four shots on New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeau in San Jose's 5-2 win over the Devils on Oct. 27 at HP Pavilion, though he did not score a goal.

McGinn said Couture is always in the right place at the right time.

"He has a great hockey sense where he knows where

time on the first line with wingers Dany Heatley and Patrick Marleau because of a two-game suspension to captain Joe Thornton. Couture

The Sharks drafted Couture with the ninth overall pick in the 2007 NHL Draft, and he debuted in San Jose last year, scoring five goals in 25 games.

Couture said the pre sure of being a top pick doesn't creep

into his mind too often.

"I believe if Logan meets his own expectations, then we will all be happy because he has set some pretty high standards for himself," McLellan said.

Demers and McGinn be-

lieve Couture has the ability to be one of the league's best players in the near future.

"I think there's no limit to what he'll be able to accomplish if he keeps working hard and he keeps his passion up," Demers said.

Sharks find their groove

COMMENTARY

JOEY AKELEY
Senior Staff Writer

After being shutout again on Nov. 4, this time by the St. Louis Blues on the road, the San Jose Sharks sat near the bottom of the Western Conference standings with a 5-5-1 record.

Since, the Sharks have gone 4-0-1, bolstered by an offense that's scored 19 goals in those five games.

All the big name forwards, sans captain Joe Thornton, have been getting involved in the recent offensive explosion that has propelled the Sharks to sixth place in the Western Conference. Center Joe Pavelski was possibly in the biggest slump of all, scoring just three times in the team's first 14 games. He has come alive in the last two games, scoring two goals and recording five points.

Pavelski and linemates Logan Couture and Ryane Clowe all had one goal and two assists in the Sharks 4-3 triumph on Saturday against the Calgary Flames, and Patrick Marleau had a goal and two assists in San Jose's 6-3 victory on Monday against the Los Angeles Kings.

Couple the offensive outburst with the play of goaltender Antero Niittymaki and the Sharks look to be past their early season demons.

Niittymaki has started 10 games for the Sharks this season, winning seven of them with a 1.91 goals-against average. With the third best



Sharks right wing Devin Setoguchi battles Tampa Bay goalie Mike Smith in San Jose's 5-2 win over the Lightning on Nov. 6 at HP Pavilion.

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goals-against average in the NHL, Niittymaki has taken the majority's share of starts at goalie for the Sharks from Antti Niemi.

Niemi has started six games, winning two, and has an abysmal 3.73 goals-against average. Expect Niemi, who started in goal for the Chicago Blackhawks when they swept the Sharks in last season's Western Conference Finals en route to winning the Stanley Cup, to find his groove soon and challenge Niittymaki for more ice time.

Thornton, who was suspended two games, and rightfully so, for his hit on Blues forward David Perron, has just one point in his last five games.

Although no Sharks fan can be happy with Thornton's

recent struggles, many positives have come from this. In the two games they played without Thornton, the Sharks scored seven goals. In year's past, the Sharks have often relied on Thornton too much, and it's clear that the 2010-11 Sharks have more scoring depth.

Thornton and Couture, who have scored six goals, are one goal behind Marleau and Dany Heatley for the team lead.

Four points behind the Western Conference leading Kings, the Sharks have three games in the next four days to close the deficit.

Looking to extend their three-game winning streak, the Sharks take on the Colorado Avalanche tonight at the Pepsi Center in Denver.

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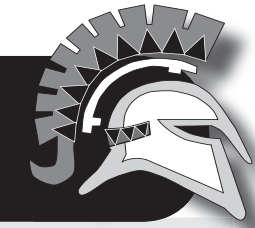
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Letters to the editor



In response to the Oct. 27 opinion story "Freedom of speech is a double edged sword":

On a daily basis, I will encounter someone who will say something rude either out loud or behind a person's back, and I never thought to look at it from the perspective that it is okay for that person to say what they want.

That doesn't make the comment appropriate or necessary, but we do all have the freedom to speak our minds when and how we choose to.

It is really strong of the author, who is an open homosexual woman, to publicly ask for people to continue to criticize her for being gay, which seems very confusing at first — why would you want to be brought down for who you are?

But she makes a valid point — just because someone doesn't agree with you doesn't make his or her opinion worthless. This doesn't mean that everyone should walk around insulting each other just because they have the right to do so.

