Activists to protest recent staff layoffs

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Gilbert Villareal, a union representative and SJSU employee, said the SJSU employment union is organizing a protest at the Student Union Amphitheater at 11:30 a.m. today in response to the announced 76 layoffs.

“We’d like to show our campus administration to make our presence known on campus,” Villareal said.

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Junior psychology major Cecilia Lopez said she worries how all the work will get done. “I wonder how all the work will get done,” she said.

Villareal said employees of a union bargaining unit are constantly trying to find solutions for those being laid off.

“We, as the union, are not just going to be given our notice without putting up a fight,” he said.

Roughly half of the laid off employees were union members, Villareal said.

Union employee layoffs consisted of 23 administrative support assistants and 13 administrative support coordinators, he said.

Sloan said reassignment is a total change of the paradigm of what it is like to work for the university.

“There was a few people reassigned here and there, but now this kind of thing is happening on a massive scale,” he said.

Sloan said it is a big change for staff members who have worked in one department to go to another.

“In my opinion, you are going to see people who are retiring because they don’t want to be reassigned,” he said.

Larry Curt, associate vice president for public relations, said the university previously used temporary measures such as furloughs to deal with the lack of state funding, but now needs to lay off employees.

Cherelle Cruz, a junior interior design major, said she feels the layoffs are a drastic cut into higher education.

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Tuscan gold. “It’s well worth the asking price of $300,000,” she said. “There’s nothing else like it in the neighborhood, with solar panels and design to keep utility bills at a minimum.”

Pfeiffer and Schiavo will also be remembered for his fight with the city not to pay his garbage bill, as most of his garbage went into his compost heap to fertilize his organic garden.

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“We all miss him and his humility and sense of humor,” Ralston said.

“He made learning fun and he was really as a master’s student at San Francisco State University, where I expected that I would write the great American novel,” Cahill said.

“Hearing him speak makes me realize where it comes from, because he writes a lot like he speaks. So, reading his books feels very personal,” Geoffrey Fowler said.

Cahill said his first entry into professional writing was an article about turkey vultures for the San Francisco Examiner. “I started my career at the San Francisco Chronicle, even though he had no journalistic experience,” Cahill said. “I think American literature that is about outdoor writing,” Cahill said. “It’s the humorous writer. His writing is really fun.”

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“If (people) feel it’s something they need to express themselves, they should have the right, as long as it’s not severely offending somebody, because somebody else is always going to be offended.”

**Raffey Nanquil**
Junior, Kinesiology

“To be honest, I don’t consider myself a religious person... but religion is very important, because it separates people from each other. That’s what shapes communities.”

**Justin Dizon**
Freshman, Nursing

“To me, it gives you something to rely on. I always feel that I have something to fall back on and, like, somewhere to go. Whenever you feel lost, you can always just turn to your god, or whatever deity you believe in.”

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“These are the people who help us with our careers,” she said. “What is going to happen to the quality of our education now?”

Carr said expression of free speech is something that is encouraged on campus, for employees and students, and that having an open dialogue is fair.

“The university is going through a process of looking through priorities as we shrink in size,” he said.

Carr said the university did what was necessary to not cut directly into classes. He said President Jon White more spent April 24 in Sacramento, advocating for more money for higher education.

Villareal said he would be going out and collecting information from union employees to use in future bargaining efforts. He said the bargaining unit team and organizing units from throughout the state will attend the protest.

“At the protest, speakers will include the California State University union president, union organizers and bargainers,” Villareal said.

He said the speakers’ goal will be to bring awareness about the unemployment rate in the state of California.

“It seems like cuts just get deeper and deeper,” said junior nutrition major Marissa Alava. “I just don’t know how much more they can cut.”

Villareal said the union will go into full-contract negotiations in June 2011.
The Boccardo Business Complex, as can be seen today, is home to SJSU's College of Business. According to the book "San Jose State University: An Interpretive History 1945-2000," by James Walsh, the Business Complex was built in 1975 as part of a massive move- ment of expansion that began in the early '70s. The cost of construction for the new building was $4,357,000, according to the college's website. According to Walsh's book, during the first 10 and 15, even the non-sexy stuff, HVAC to the structural walls in the building was replaced. So, it didn't look like the same building anymore, Fimbel said.

