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Sophomore kinesiology major Erin Enguero introduces herself to the Pre-Physical Therapy Club yesterday in front of MacQuarrie Hall. **Photo by Jessica Olthof / Spartan Daily**

Hearst scholar conquered disability

By James Simpson
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Imagine a world where the sounds you hear have no distinction, noises torturing a mind that desperately seeks clarity for a moment that has just passed.

Or voices always loud enough to hear but never close enough to comprehend.

Non-vociferous chatter probably not meant for you but a nagging wonder if it actually was.

That is the reality for 19-year-old sophomore Erin Enguero, a kinesiology major who recently received the William Randolph Hearst CSU scholarship and joint William Hauck trustee award for 2012.

The Hearst scholarship is given to one student at each represented CSU who shows academic excellence while overcoming extreme obstacles in his or her life.

She will receive a total of about \$4,000 towards her education.

Noticed by her doctors at birth and officially diagnosed with bilateral (dual ear) genetic hearing loss at speaking-age, Enguero estimates she has about 50 percent hearing loss.

Growing up as an only child in Fremont, she had her first hearing aid by the fifth grade.

"When I first got my hearing aids, I was looking forward so much to not having to strain to hear what people were saying," Enguero said. "I thought it was going to solve all my problems."

Still in a primitive stage of development, the aids only made things worse, and at an early age she had difficulty learning the ostensibly natural task of deciphering what noises were even relevant to her.

"I found with hearing aids that they amplify things," Enguero said. "They make sounds and voices louder, rather than clarify it. In the classroom you

hear the pencils tapping and papers shuffling, plus the conversations around the room, so I had to differentiate from things I really needed to hear versus the stuff that I didn't."

Her first experiences with hearing aids would lead to a close relationship with Jinea Yoshimura, her audiologist, who has a practice out of Kaiser Permanente in Union City.

It's a mentorship that continues today.

"Erin was really special because she actually was very mature," she said. "She took care of her hearing aids at a super-young age and listened to everything I said and she just went over and above what she had to do."

Yoshimura found it easy to strike up a friendship with a patient so willing to be proactive about her hearing loss.

"Over the years, we just ended up just talking about everyday girl things," Yoshimura said. "She has surpassed and done more than I ever would have expected of her. She's a remarkable person."

It was after a few stressful years with her first hearing aid when Enguero decided to take action.

Starting in junior high, Enguero stood up in front of each of her classes and made early presentations about her condition and got involved with leadership and clubs.

While those went well, some predicaments were still tough on her.

"When you're kind of pushing pre-teen, kids are more social and finding about themselves," Enguero said. "I found myself in situations many times I'll be in a circle of friends but somewhat alone – I'm lost in the loop because I couldn't focus on what anyone was saying."

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CAMPUS

AS inducts new crop of outreach students

New students-at-large to represent AS, listen to campus voices, concerns

By Melanie Martinez
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The Associated Students inducted seven new student-at-large positions yesterday to work with student government committees in efforts to provide outreach to the voices and concerns of students on campus.

Student-at-large positions are available for a variety of committees within the student government system and are held for a year, said Associated Students President Calvin Worsnup.

"It's an opportunity for students to be part of the student government system and to get involved in a simpler way," he said.

Albert Gonzalez, second-year philosophy major, said he was excited to get involved with student government through his work as a student-at-large with the Internal Affairs Committee.

"I want to represent the student body and provide a voice to the students that they don't have," Gonzalez said.

Aside from representing the opinions of students on campus, Gonzalez said he wants to provide fairness and equality to students who may feel their voices are not being heard.

Student-at-large positions not only help branch the government and student voices, but they allow for students who hold these positions to advance their careers, said Marco Galluccio, third-year political science major.

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Albert Gonzalez
philosophy major

"It looks good on a resume and is great experience," he said.

Galluccio was approved as a student-at-large for the Lobby Corps Committee, where he said he will promote voting and education on this year's various propositions.

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Students apply for one of the seven new student-at-large positions in Associated Students. **Photo by Melanie Martinez / Spartan Daily**

LECTURE

UC Berkeley professor explores university crises

By Celeste Lodge
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People wanting to learn about the current struggles of universities can attend a lecture by UC Berkeley sociology professor Michael Burawoy at SJSU today.

The lecture is titled Universities in Crisis: Exploring the way forward and will examine four topics.

Burawoy said he will discuss financial problems of the university and an eroding public faith in the university as an institution.

He will also explore the changing identity of the university system and how it should be governed, according to Burawoy.

Burawoy labels these four crises as budgetary, legitimacy, identity and regulatory.

"The four crises feed into each other so that the university as we knew it has come to an end," Burawoy said. "There is no going back."

He explains how each crisis causes the next.

"The budgetary crisis is a crisis of economic funding," Burawoy said. "It is rooted in a legitimacy crisis."

He said this leads to the school being greatly effected.

"The university as an ideal has lost its credibility as a public good, something that benefits society as a whole in the short term and the long term," he said. "This has the consequence of an identity crisis within the university."

Regarding governance and regulations, he asks if the university should be governed like a private

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EVENTS

Delta Sigma Pi fraternity hosts job fair

By Celeste Lodge
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Students in need of a job or internship can attend the Business Career Fair on Monday Oct. 1.

Delta Sigma Pi, a co-ed professional business fraternity, will host the fair.

The career fair is targeted to business, economics, and hospitality students, according to Ivana Guzman, a fifth-year senior business administration major with a concentration in marketing and vice president of professional activities of Delta Sigma Pi.

Any major can attend the event but the internships and job opportunities are targeted to business,

economics, and hospitality majors, according to Guzman.

"I wanted just a business career fair because I know at the regular career fair, lines are long," Guzman said. "Sometimes you don't get to speak to all the companies that you would like, and it's not that intimate of an interaction."

The companies attending the fair include, Cisco Systems Inc., Juniper Networks, Symantec, new startup company OptTown, and Becker Review.

"This fair is not just for companies," Guzman said. "We want anyone that is willing to give exposure to students and help them in all ties of business practice."

Becker Review is a certified pub-

lic accountant (CPA) program that helps students prepare for the CPA certification test.