As mentioned, steps such as Barack Obama becoming president would not have been taken hadn't it been for the voices of America standing up to the current issues demanding change. And homosexuality would be even further looked down upon if gay people and straight supporters hadn't first spoken up for their equal rights as human beings.

I try to imagine everything else that could possibly change in the world if only people would have the guts to state what they really think and not be (too) worried about the consequences. This article inspired me to think differently as I'm sure it did to others as well.

Sarah Andersen, English major

In response to the Nov. 1 opinion story "Suffragettes: Bane of housewives, blessing to career-minded":

As a young woman with a stay-at-home illustration job, I was appalled to read Kristen Pearson's article.

I believe she slept through her history classes because her dream of being a stay-at-home mother in the 1800s left out several gruesome details.

Did she know she would be married at 16 to a man over 40? Did she know her "education" would be equivalent to an eighth-grader's? Did she know she would hold no rights in the eyes of the law? If her husband died, her only choice would be to remarry immediately since she couldn't own her home or run her husband's bank account.

All of these facts assume Kristen would be of the gentry, but most likely her stay-at-home life would include 14 hours a day at a textile mill or in a coal mine. It was only because of a proper education and increased women's rights that we were able to escape that drudgery.

Women can now work at any job they choose, own a business, own a home, drive a car, vote and all around choose how to run their lives. I'm ashamed to hear of an educated young woman who wants nothing more than to run the vacuum cleaner.

The modern day stay-at-home moms I know do not relinquish their hard-won rights or their sense of self-worth. They are strong, powerful females who have made an active choice to enrich the lives of their children. There is nothing easy about that choice, or that life, but they certainly do not wish for the days before women's rights.

After all, if we had never won our rights, there would be no soccer moms, because there would be no women drivers.

Megan Eckman

In response to the Oct. 21 opinion story "What is the price of Tommie Smith's legacy?":

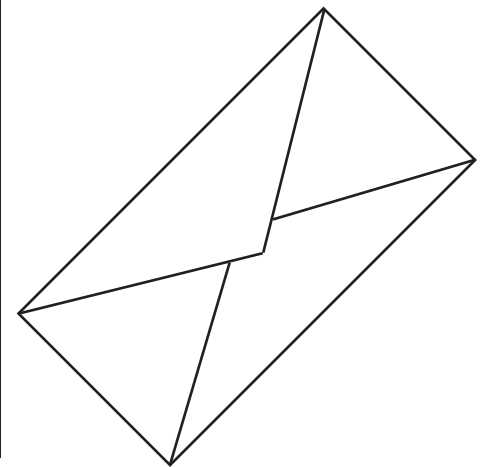
It's a shame that SJSU alumni activist Tommie Smith is selling his 1968 Olympic gold medal, and while I agree that a gold medal is something you should hold on to, I disagree when you say "clearly Smith does not feel that way."

We need money in order to survive. Food and shelter are not free. When people are financially unstable they will do what it takes to make money so they can pay their bills and buy their groceries, even if it means selling something like a gold medal.

Maybe that medal means the world to Smith, maybe he really doesn't want to give it up, but that's the only way that he is able to get some quick cash to survive.

If you were low on cash and desperately needed money, what would you do? Would you risk not being able to pay your bills or not buying groceries, or would you sell a precious item so you can eat another day?