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It’s put up or shut up time for Sharks in matchup vs. Wings

All it takes is one moment. Down two games to one, the San Jose Sharks were in sudden-death overtime against the Colorado Avalanche in the first round of the NHL’s Stanley Cup Playoffs. A Colorado goal would have put the Sharks in a huge hole, a deficit they probably wouldn’t have been able to overcome. But San Jose’s forward Joe Pavelski seized the moment, beating Avalanche goalie Craig Anderson, saving the Sharks’ season.

Two games later, the Sharks advanced into the second round, eliminating the Avalanche in the sixth game of a brutal series.

The Sharks will start a new series tonight against the Detroit Red Wings, who finished an equally tough series by defeating the Phoenix Coyotes in the decisive seventh game Tuesday.

Most Sharks fans will remember San Jose being eliminated by the Wings three years ago in six games.

One moment changed that series as well. With Detroit down two games to one in Game 4, Detroit’s defenseman Mathieu Schneider scored an overtime goal that changed the complexion of the series. The Wings went on to dominate the next two games, leaving Sharks fans questioning the mental acuity of their team.

Those questions have grown into demands. If the Sharks don’t win this series, you can expect major changes to the organization.

The Sharks have invested heavily in their top three forwards, Joe Thornton, Patrick Marleau and Dany Heatley. The trio produced one goal and a plus/minus rating of -7 against Colorado.

Last year against the Anaheim Ducks, Thornton and Marleau were dominated by forwards Ryan Getzlaf and Corey Perry. Simply put, the Sharks’ best regular season players have been their worst players in the playoffs.

In contrast, the one constant for the Wings is the play of their top players. Henrik Zetterberg had six goals and five assists and Pavel Datsyuk had five goals and three assists in the Wings series victory against the Coyotes.

Datsyuk and Zetterberg are one of the top playoff duos in the NHL, which is evident by them leading the Wings to a Stanley Cup in 2008 and a runner-up finish in 2009.

The biggest change from the Detroit team that hoisted the cup and this one is the experience between the pipes. In 2008, Detroit rode veteran goalie Chris Osgood’s hot play to a championship. Now, the Wings are led by talented rookie goalie Jimmy Howard, whose inconsistent play almost cost the Wings in the first round.

If the Sharks can crash the net and frustrate the rookie, they could advance past their Western Conference rivals.

If the Wings can shut down the Sharks top line like the Avalanche did, they will easily march into the next round.

My heart says the Sharks will win, but my head says Detroit will prevail.

When Thornton, Marleau and Heatley are at their best, they are capable of carrying the Sharks to a Stanley Cup. At any moment, they could flip the switch and play like the all-stars they are and become Howard’s worst nightmares.

Will they seize the moment? They’d better, or else they may not be wearing teal and black next year and the Sharks will be watching the rest of this year’s playoffs from home.
Land of the semi-free

Being brown-skinned is now illegal in the state of Arizona.
The new anti-immigration law, signed into law by Gov. Jan Brewer last week, requires police or other government offi-
cials to detest the immigration of an individual if "reasonable suspicion exists that the person is unlawfully present in the United States."

If you so look Latino, you must carry documentation that you are a U.S. citizen at all times or you can be booked with a misdemeanor.

In news releases, Brewer stated in all caps that she will not tolerate racial profiling or discrimina-
tion, but this law is discriminatory at its base.

The law states that race, color or national ori-
tion will not be taken into account, but how else does one suspect a person isn't legally in the Unit-
ated States?
Pima County Sheriff Clarence Dupin has no answer to how he can enforce the law.

In an Arizona Daily Star article, he quoted as saying the law is "racist" and a "national embar-
assment."

He said that if he enforces the law, his depart-
ment will be in danger of getting sued for racial profiling if he doesn’t do it, the sheriff’s office could be held for not following the law.

According to an article from the Associated Press, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder is con-
 sidering challenging the legality of the new law, and so is Arizona Attorney General Tom Horne, both Holider and Homeland Security Secretaty Janet Napolitano criticized the law.

At a town hall meeting in Phoenix, President Ba-
 rad Obama said, "This law’s poorly conceived."

"But you can imagine, if you are a Hispanic-American in Arizona — your great-grandparents may have been here before Arizona was even a state," Obama said. "But now, suddenly, if you don’t have your papers and you took your kid out to get ice cream, you’re going to be harassed."

One thing the law doesn’t mention is language. Arizona Daily Star columnist Tommy Wright friends, I’m sorry."

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Working toward a civilization has become a burden. Going to school full time, working part time and doing society expects of me are tedious obligations.