"I believe because it's a smaller fair, it will be more intimate and direct," Guzman said. "You will actually get more face time with recruiters and employers."

Cora Kwan, a fifth-year marketing major, said she is the most excited about meeting with Cisco Systems at the fair.

"(I'm looking forward to) exposure to more business-orientated companies rather than engineering companies," Kwan said.

Kwan said she hopes to learn more details of the positions

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ATTRACTIONS

Winchester Mystery House serves 'Fright Nights' spooks

By Natalie Cabral
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Inside a mansion built from obsession, stairs that lead to ceilings and doors that lead to nowhere leave visitors seriously questioning the sanity of the woman who built it.

Some of the legendary Sarah Winchester's antics, were explained amid the clamor of singing zombies and chatty guests seeking paranormal thrills at San Jose Winchester Mystery House Wednesday evening.

The people are great. I had a lady come out of the maze and pee her pants last year.

Ron Silva
security guard for
Winchester Mystery
House

The opening of their second annual Fright Nights attracted about 2,500 guests according to Marketing Coordinator Lindsey Huffman.

"It takes a full year for planning," said Huffman, "but this year it more than doubled in size."

Lines of visitors from all over the San Francisco Bay Area served as proof as they waited eagerly to experience the legend of the Winchester Mystery House for themselves.

The event will continue to run on select dates starting on Sept. 28 until Nov. 3.

To start off, the spooky adventure begins with a less than comfortable self-guided flashlight tour.

Guests of the mansion are given personal flashlights and audio sets describing some of the lore revolving around the house's creation.

Aside from the scattered staff posted around the house to ensure safety, the dark and intricately decorated house is open to anyone willing to face the paranormal head-on.

The mansion's creator, Sarah Winchester, was said to have been haunted by the spirits of those killed by her husband's legendary Winchester rifles.

Haunted by her own series of unfortunate events, Winchester was plagued by depression and a deep sense of guilt according to the attraction's legend.



Lounge horror rock band Monte Revolta & His Band of the Living Dead performed songs from various Halloween-themed movies at the Winchester Mystery House last night. Photo by Natalie Cabral / Spartan Daily

In an effort to please the spirits who haunted her, Winchester began the non-stop construction of her home on South Winchester Boulevard in San Jose in the late 1800's.

The mansion includes everything from a seance room to a room simply filled with various types of glass art windows from Tiffany & Co. of New York.

Winchester's love for the number 13 can also be found around the house in numerous forms as it was said to "ward off the haunted souls."

In her 13 bathrooms there are 13 windows and 13 steps on the stairs leading up to it.

Once intrigued by these tales of spirits and ghosts,

visitors of the house's Fright Nights are eligible to unlimited access including flashlight tours and the Curse of Sarah Winchester Maze with general admission.

According to Huffman, while the flashlight tours still give guests the story behind Winchester's madness, the maze is what truly keeps guests on their toes.

Halloween spirit is in full effect throughout the maze with 110 different costumed characters lurking behind nearly every corner and 30 different horrifying scenes.

For thrill seeker Dana Stokesberry, the maze was exactly what she was looking for.

"It wasn't just scream and jump scare," Stokesberry said. "One guy actually comes up close and blows on you."

Impressed by the makeup of the creepy characters, Stokesberry said the actors were also anything but generic.

According to Huffman, the event was brought to life by Los Angeles companies Imagination Design Works and Sinister Pointe.

Sinister Pointe, a year round haunted attraction and horror production studio, has worked on attractions such as the Queen Mary's Dark Harbor in Long Beach, according to Huffman.

For entertainment, Los Angeles' Monte Revolta and the Zombie Band belted

out classic Halloween tunes while creeping out anyone willing to look close enough.

After two years of witnessing tears and laughs, security guard Ron Silva still believes the best part of the event is the people.

"The people are great," Silva said. "I had a lady come out of the maze and pee her pants last year."

For about \$40, the Winchester Mystery House is open to daring spook lovers this Halloween season.

"How can you beat a haunted house at a real haunted house?" said Huffman.

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EVENT PREVIEW

Dishcrawl and Gogobot get their groove on with K-pop flashmob

By Devon Thames
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Downtown San Jose will dance their hearts out with the first "Gangnam Style" flash mob in the city, on Tuesday Oct. 2 at 7 p.m.

The event will be hosted by internet dining site Dishcrawl.com, based out of Cupertino and travel site Gogobot, located in Menlo Park.

The song, which was released in July of this year, has shot to internet stardom. Its South Korean rapper, Psy, is being called the new "K-pop" (Korean pop) Justin Bieber.

Now with 290,755,987 views on YouTube, as well as appearances on The Today Show and Ellen DeGeneres, the video and its signature "Gangnam dance" has reached popularity as flash mobs around the world have recreated it in various public locations, ranging from Cornell University to Stockholm.

Tracy Lee, the founder of Dishcrawl.com, sees the mob as an opportunity for San Jose residents to get together and have fun while joining in on a growing trend.

"It's not that often that you see people collaborate for something like this," Lee said. "I didn't know how big this was until I noticed that my 16-year-old brother had the video for the dance on his Myspace. It's really bringing people together."

"Gangnam Style," a song quickly rising in popularity around the world, is starting to be described, Lee puts it, as the "the new Macarena."

The company hopes to stand by their principle of providing a new experience for everyone who buys a ticket.

The site also features an instructional video posted for those who would like to learn the "Gangnam Style" dance.

Gogobot and Dishcrawl has partnered with Myth Taverna & Lounge, Firehouse No. 1 and Blush Raw Bar & Lounge as the three restaurant choices for the participants.

We have a lot of travel enthusiasts who enjoy exploring culture (and) this is a great way to get our users out and trying new restaurants.

Connie Chang
Gogobot community
development manager

Two days before the event, ticket holders will be notified of the restaurant location they will be dining at, which will also be the location where their flash mob group will begin.

Following the 7 p.m. dinner, the participants will be

queued with music to start dancing.

Christa Nielsen, an ambassador for Dishcrawl, says the partnership between both companies makes for a perfect social event, citing Gogobot as a great presence in social media.