Jamie Falkenhainer, mathematics major



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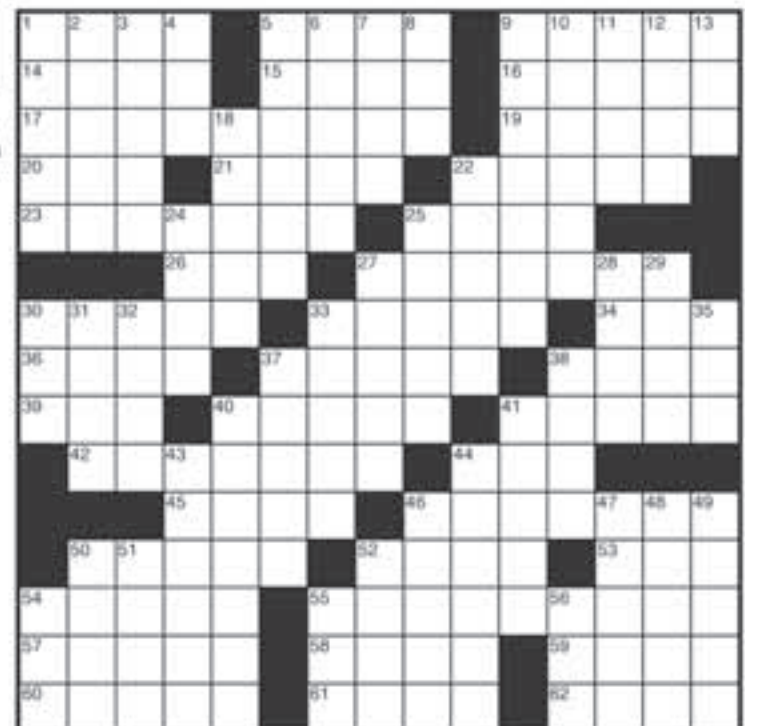
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Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- Dynamite detonator
 - Flower holder
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 - Lab compound
 - Villain's work
 - Pounces
 - Bulletin board item
 - Tail tales
 - Frozen Wasser
 - Superman's girl
 - Sen. Kefauver
 - Floppy-eared pooch
 - Look over to rob
 - FedEx rival
 - Word-for-word
 - Keeps informed
 - Flutters
 - Wiedersehen
 - Singer Tori
 - Blues street
 - Michigan neighbor
 - Edge
 - First-magnitude star
 - Outmoded
 - Multiplex
 - Peach center
 - Two-BR units
 - Godzilla or Rodan
 - Harsh-sounding
 - Stolen goods
 - Bravo, in Barcelona
 - Souvenir
 - Swim, after a fashion (hyph.)
 - Willow shoot
 - Feverish chill
 - Poet's tributes
 - Buckle down
- DOWN**
- Gala events
 - Out of it
 - March composer
 - Horror-film street
 - Turns down
 - Do the trick
 - Urges Fido on
 - Taiga animal
 - Homer's seafarer
 - Less messy
 - Give a darn
 - RN assistants
 - Dangerous curve
 - Objects on radar
 - Down the hatch
 - Weirdos
 - Polite
 - Kind of printer
 - Contented murmurs
 - Tiant or Aparicio
 - Soulmate
 - Not mention
 - Former frosh
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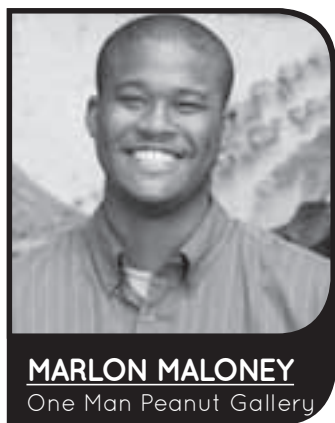


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MARLON MALONEY
One Man Peanut Gallery

Celebrities are people we fawn over as though they're God's gift to us, ignoring all their inadequacies in favor of idolization.

Every day another one of them does something inane or idiotic and we, Hollywood's loyal subjects, eat it up.

Kanye West sends nude pictures to Playgirl, Lindsay Lohan's snorting something again, Mel Gibson made another racist or sexist comment. Hey, cool the Kardashians have their own credit card brand and ...

Wait, what was that last one?

MasterCard and the Kardashians are teaming up to provide a prepaid credit card aimed at teenagers to teach them how to manage their money.

Right. Because the Kardashians are the first thing I think of when talking about money management.

They're the picture of thrifty spending.

The same people who promote nothing but living a life of luxury on their TV show are jumping into the prepaid credit card game in order to "provide people with something where they could learn their budgets," as Kim Kardashian so eloquently put it.

The goal is to allow parents to monitor their children's spending, according to a New York Post article.

The Kardashians have their names on more products than the amount of times Charlie Sheen has been to rehab.

Aptly titled the Kardshian Kard, this so-called money management card seems to be everything but what it's advertised as. Take a look at the website for all the "savings" that await those who sign up.

For 12 months of service, users will be charged \$99.95 for purchase of the card, and after this initial period a monthly charge of \$7.95 will be assessed to the account linked to the card. That's an awful lot of money

to pay to have the Kardashians grace my credit card.