My awakening was in-
spired by the words of Christopher McCandless, "A career is a 21st-century invention, and I don’t want one."

McCandless, also known as Alexander Supertramp, was an Emory University graduate who decided to erase his identity and ven-
ture out into the Alaskan wilderness.

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March 25, 1975. That is the date that defined the lives of millions of Vietnamese families, including my own.

On April 30, 1975, the North Vietnamese Communist party captured Saigon, the capital of South Vietnam. With each day that passed, our escape from the country became more critical. For their family, it was a question of能否 survive the next few hours. A few hours later, they would be able to escape and start a new life elsewhere.

Vietnam fell to the communists on April 30, 1975, after the communists captured Saigon, the capital of South Vietnam. The fall of South Vietnam ended a war that had torn the country apart. Millions of lives were lost, and millions more were displaced as people fled the country. The fall of Saigon marked the end of the Vietnam War and the beginning of a new era for Vietnam and its people.
A chocolate breakfast sandwich being grilled and prepared in the kitchen.

Ashley Finden

My favorite breakfast bread is banana bread, and I still have the bread, yet I do not know what to do with it. I just put some olive oil in a Techni-Dish and threw it in the oven, the mini pizzas were done cooking.

The fish fell apart whenever my fork touched it—apparently meaning the fish was completely cooked. I poured the sauce over the fish and BAM!

The fish was OK, but I looked for the sauce. Who knew, I go to culinary school one day.

Day 2 (Sunday):

Breakfast — English muffin breakfast pizza

Thankfully, the ingredients were all things I had at home, except for the tomatoes that were conveniently sold at the farmers market.

This was the easiest meal I made during the whole weekend — thank goodness.

I crooked and chopped some homegrown basil, cut an English muffin in half, put diced tomatoes on it, pinned some of the chopped basil on top of that and added some cheese. The recipe called for mozzarella, but I did not have any, so I used cheddar.

After a few minutes in the oven, the mini pizzas were done.

Not the best, but not the worst breakfast I have had — they were light, crunchy and easy to prepare.

My only complaint was that the breakfast pizza lacked a bit in flavor—nothing stood out.

Lunch — Bean Burger

It’s exactly what it sounds like—a burger made of beans.

I wanted to try a vegetarian meal, so I looked up recipes that I already managed to do at home, so I found a recipe for a bean burger out of black beans.

Instead of using a typical vegetable smasher to mash the beans, I used my hands. It was a different way to prepare food.

After mixing the mashed black bean mixture, I added seasoned onions, garlic, pepper and salt.

Once those were all combined, I added flour to help shape the bean mix into a patty. Grill it and it was done. My first bite left me pleasantly surprised.

So here is my adventure of how I purchased the food and what I ate. Though these foods may be familiar to some, they are different for me personally.

Day (Saturday):

I woke up and went to the farmers market at West Valley College in Saratoga, on Fruitvale and Alum Rock avenues.

I never been to a farmers market before, and I thought this would be a hit. It was actually pretty fun. I enjoyed looking around at all the flowers and food, and I was able to get a majority of my groceries at a cheaper rate than the grocery store.

I also get to sample some foods from the vendors, such as a dip similar to hummus with a light cheese-and-pepper flavor.

This is my adventure at the farmers market’s, I went home and cooked breakfast. I knew all of the meals I was going to have this day and gathered the recipes from the Internet—thank you, Google.

Breakfast — Chocolate breakfast sandwiches

This was one of my favorite breakfasts. The only ingredients for this recipe that I didn’t have at the farmers market were some chocolate chips that I really had.

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Steam fish in the dishwasher was much easier than people might think. I just tightly wrap the fish in aluminum foil and plop it into the dishwasher on normal cycle.

While I waited, I made the sauce. It was easy enough to make and add corn to the meal. What I ate. Though these foods were different for me personally, I wanted to try a vegetarian meal, so I looked up recipes that I already managed to do at home, so I found a recipe for a bean burger out of black beans.

Alternative eats: Thinking outside the fast food box

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Steam fish in the dishwasher was much easier than people might think. I just tightly wrap the fish in aluminum foil and plop it into the dishwasher on normal cycle.

While I waited, I made the sauce. It was easy enough to make and add corn to the meal. What I ate. Though these foods were different for me personally, I wanted to try a vegetarian meal, so I looked up recipes that I already managed to do at home, so I found a recipe for a bean burger out of black beans.

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