"It's about keeping up with current trends and right now Gangnam Style is everywhere," Nielsen said.

Connie Chang, the community development manager for Gogobot, describes the partnership with Dishcrawl as a mutual love for their readers and the popular song.

"Dishcrawl has been a popular site and a lot of people have been interested in doing more 'food crawl,'" Chang said, referring to the site's emphasis on food. "We have a lot of travel enthusiasts who enjoy exploring culture (and) this is a great way to get out users out and trying new restaurants."

Participants are encouraged to dress up, mingle, and enjoy great food as they "dress classy and dance cheesy," in true "Gangnam Style."

Those who are interested in participating in the dinner and dancing can visit dishcrawl.com where they can pay \$25 dollars per ticket with credit card.

At the time of print, only 23 tickets remained for the event.

For further information or tickets to participate in the dining event, please visit dishcrawl.com/gangnamsj.

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South Korean rapper Psy's hit single "Gangnam Style" inspired flash mobs all over the world with the music video's famous "Gangnam dance." Photo courtesy of billboard.com

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MEN'S GOLF, 3RD PLACE

SJSU men's golf team records best results in current season

Staff Report

The SJSU men's golf team finished in the top three at the Dash Thomas Memorial in Meridian, Idaho, earlier this week, falling close behind Utah Valley.

The Spartans finished the tournament with a score of 283-284-283-850 (-2), which was the golf team's best result so far this season.

The team shot under par collectively for two of the three rounds, recording six 18-hole scores in red figures, with three in the 60's.

In the first round on Sept. 24, the team scored a one-under par 283, its first under par team score of the season.

It recorded an even-par 284 in the second round, placing the Spartans in fourth place, leading with 38 birdies.

Freshman Cody Blickensderfer scored a 69 (-2) in the first round, a season-low and first score in the 60's. After two rounds, he finished tied

for 20th with a score of 144 (-2).

Senior Connor Covington led the 36-hole individual board with 10 birdies and finished the first day of the event tied for sixth place with a score of 139 (-3).

Covington scored a combined six-under par on the par fives after recording a round of 70 and a round of 69, a career-low.

Juniors Justin Estrada and Daniel Semmler both shot 72-70-142 and tied for 12th place. They both scored par gives at five-under par at the end of the day, placing the Spartans at par-five scoring leaders with -18.

On the final day of the event, the Spartans finished third behind Blickensderfer's four-under round and season-low score of 67. He finished with a score of 69-75-67-211 (-2) and tied for fifth place on the player leader board.

SJSU shot 283-284-283-850 (-2) for the final round, tailing Utah Valley's score of

279-284-286-849 (-3).

The Spartans led the par-five scoring with a combined -25 behind Covington's score of -7 for the entire event.

Covington also shot -2 on par three's and contributed 13 birdies to go along SJSU's tournament leading 55 birdies.

Covington finished tied for 11th place and shot 70-69-74-213.

Semmler and Estrada had similar scores in the third round, shooting 72-70-72-214 (+1) and combined for 23 birdies throughout the event. They finished tied for 15th place.

Washington State took first with a nine-under par 843.

Utah Valley's senior Mason Casper shot a seven-under par 206, earning him the medalist honors.

The SJSU men's golf team will compete in the Alister MacKenzie Invitational on October 15-16 at the Meadow Club in Fairfax, Calif.

Information courtesy of SJSU Athletics.



Freshman Cody Blickensderfer fired season lows of 69 in round one and 67 in round three at the Dash Thomas Memorial in Meridian, Idaho. Photo courtesy of SJSU Athletics

Dash Thomas Memorial Meridian, Idaho, par 71, 13 teams

	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	Place
Cody Blickensderfer	69	75	67	211	T-5th
Connor Covington	70	69	74	213	T-11th
Justin Estrada	72	70	72	214	T-15th
Daniel Semmler	72	70	72	214	T-15th
Taylor Bromley	73	75	72	220	T-37th
TOTALS	283	284	283	850	T-3rd

COMMENTARY

San Francisco shouldn't cry over spilled Melk, could be useful in postseason

By James Simpson
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The milk's gone bad but the San Francisco Giants should still let outfielder Melky Cabrera play.

The Giants are reportedly all set to announce that they are leaving the shamed outfielder off their playoff roster, even though he would be eligible to play in the National League Championship Series — should the club make it that far.

This announcement also undoubtedly ensures Cabrera is not in their plans for 2013 and beyond, given his free agent status after this season.

Surely, the reasoning has to be connected to the surge the Giants have had without Cabrera in the lineup, going 26-12 in his absence.

The Giants are rolling, as they recently clinched the National League West title, laughing off a Yankees-inspired attempt by the Dodgers to contend along the way.

But the playoffs are a different breed and the Giants shouldn't be fooled into thinking that either Cabrera can't help or that they are too disappointed in his behavior to let him play.

Let's face it, yes, Cabrera took drugs to elevate his testosterone and then apparently was fully prepared to sign up for WordPress to fake a website to throw off the investigation.

All that aside, MLB has a clear suspension policy which Cabrera has never fought and abating title race he openly withdrew from unnecessarily.

Let Cabrera serve his suspension and play out the rest of the season he started.

Is he saying and doing all the right things to save face? Possibly.

Cabrera knew the risks but he also knew the rewards, and he's not exactly a trailblazer in the drug department.

I'm not condoning that.

To me, though, it sounds like the Giants organization as a whole are covertly making a statement about their disapproval by shunning him out of the playoff roster.

Which is wrong. What separates him from someone like Guillermo Mota, the Giants relief pitcher who himself is one of the few players in Major League history to be suspended twice for performance-enhancing drugs?

He was suspended 100 games as a member of the Giants, but hey, they sure matched their hand with his against the glass him and waited outside the prison.

What, it wouldn't have made that big of a statement to leave Mota off the roster?

I shouldn't even men-

tion the Barry Bonds saga, which to his credit has never officially failed a drug test, still very much beloved in San Francisco, but virtually nowhere else.

Apparently this time it's big of the Giants to take a stand since they have a lot of money to lose in the milkman euphoria that Cabrera ignited.

I'm not fooled.

Let Cabrera serve his suspension and play out the rest of the season he started.