Making a withdrawal from an ATM incurs a charge of \$1.50 plus the normal ATM charge, while adding money to the card costs \$1. Even canceling this hellacious credit card costs \$6. Need help with that? Better not call the live Service Care Center operator, it'll cost another \$1.50.

I think I've made my point. Can you imagine the teens who have control over their own bank accounts? MasterCard promotes a feature that allows cardholders to replenish their card's funds on their cell phones.

I guess the goal is to have teens go through the experience of bankruptcy at an early age and hope they remember it for the rest of their lives. Ultimately, this credit card is MasterCard's way of bilking parents and teens into one of the worst "money management" deals available today.

MasterCard and banks are feeling the effects of the recent onslaught of legislation that has hindered their usual tactics. It has become far less

easy to rake in the dough by charging people more than a loan shark for one missed payment, along with a profusion of other underhanded practices.

Some things just aren't meant to go together: rock stars and cocaine, the "nice guy" and any woman he loves, and teenyboppers with credit cards. Kim Kardashian should stick to putting her name on everything that people put on their credit cards, rather than her name.

There are plenty of better options out there if parents want to teach their children the importance of monetary care. I hear talking to them might work, keep them on that whole allowance thing that worked for generations or how about doing some research before signing up? Looking at secured credit cards is a great place to start.

I guess what I'm saying is let's not allow the people of Hollywood, who continuously prove themselves to be unworthy of our unwavering adulation, sway our decision making when it comes to our youth or our money.

"One Man Peanut Gallery" is a biweekly column appearing on Wednesdays. Marlon Maloney is the Spartan Daily Opinion Editor.

“There are plenty of better options out there if parents want to teach their children the importance of monetary care.”

Four Loko's national infamy

Is media coverage making the drink more popular?

It is no wonder that people are getting "loked up" across the country.

Designed to look more like an energy drink than a malt beverage, Four Loko is the new "it" drink.

At \$2.50 a pop it is the recession-proof way to get a buzz on and finish that 12-page paper you waited until the last minute to write.

Four Loko has made headlines over the last couple of months and not in a good way.

In October, the Huffington Post reported that nine freshmen from Central Washington University were hospitalized after a rage session involving the drink.

Michigan has banned Four Loko and ABC News reported that several states are making moves to ban the drink as well.

I think all of the hype surrounding Four Loko is a little dramatic and I think banning it is a little drastic.

With all of this fanfare it was obvious that I had to jump on the Four Loko bandwagon, solely for journalistic purposes of course.

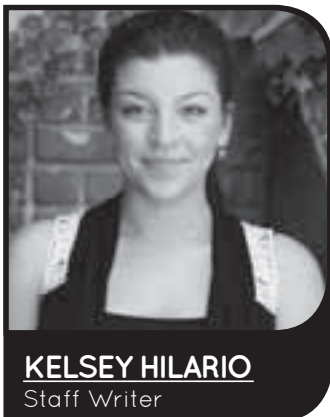
Before risking my life for the cause I decided to do some Youtube research:

I came across everything from a Four Loko rap, a guy beer-bonging two cans and too many overweight men proud of how fast they can chug a can.

The more my friends and family begged me not to put my life on the line the stronger the urge became to try it.

My opportunity finally came last Wednesday night. I ventured into the 7/11 next to campus and purchased the fruit punch-flavored Four Loko with much encouragement from the man behind the counter.

Together with some of my friends, I cracked open my ice-cold "black-out in a can."



KELSEY HILARIO
Staff Writer

It was bubbly and so sweet that it was disgusting — just the way I had imagined it to be.

Before I go any farther I am going to admit that I did not drink the entire thing.

The 23.5-ounce can was just too much to sip and it became evident why there are so many Youtubers out there who love to chug it.

My poor taste buds could not differentiate the taurine, guarana and caffeine from the malt beverage part and I do not like being confused.

Maybe this was a cop-out and I had psyched myself out with all of the hoopla and controversy about it.

All I know is that I was happy to share my Four Loko with all. I will say this — I did not feel intoxicated or energized from the amount I drank.

The sugar made me feel nauseous and I knew if I drank the entire thing it was going to get ugly — real ugly.

I also realized that the thrill of getting drunk off a drink that cost \$2.50 wore off about four years ago and it is not a deal that gets me excited.

