Students march during the International Parade carrying flags representing countries around the world Monday.
SJSU students heading to China during winter break

By Kyle Szymanski

Thirty SJSU students will be spending a portion of their winter break in China after a Chinese official followed through with a promise she made to President Jon Whitmore after she visited SJSU.

Chinese State Councilor Mme. Liu Yandong agreed to set up a trip for SJSU students to go to China after she visited the campus on April 21.

“It’s a global world, so to learn about China is to learn about one of the leading countries in the world, along with the United States,” said Mark Novak, associate vice president for international and extended studies.

She came to talk with university officials about U.S.-China relations regarding education, technology and science.

“She was so pleased with the program here that we have for Chinese students and Chinese professionals that she approached the president after her visit and said she would like to offer a special opportunity to our students,” Novak said.

Shortly after she visited, Novak said he received a letter from the Chinese Consulate informing him that the trip was scheduled to take place during SJSU’s winter break.

Every college on campus chose four students to attend the trip using various methods, such as interesting students and making potential candidates write essays. Novak said participants will leave on Dec. 28, and will remain in China until Jan. 15.

The 30 SJSU students will be accompanied by 50 students from Cornell University.

Students will learn about Chinese culture, art, history and literature by visiting Beijing and Shanghai, Novak said.

He said students will also attend Zhejiang University in Hangzhou. At the university, students will be introduced to Chinese history and culture through a series of lectures and will learn a small amount of the Chinese language, Novak said.

“It’s an extraordinary opportunity to learn about that country and its diverse experiences with Chinese colleagues and with one another,” he said.

Whitmore said the trip will benefit students by allowing them to learn from one another.

“It’s a wonderful opportunity for students from multiple disciplines to be afforded the opportunity to spend a significant time in China learning,” Whitmore said.

Students will only have to pay half the price of airfare and the price of the Chinese visa. All other expenses on the trip will be paid for by the Chinese government.

“It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend a high-ranking university for an immersion program in Chinese culture where the Chinese government will be treating our students like honored guests,” Novak said.

Campus Voices

by John Le, Cecilia Wong, Marc Mayo, Amelia Robinson, Sean Sampson, Asha Sadhan

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It’s helped me see how different cultures are and not just be associated with white people. It helps you see how everyone is created equal and seeing how many different diversities there are going on, on campus.

Going to a diverse school has given me a positive experience, because I was exposed to different cultures and with that, it definitely prepares me to work with any diverse company.

In celebration of International Week, how has going to school on a diverse campus affected you?

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First of all, I don’t think this is a diverse campus. How did you come up with the idea that it’s diverse? Most of the people I see are white, Indian and some Asians. So I don’t see Europeans around, maybe just a little bit.
“Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2” is a first-person shooter (FPS) game that immerses players in a war-torn Russia, set during the days leading up to the 2002 invasion of Afghanistan by the United States and its allies. The game follows the story of a member of an elite special forces group who attempts to stop a rogue general from starting a world war.

The gameplay mechanics of “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2” are designed to provide players with a variety of options. Players start with a basic set of weapons and abilities, and as they progress through the game, they can unlock new weapons, equipment, and perks. The game features multiple game modes, including single player and multiplayer campaigns, as well as various multiplayer servers such as “Zombies.”

The single-player campaign is divided into several missions, each of which takes place in a different location around the world. The missions are designed to be challenging and require players to use their knowledge of the environment and their skills to complete objectives.

The multiplayer aspect of “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2” is also highly popular, with many players competing for rank, achievements, and leaderboards. The multiplayer modes include classic modes such as Team Deathmatch and Capture the Flag, as well as unique modes such as “Zombies.”

The game’s graphics are highly detailed and realistic, with dynamic lighting and environments that change based on the player’s actions. The sound design is also impressive, with authentic weapon fire and explosive sound effects that add to the immersion.

“Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2” received critical acclaim for its high-quality graphics, realistic gameplay, and engaging story. It was also highly successful commercially, becoming the best-selling game of 2009 and a cultural phenomenon.

Despite its popularity, “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2” has also been controversial. The game has been criticized for its violent content and for its depiction of military and nationalistic themes. However, the game has also been praised for its attention to detail and its ability to provide a realistic portrayal of contemporary warfare.

In conclusion, “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2” is a highly successful and critically acclaimed game that has had a significant impact on the video game industry. The game’s combination of immersive gameplay, high-quality graphics, and engaging story has made it a favorite among players and has contributed to its widespread popularity.
Pastor

By Jhenene Louis
Staff Writer

Ann Lucas, chair of the justice studies department and assistant dean for the School of Justice Studies, passed away in January. She was 58 years old. Lucas was the SJSU department chair and was employed at SJSU for 19 years.

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Lucas was a graduate coordinator in jurisprudence and legal policy. She had a master’s degree in jurisprudence and legal policy and a Ph.D. in justice studies. She was a prolific writer and had several publications to her name.

Lucas was born in the Philippines and moved to the United States when she was 21 years old. She was a graduate of Stanford University and a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley.

Lucas was a fierce advocate for diversity and inclusion. She was a strong supporter of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, which she helped establish at SJSU.

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Lucas was loved by all who knew her. She was a beloved figure on campus and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.
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Holding yourself to a lesser standard

By Adam Murphy

Murphy's Law

The Congressional Record is kind of a guide for what goes on in Congress. What I love about it is — you always know that there are at least 50 people at the microphone at any given time. So you can kind of tell how important a bill is — that Fort Hood could have been avoided.

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Americans eat 25 pounds of candy, per person, per year. The people of Denmark eat 36 pounds of candy per person, per year.
University aims to limit water waste

By Ben Cadena

Recent rains have allowed SJSU groundskeepers to conserve water while maintaining the green luster of the campus lawns, a grounds manager said.

"The two-and-one-half inches of rain last month replenished the aquifer and allowed almost the entire campus to be watered without the university’s water bill," said Paul Bueno, the main campus grounds manager. "We said the rain also reduced water usage.

"We’re also using slow-release fertilizer throughout the winter and mulching with the cut grass later, so the usage of water is minimized."

"Turf can get very thirsty in the summer," he said. "There were some dry brown spots, but they have been treated and patched, and the rain helped re- pair them."

Bueno said he spent 21 years on South Campus taking care of the turf as Spartan Stadium and it is much cheaper than the cost of water from San Jose Water.

Bueno said the beauty of the campus must be maintained to save on fertilizer cost. "The last 10 years have been very dry and was especially so in 2007, when the sequoia men- tal was celebrated, but things change," he said. "Students used to cut across the grass and make parks."

"Grounds crew warnings didn’t work until fifth graders were recruited to make signs saying ‘stay off the grass,’ and those were the things that finally worked.’"

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Nguyen said he uses other Web sites, such as Reddit/Pro- fessor, once a semester, but he said that he could regularly use CampusBuddy.

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"It gets uploaded to CampusBuddy," he said. "The squirrels sometimes see it," he said. "The sprinkler system can be difficult."

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Nguyen said he calls the University Police Department whenever he sees the two riders around campus. "People need to be more responsible and call it in when they see it," he said. "The sprinklers will just be wasting water until we’re really focusing on," he said.