The Giants could certainly use him, as I trust even an estrogen-fueled Cabrera is certainly capable of hitting .300 going to bat with a No.2 pencil.

And feel free to leave out

the corpse of Aubrey Huff, who has battled personal and professional demons this year but shouldn't be along for this type of ride.

Whatever you do Giants, just let Cabrera play.

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San Francisco Giants' Melky Cabrera blasts a home run in the fourth inning in the MLB All-Star Game on July 10, 2012. Photo by John Sleezer / MCT

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NATIONAL NEWS

Nuclear industry weighed down by its own waste

By Kristi Swartz
McClatchy Tribune

ATLANTA — Just as the nuclear industry is starting to build reactors after a 30-year drought, it faces another dry spell.

The industry thought it had what it needed for its rebirth: federal loan guarantees; a uniform reactor design; a streamlined licensing process. The nightmares from the 1979 partial meltdown at Three Mile Island, 1,000 new safety regulations and cost overruns would be left in the past, industry officials believed.

But what never came together was a long-term plan for how to store the used radioactive fuel. As a result, judges and regulators have slammed the brakes on new reactor projects — with two exceptions.

“Waste is an environmental concern, it’s a public health concern and it’s become a security concern because we live in a different world now,” said Sara Barczak, the high-risk energy director for the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.

Industry officials say there is time — more than 100 years even — until the nation’s power plants run out of room to store the radioactive waste on site. But a federal appeals court ruled in June that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission — the agency charged with making sure utilities build and operate nuclear reactors safely — could no longer say it had reasonable assurance that a long-term waste-management solution would be created. Because of this, the NRC said it will not approve any new projects for now.

This leaves Atlanta-based Southern Co. and South Carolina’s SCANA with the only utilities to win approval to build nuclear reactors from scratch after an almost 30-year gap. Other utilities that have nuclear projects but are further behind in the approval process may face an additional delay of a year or more.

Georgia Power, one of Southern’s utilities in the company’s four-state territory, is building two new reactors at Plant Vogtle with a group of municipal and cooperative electric companies. The \$14 billion expansion of Vogtle, located in Waynesboro, Ga., is one of the largest economic development initiatives in state history. Georgia Power is responsible for \$6.1 billion, which its customers will pay for as part of their monthly utility bills.

While Southern eventually plans to build more reactors

beyond the Vogtle project, that likely won’t happen until the next decade, company executives have said.

“This is an issue of political feasibility,” said Salo Zelermyer, a former Department of Energy lawyer who now is with Bracewell & Giuliani’s environmental strategies group. “You can’t store this waste in a region where there’s intense local opposition to it.”

Efforts were made to find, research and prepare a permanent central repository during the 30-year nuclear hiatus. The federal government planned to start moving used fuel from nuclear plants to Yucca Mountain in Nevada — which scientists had been researching since the 1970s.

The government signed contracts with utilities, including Southern Co., which owns nuclear plants in Georgia and Alabama, to haul the waste there when the repository was supposed to open in 1998. A protracted approval process, environmental questions, lawsuits and mounting political pressure ground the project to a halt in 2010.

President Barack Obama appointed a bipartisan Blue Ribbon Commission to find alternative plans to Yucca Mountain. The commission supported a central repository but suggested the government secure approval from local communities to prevent the same type of backlash that Yucca Mountain received.

“Scientifically, it was a perfectly good site, but politics caught up to it,” said Steven Kraft, a senior director with the Nuclear Energy Institute, a Washington-based policy group for the nuclear industry.

For now, the utilities that own and operate the nation’s 104 reactors house the high-level spent radioactive fuel at the power plants. The rods are first cooled in water and then moved to hardened casks made from massive steel and concrete. At Southern’s reactor sites, the casks are placed above ground in what’s known as independent spent fuel storage installation pads.

Plant Vogtle’s two existing reactors produce power for Georgia Power and the municipal and cooperative utilities. Southern is preparing the site to move the used fuel from large swimming pools into dry cask storage in the next year or so.

Southern’s other nuclear plants, Alabama Power’s Plant Farley and Georgia Power’s Plant Hatch, already load cooled-off fuel rods into dry storage casks.

“It’s kind of like the deficit. Eventually you are going to have to deal with it,” said Glenn Sjoden, a nuclear and radiological engineering professor at Georgia Tech. “It’s not something you can just let sit in your backyard.”

But that’s where the used fuel will sit, in the “backyard” of nuclear plants, likely for several years, because of the federal court ruling.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission recently announced it will start a two-year environmental review of temporary waste storage, even as it refuses to grant permits for any new reactors.

“It doesn’t change anything we’re doing in used fuel management, because we were doing that anyway. But this is a very important procedural step,” said Kraft at the NEL.

Utilities store a total of 2,000-2,300 metric tons of used nuclear fuel a year, according to industry figures. That adds up to about 65,000 metric tons of radioactive waste currently sitting at nuclear plants.

“If we reject long-term storage, we’re left with dry casking, and that’s it,” said Cham Dallas, a professor and director at the University of Georgia’s Institute for Health Management and Mass Destruction Defense. “Yes, it’s probably safe, but can we continue this policy for an infinite number of years?”

The concerns over safely handling nuclear waste are many.

Used nuclear fuel is very concentrated. This means the amount of waste is very small, but it requires more effort to keep it protected. Some of the material loses its radioactivity after just a few days, but other parts of the fuel remain toxic.

Scientists warn of the dangers of what’s known as “re-racking.” Utilities typically shut down a reactor every 18 months to remove about one-third of the spent (yet still radioactive) fuel rods and replace them with new ones. The removed rods are placed into large racks and then submerged under water, where they stay for five years or longer. The pools were designed as a temporary cooling basin, but utilities have been able to store more fuel rods by “re-racking,” or reorganizing the way the rods sit in the pool. But the closer together the fuel rods sit, the greater the heat source.

“These pools have become sources of radioactivity much larger than the reactor itself,” said Arjun Makhijani, a nuclear physicist who runs the Institute for Energy and Envi-



Nearly seven months after the plant in San Clemente was closed because of a leak, officials are grappling with whether it makes financial sense to bring the plant fully back online, and if so, who should pay for the necessary repairs. **Photo by Luis Sinco / MCT**

ronmental Research — a Takoma Park, Md., nonprofit that focuses on the security aspects of nuclear weapons production and nuclear technology.