When it comes to saving money I will stick to happy hour and drinking wine on my couch. I will leave the gimmicky drinks to my younger counterparts.

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Turnitin.com: A tool or a crutch?



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With the prevalent use of the Internet today, I believe it is perfectly acceptable for professors to use Turnitin.com.

As long as they use it responsibly.

When researching a topic for a paper, students are using more and more information from the web, making it harder to determine whether a source is credible or not.

On the Internet virtually anyone can publish information, and when a person types

in a topic, the most popular sites are listed higher as opposed to the most scholarly.

And, when information is not written by an expert on a subject, the writing style would tend to be casual.

If a student, for example, copied a passage from a Charles Dickens book, a professor would know right away that it was not the student's original idea.

For one, a modern student would not likely write in Dickens' style, and two, the professor would probably be familiar with the text and know from which book it came from.

But if a student copied from someone's blog, for instance, the style might be more in line with how a student would express his or her thoughts, and therefore be a bit tougher for professors to catch.

On top of this, computers have the ability to copy any text and put it somewhere else.

Combined with the abundant availability of texts that would not appear to be beyond students' scopes, copy and pasting provides a good reason for professors to implement the use of Turnitin.

A trick students might try is copying a piece of text and then changing a few words in order to call it their own.

Turnitin will still show that the sentence strongly resembles another sentence. While I believe professors are perfectly justified in using Turnitin to reinforce their evaluations of students' papers, there is the possibility for misuse of the service.

Professors should not be using Turnitin to make their jobs easier by relying on it to make a determination of whether a student plagiarized or not.

Professors should still dedicate their time and concentration to examining and grading papers, and then check Turnitin to see if it agrees with their assessment.

If they find exact matches in Turnitin's breakdown of the text, then they should go back to the student's paper and use their own judgment as to why the text is an exact match.

Maybe a student properly attributed a quote and put the sentence in quotation marks?

If a professor were to solely look at the percentage of copied material displayed on Turnitin's analysis page, they might miss the fact that the material was properly attributed.

On the other hand, if a professor were to just check to see that all of the copied material was quoted, they might forget that the goal of a paper is for students to express their understanding of a topic through the use of their own words.

A student might have paragraphs of text that has been copied, but they attribute it and put it in quotes.

While the student isn't claiming it is their own work, they still aren't doing what the assignment is asking them to do.

Another reason for professors to be cautious in their use of Turnitin is there have been some experiments done that show Turnitin isn't always reliable.

There were times where it wasn't able to identify material as being plagiarized and other instances where it said text was an exact match when it wasn't.

The bottom line is Turnitin is a good tool for professors to utilize in order to reinforce their determinations, but a tool is not a substitute for human experience and judgment.

“Professors should not be using Turnitin to make their job easier ...”

King Library's Center for Beethoven Studies celebrates its 25th anniversary with special exhibit

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The Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies' "25 Treasures for 25 Years Exhibit" has first editions, a lock of hair, authentic portraits, an original copy of a death announcement and more on display to commemorate the center's 25th anniversary through Dec. 11.

Located in the Beethoven Center and Special Collections Exhibit Hall in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, the center is a combination of the American Beethoven Society and the university according to Donna Rennie, docent and trained volunteer.

Junior photography major Brittany Lentz said the dean of the social science department took her on a tour to see interesting sights on campus and the center was one of them.

"It was cool and interesting," she said. "They had a lock of his hair, I thought that was funny. It was fun to see all of the pianos."

The newest exhibition is curated by William Meredith, director of the Beethoven Center, and Curator Patricia Stroh.

In the winter 2010 issue of "The Beethoven Journal," edited by Meredith, he stated from the journal that the center originated in Ira F. Brilliant's gift of 80 first editions.

The second treasure in the exhibit is all of the first edition works of Beethoven's compositions.

Rennie explained that a first edition is the first set of prints off the press that have been copied from an original manuscript.

"We decided that the best way to celebrate the center's 25th anniversary was to create an exhibit of 25 of our most significant treasures," Meredith stated.

The 25 treasures can be found in the center, but photos and full descriptions can also be found in a \$15 issue of the journal.

One of the many artifacts is treasure 12: The Guevara lock of Beethoven's hair from

1827. It is a significant piece because according to the journal, several medical tests have been conducted on the strands from Guevara's portion of the hair.