Keeping used fuel in dry casks at dozens of reactor sites is a temporary solution that even supporters of the nuclear industry warn isn’t secure. The concern? That the dry casks could be stolen and the spent fuel offered on the black market. “It’s a local option gone bad,” UGA’s Dallas said. “Eventually somebody’s going to foul up, and (the spent fuel) gets out and is sold somewhere.”

Dominant long-term solutions, such as recycling the radioactive fuel or moving the waste to a central repository, still raise concerns.

“Thinking about just transporting it, it’s incredibly dangerous,” said Courtney Hanson, public outreach coordinator at Georgia Women’s Action for New Directions. “Putting nuclear waste on the train, on a semi-truck that’s going to drive across the inter-

state: Regardless of whether there’s high-level security, accidents happen.”

Recycling the fuel — putting it through a large chemical processing plant — separates the uranium and plutonium, both of which can be used again. But the rest of the material is waste that remains very hot and radioactive. This material must be packaged in something that is stable, such as glass, and left to decay, scientists and industry experts said. That decay process takes a few hundred years.

“There is no magic bullet, but there are ways to diminish the effect,” said Bojan Petrovic, a nuclear and radiological engineering professor at Georgia Tech. “If you just isolate it, it will decay.”

Recycling, or reprocessing, fuel is done in other nations, including France, Russia and Japan. The process, once banned in the United States, is allowed. But efforts to build and approve such plants have been slow because of the ex-

pense and regulatory red tape.

Some long-term management of nuclear materials is taking place at the DOE’s Savannah River Site, a former nuclear weapons facility in South Carolina. The site is building a project to convert weapons-grade plutonium into fuel, but it is not considered a viable solution for recycling used fuel from reactors.

Buzz Miller, executive vice president of nuclear development for Georgia Power and its sister company, Southern Nuclear, said he’s confident someone will come up with a technically sound solution to store the used fuel long term. Meanwhile, he said, there’s plenty of room to store the rods at the plant.

“From our view, our job is to maintain them safely and securely, and there’s no question we can do that, whether it’s in the pools or in the dry cask,” Miller said. “I believe, in time, we’ll come up with solutions that we haven’t even thought of.”

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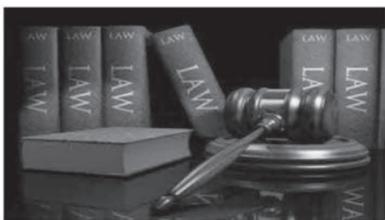
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EDUCATION

California's junior colleges staggering during hard times

By Carla Rivera
McClatchy Tribune

LOS ANGELES — Marianet Tirado returned to Los Angeles Trade Tech community college this fall, optimistic that she would get into the classes she needs to transfer to a four-year university.

Of the courses she wanted, only two had space left when she registered in May. She enrolled in those and “crashed” others. In one of those cases, she lucked out when the professor teaching a political science class admitted additional students. But she couldn't get into a biology class because she was too far down on the waiting list.

If the math and English courses she needs aren't offered next spring, she may have to push back her plans to apply to San Francisco State, UCLA or USC.

Her mother is puzzled that Tirado may spend three or four years at what is supposed to be a two-year college.

“Because that's what we think community college is,” said Tirado, 24, a journalism major who lives in Watts. “It's hard to explain to my mom that I'm trying to go to school but the courses are not there.”

I think we're finally at the point where majority of the districts ... have to realize that the landscape has changed.

Scott Lay
President
Community College
League of California

This is the new reality for Tirado and about 2.4 million other students in the nation's largest community college system. The system is the workhorse of California's 1960 Master Plan for Higher Education, which promised affordability, quality and access to all.

In reality, the state's two-year colleges are buckling under the stress of funding cuts, increased demand and a weak record of student success.

The situation can be seen on all 112 campuses — students on long waiting lists, those who take years to graduate or transfer and others so frustrated that they drop out altogether. Most of them enter ill-prepared for college-level work. Eighty-five percent need remedial English, 73 percent remedial math. Only about one-third of those transfer to a four-year school or graduate with a community college associate's degree.

“We're at the breaking point,” said Jack Scott, who served as chancellor of the California Community College system for three years until retiring this month.

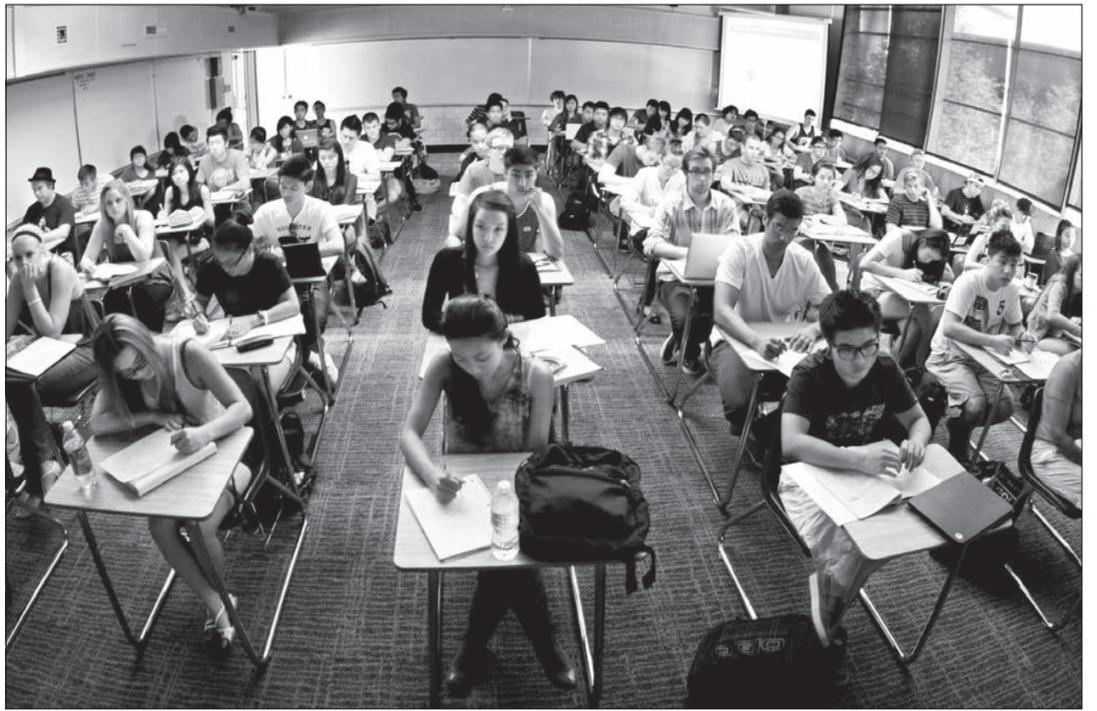
“It's like a nice-looking car you've been driving for several years: It looks shiny, but the engine is falling apart,” said Eloy Ortiz Oakley, president of Long Beach City College. “The wheels fell off the Master Plan 20 or 30 years ago. We're finally feeling the results because we have enormous needs for our educational system to produce qualified workers, and we're playing catch-up now.”

The consequences of not meeting those demands are huge: About 80 percent of firefighters and law enforcement officers and 70 percent of nurses embarked on their careers in community college. By some estimates, California will need 2.3 million community college degree and certificate holders by 2025 to meet the demands of employers.

President Obama has described community colleges as a major engine of job growth and set a goal of graduating an additional 5 million students by 2020. But in California, home to a quarter of the nation's community college students, those efforts are hampered by the state's budget crisis.

The colleges also play a vital role in the state's higher education system, preparing students to transfer to University of California and California State University campuses. About half of all Cal State graduates began at community colleges.

California's community colleges started early in the



Every desk is taken in professor Jeanne Neil's Accounting 101 classroom at Orange Coast Community College in Costa Mesa, Calif. She said dozens more students were left on the “waitlist” after the beginning business course reached capacity enrollment. Photo by Photo by Don Bartletti / MCT

20th century as offshoots of high schools. Gradually they became separate junior colleges with a state-appointed Board of Governors.

The idea was to offer free classes to high school graduates, people looking for job training and those who just wanted to take a music, art or language class on a neighborhood campus.

Classes were free until 1984. At \$46 per unit today, they remain among the least expensive in the nation. About 44 percent of all current community college students qualify for fee waivers based on income.

The system has experienced explosive growth, peaking at about 2.9 million students in 2008-09, while funding grew to about \$5.8 billion last year from \$200 million in 1965.

Community colleges have three main sources of revenue: state funds, property taxes and student fees. State aid accounts for 61 percent of the system's budget.

State funding has not kept pace with enrollment growth. Funding per full-time student has declined from a peak of \$6,400 in 2000 to about \$5,000 today. Course offerings have been slashed by almost a quarter since 2008, and enrollment has dropped by 485,000 students since then.

The community college system is divided among 72 districts run by locally elected boards of trustees, which control their own budgets and the hiring and firing of staff.

Four affluent districts — Marin, Mira Costa, South Orange County and San Mateo County — collect so much revenue from local property taxes and student fees that they

don't qualify for most state aid. Still, with declining property taxes in recent years, they're not immune to cutbacks.

Many other college districts that depend on state aid are in more serious financial trouble. They have been forced to dig deeper into their reserves or borrow money. The 90,000-student City College of San Francisco appears to be in the worst situation and faces potential insolvency.

Campuses are cutting counseling and tutoring and dropping winter and summer sessions, trends that officials say could accelerate if voters reject a November ballot measure that would temporarily raise the state sales tax and the state income tax for high earners.

With a 3.6 GPA out of high school, Eduardo Vargas could have gone to a four-year university but chose East Los Angeles College because it was more affordable. During his first year, he was unable to register for any of the high-demand classes he needed for his business administration major.

This fall, he enrolled in honors classes — political science and statistics — because fewer students meet the requirements, so they're easier to get into. Even with an added speech class, he doesn't have the required 12 units to be considered full time.

“Look at the time frame it's going to take me to transfer to San Jose State and it's probably two more years,” said Vargas, 19, of Monterey Park. “It's not that important anymore if I get a high-paying job. I just want to get my master's and be stable. Society needs an educated workforce, but it's going

to have to invest more in education.”

A study by the U.S. Census Bureau showed that high school graduates earned an average of \$25,900 per year compared with \$33,000 for those with a community college degree and \$45,400 for those with a bachelor's degree.

College leaders have begun to narrow the mission of two-year schools, focusing more on job training and preparing students to transfer.

To help move students more quickly through the system, the Legislature recently approved measures that would set system-wide registration priorities, including preventing students from repeating courses to improve their grades and giving first choice to students who bolster their chances for success by participating in orientation and academic assessment programs. For the first time, students would have to maintain their grades to continue to qualify for fee waivers.

Keith Richardson, a 47-year-old former security guard, is trying to complete a degree in electrical construction and maintenance at L.A. Trade Tech. He hopes to graduate next spring so he can become a union electrician, but he's not sure he can get the classes he needs.

“I've got it all laid out and I just need a big break and the classes — and that's the hard part,” Richardson said.

The vocational classes, taken by Richardson and more than 800,000 others statewide, are funded at the same level as other academic courses — even though they can cost twice as much to provide. Scott, the former chancellor, said

these costlier classes should be funded at higher levels. Some campuses, he said, have even been reluctant to add technical or vocational classes because of the cost.

Last spring, Santa Monica College proposed a controversial two-tier tuition plan to allow students with means to pay higher fees for sought-after classes. Officials said those students would be able to move through the system more quickly, and the added revenue would help fund additional classes for everyone else. But the college abandoned the idea after Scott warned it could violate state education laws.

Ultimately, community colleges must consider bold steps, such as shifting resources from less populated regions of the state to areas with larger numbers of young people and combining some smaller districts, said Scott Lay, president of the Community College League of California, a nonprofit association of the state's community college districts.

“I think we're finally at the point where the majority of districts ... have to realize that the landscape has changed,” Lay said.