"The only thing it really showed was high levels of lead — it did not show that he was diseased, he didn't have syphilis, he did not have opiates in his system," Rennie said. "What they found were these high levels of lead ... most people of that day had high levels of lead because of the goblets — all of the drinking instruments had lead in them."

Rennie said on the 25th anniversary the center owns 349 first editions and over 2,800 early editions.

"The heart of the Beethoven Center is its collection of first and early editions which began with the 75 first editions given to us, given to the University, by Ira Brilliant who founded the center in 1985," she said.

Treasure three is his books, which English antiquarian dealer Richard Macnutt assembled before the center's opening, according to the journal.

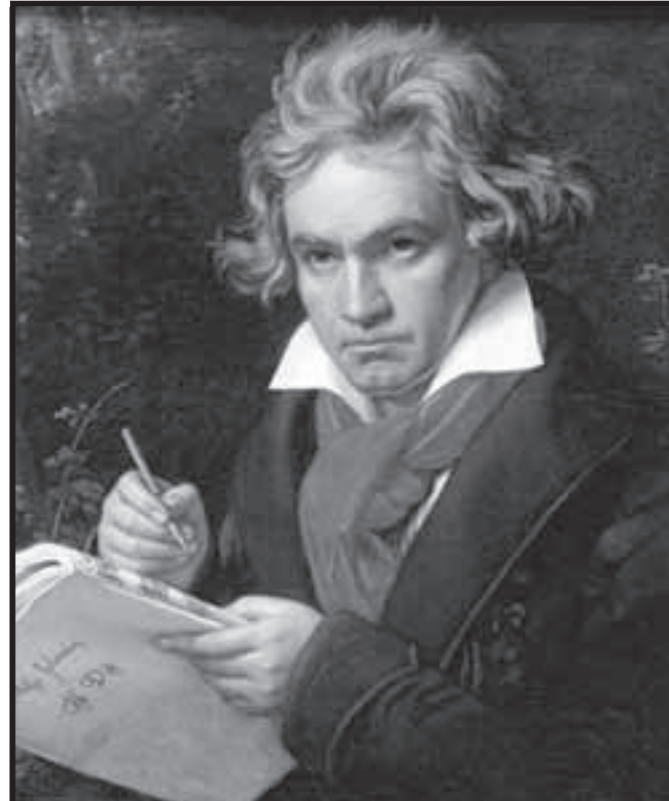
"There is an original copy of a book written in German, which has the first (printed) mention of Beethoven ever," Rennie said.

Treasures 23, 24 and 25 are all fortepianos purchased with donations from various philanthropists, including Ira Brilliant himself.

Ken Rosener, a junior computer science major, said a fortepiano is just a piano, but the name has been abbreviated over the years to piano.

"Piano means soft, forte means loud," he said. "I have been playing the piano for 14 years. I would go to the event, it just depends on when it is."

Rennie said the center has a lot of beautiful instruments.



The Beethoven Center brought 25 treasures to the Special Collections Exhibit Hall in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

The drawing is a copy of a lost original painting of Beethoven by the Danish painter Christian Hornemann, according to the journal.

Another lock of Beethoven's hair, cut from his head by Anton Schindler in Vienna on March 24, 1827, two days before the composer died and mailed in a letter to Ignaz Moscheles, is also part of this treasure.

The final additions to this newly acquired piece are leaves from Beethoven's original grave in Währing near Vienna. They were picked on Dec. 6, 1852, and signed by George Doane.

Only a small fraction of what is on display has been mentioned, and Stroh urges students to come and see the whole exhibit — including all of the original Beethoven manuscripts being displayed at the same time — before Dec. 11.

"This is quite special," Stroh said. "We have taken up all of the exhibit space — some pieces have never been on display. There may not be another opportunity to see all of it for a long time. We want people to know this isn't just a place that has some dusty old scores."

In addition to supporting the center by taking a tour, making a donation or volunteering, one can also become a member of the society that keeps the center running.

"You can become a member of the American Beethoven Society to support the young Beethoven pianists concert, for a student, \$25," she said.

According to a flier, the subscription ranges in price from \$35 for teachers to \$1,000 for a member who would be giving an "Emperor" donation.

"And you get these beautiful journals twice a year," Rennie said. "And all of the old issues are displayed in the center."

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