Tirado, meanwhile, took classes at both Trade Tech and East Los Angeles College last spring to fill out her schedule. This time around, she may need to find a biology class at another community college during the winter session — if she can find a campus still offering winter classes.

“Sometimes it's very discouraging to have to go through all of these obstacles to get an education,” Tirado said. “But if we see it that way, we're not going to succeed.”

POLITICS

Democratic senators want a stop to Arctic drilling

By Sean Cockerham
McClatchy Tribune

WASHINGTON — A group of Democratic senators is calling for the Interior Department to halt future Alaska offshore drilling leases, saying the president hasn't made the case that drilling in the environmentally sensitive region is safe.

“Challenges with infrastructure and spill response are unprecedented in the Arctic's remote, undeveloped region,” the senators wrote Interior Secretary Ken Salazar.

Senators signing the letter this week were Richard Durbin of Illinois, Barbara Boxer of California, Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey, Patrick Leahy of Vermont,

Jeff Merkley of Oregon and Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island. They questioned the oil spill response capabilities in the Arctic and said there needs to be a better scientific monitoring plan. They also want more areas off-limits.

The senators urged the Interior Department to remove Arctic offshore drilling from its 2012-2017 leasing program. An Interior Department spokesman had no response to the letter on Wednesday.

The Obama administration's proposed offshore oil leasing program includes a pair of potential sales in the Alaska Arctic. That would be a 2016 sale in the Chukchi Sea and a 2017 sale in the Beaufort Sea.

“We are committed to

moving forward with leasing offshore Alaska, and scheduling those sales later in the program allows for further development of scientific information on the oil and gas resource potential in these areas and further study of potential impacts to the environment,” Deputy Interior Secretary David Hayes said when the plan was announced in July.

There's an intensifying global push to harvest the vast energy resources in Arctic waters, from Alaska to Russia to Greenland.

It's hugely controversial, and the French oil company Total on Wednesday became the first major driller to speak out against oil exploration in Arctic waters. The company's chief executive told the London-based

Financial Times that the risk of a spill in a sensitive offshore Arctic area such as Greenland was too great.

There's already preliminary drilling by Shell on existing leases in the Arctic waters off Alaska. The Obama administration gave Shell approval to drill shallow holes but not to go deep enough to actually hit oil. Shell had hoped to reach oil-bearing geological formations this year but gave up on that last week when its oil spill containment dome was damaged during testing off Washington state.

Shell plans to do what shallow drilling it can in the Arctic this fall and resume its efforts after sea ice is gone next year. Salazar has said Shell won't get permission to go into oil-bearing forma-

tions until its spill response equipment is ready.

Shell has been slowed by delays getting its oil spill response barge ready. But Salazar said last week that Shell has shown a commitment to meeting his department's “rigorous safety, environmental protection and emergency response” standards for the Arctic.

Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski, the ranking Republican on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, says President Barack Obama isn't going far enough in allowing Arctic drilling.

“The United States has the highest environmental standards and protections in place for offshore drilling,” said Robert Dillon, a spokesman for Murkowski. “And those have been strengthened

since the Deepwater Horizon and certainly strengthened even further for Arctic drilling.”

Dillon said Wednesday that the Obama administration plan doesn't even guarantee there will be offshore leases in the Arctic over the next five years. Murkowski is pressing for guaranteed annual lease sales in both the Chukchi and Beaufort seas. She's introduced a bill that would allow more sales off Alaska as well as the mid-Atlantic coast and exploration from existing rigs off southern California.

Murkowski's bill also would give states money from energy production off their coasts and has co-sponsors who include both of Virginia's Democratic senators, Jim Webb and Mark Warner.

ELECTION

Polls: Romney behind Obama in Ohio

By Anita Kumar and William Douglas
McClatchy Tribune

WESTERVILLE, Ohio — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney barnstormed Ohio on Wednesday amid signs that the battleground state — and perhaps other key battlegrounds as well — is slipping farther from his grasp.

With President Barack Obama also campaigning in the state, Romney sharpened his economic and deficit message on a daylong bus tour through the rainy Buckeye State, an unusually busy day for a candidate who hasn't done a lot of multiple campaign events on the road lately.

The stepped-up campaigning came six weeks before Election Day as a series of new polls shows Romney falling behind Obama in several swing states — including Ohio, Florida and Virginia — as well as on major issues.

He now trails by an average of 5.2 percentage points in Ohio, 4.5 points in Virginia, 4.2 points in Nevada, 4 points in Iowa and 3.1 points in Florida, according to data compiled by the nonpartisan website RealClearPolitics.com.

He trails the president or is at best neck and neck on most economic issues in the eyes of likely voters in Ohio and Florida, according to a new poll for The Washington Post.

Romney on Wednesday was looking to boost his standing as he heads toward a potentially make-or-break showdown with Obama in



Republican Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney waves to the crowd at Westerville South High School in Ohio yesterday. Photo by Brooke LaValley / MCT

the first of three debates next Wednesday.

Speaking at a rally in a high school gym in Westerville, Romney assailed the president for his stewardship of the troubled economy.

"Do we really want four more years where half the kids coming out of college can't find work, college-level work?" Romney asked the more than 1,000 supporters in the audience.

"No!" they responded. "I don't think we can afford four more years like the last four years."

Ohio is crucial for Romney. No Republican has won

the presidency without winning Ohio, and given the leanings of other states, there's no visible electoral map strategy that the former Massachusetts governor can craft to win the White House without Ohio, analysts said.

"The math just doesn't support it, and the Obama people know that if he (Obama) wins Ohio, it's game over," said David Cohen, a political science professor at the University of Akron.

Obama carried the state by 5 percentage points in 2008. But Republicans have made significant inroads in Ohio since then — taking back the

governor's mansion and winning more seats in Congress, giving them hope that the state would stay in the Republican column for Romney.

In Westerville, Jim and Rhonda Britt proudly wore Romney-for-president buttons and carried Romney signs. They struggled to understand why he seemed to be losing ground to the president in Ohio polls.

"I don't think the polling is correct," said Jim Britt, 55, who owns a Columbus delivery service. "I see more energy from Romney than I did from John McCain" when he ran for president in 2008.

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ACROSS

- 1 Bit of a tiff
- 5 Disgusted chorus
- 9 Like a lit lantern
- 14 Code word for "A"
- 15 December air
- 16 "Ghost-busters" gunk
- 17 Persuade gently
- 18 Gaucho's weapon
- 19 French philosopher Georges
- 20 "Hit it!"
- 23 Picnic pest
- 24 Letter from Greece?
- 25 Name of many English kings
- 29 Actor Klimm
- 31 It may get plastered
- 35 Jeweled crown
- 36 Extremely smart people
- 38 Spring month
- 39 Are ahead of schedule
- 42 Before, to a bard
- 43 Nab with a noose
- 44 Insurance play
- 45 Classical instrument
- 47 Vague amount
- 48 Event with a pinata
- 49 Brooks behind
- 51 Constrictor, e.g.
- 52 Home with floors separated by half a story
- 61 Doctor's request
- 62 Like some salsa
- 63 Had memorized
- 64 Conservative start?
- 65 ___ Royale (Lake Superior park)
- 66 Frost
- 67 Pair of sixes
- 68 Sly look
- 69 Baseline on a graph

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- 1 Black Hawk's group
- 2 Novel creation?
- 3 Not proximately
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- 5 Straighten, in a way
- 6 Socialize
- 7 Beatles' album
- 8 Jalousie unit
- 9 Money in the bank, say
- 10 All over the world
- 11 Bit of old Italian bread?
- 12 Storm clouds, to some
- 13 Unite with heat
- 21 Ingot units
- 22 Prefix meaning "sun"
- 25 Lucy's pal on TV
- 26 Book with a lock and key
- 27 Not stick to one's guns
- 28 "Where the Wild Things ___"
- 29 Small American thrush
- 30 Poker buy-in
- 32 Stockpile
- 33 Predictive deck
- 34 Carnivorous cackler
- 36 Dillinger chaser
- 37 Hebrew prophet
- 40 Excluding nothing
- 41 Cautionary beginning?
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- 51 Ball girl
- 52 Mideast missile
- 53 Marco ___
- 54 Leap with one full rotation
- 55 Disney's "___ and the Detectives"
- 56 Shop tool
- 57 Pod vegetable
- 58 Alternative to DOS or Windows
- 59 Turnpike rumble
- 60 Merino mamas



Learning to live with my heritage



Nick Chu's column appears every other Thursday.

Comedian George Carlin expresses a widely held sentiment: "I've never understood ethnic pride. To me, pride should be reserved for something you achieve or attain on your own, not something that happens by accident of birth."

There is nothing accidental

about the pride that I have for my identity.

Since I was little, my mom tried to teach me to embrace my Chinese heritage.

She spoke to me in Chinese, conditioned me to Chinese cuisine, brought me to family gatherings, observed celebrations such as Lunar New Year and the Moon Festival and enrolled me in Saturday-morning Mandarin language classes.

Over the years, I ended up shunning these traditions and practices.

"Normal" American children didn't have to sacrifice their Saturday mornings to learn a language that most Americans didn't speak.

"Normal American chil-

dren didn't have to celebrate Lunar New Year, which often wasn't even noted on American calendars and never entailed a day off from school the way that "real" holidays like the "real" New Year did.

Normal American children didn't have to feel embarrassed about their last name when someone mockingly called them "ching-chang-chong."

Non-Chinese people didn't receive the same kind of ridicule — "ching-chang-chong," people making fun of my "slanted" Asian eyes and the lack of celebrations important enough to allow a day off from school were by-products of my ethnicity.

Chinese identity brought me so much discomfort that I didn't feel normal.

As a result, my family's culture became as foreign to me as the immigrants that, regrettably, I grew to disdain.

Although media propagated many negative stereotypes, I also encountered people in real life who pigeonholed me as an Asian nerd and overachiever.

And if I wasn't one of those, I might be a martial artist, a WWII "Jap" invader or a FOB (a slur referring to an immigrant who has just arrived "fresh off the boat").

In a flurry of rebellion, I quit Chinese school, boycotted family gatherings, avoided eating Chinese food in public and limited my socialization with Asians whom I felt were FOBs.

Under pressure to be as "American" as possible, I pushed myself to flex my literary talents in order to subvert the Asian math/science stereotype.

All the while, I suffered from paranoia that my Chinese-American accent or my last name would compromise my worthiness to be a wordsmith of the English language.

I took the self-righteous

step toward denying my ethnicity by ceasing to consider myself as "Chinese American" but simply "American."

By high school, I had transformed myself into a perfectly "normal" American teenager — at the cost of my love for my origins.

It may be easy to assume that I made deliberate, calculated decisions to mire myself in the denial of my identity.

But remember this: I was in kindergarten when someone first "ching-chang-chonged" me.

At five years old, my schoolmate had learned to ridicule my entire squinting, uniformly indiscernible race, and he sought to enlighten me.

My mom even idolized a divorced Latina woman for her decision to arbitrarily change her Spanish surname to "Fairbanks," a distinctly innocuous Western name, in order to secure corporate success.

The very woman who taught me to love my own culture saw the utility of expunging a marker of non-white ethnicity to evade discrimination.

Ethnic self-denial is as real, pervasive and harmful

as any other form of identity self-denial (think sexual orientation).

Pride can shield people against the resulting self-hate.

It's not meant to be a sword to slash rifts among people.

The instructor of my high-school Facing History and Ourselves course espoused the tenet, "It's okay to notice differences, as long as you don't rank them."

Since childhood, I subconsciously hated myself because I felt like an "other" compared to the overwhelmingly prevalent, and therefore superior, majority.

My task now is not to rank myself above anyone else, it is simply to have to have the same pride and love for myself that anyone else has — that's the American dream.

"Blank-American" pride is no accident.

I proudly and explicitly recognize my identity.

As an individual of a race that confronts systemic inculcation of inferiority to the American majority, I revel in being able to embrace myself unconditionally as a Chinese-American.

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Enjoy the simple things

New York City takes up approximately 468.46 square miles that is separated into five boroughs — the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island — in which a population of 8,244,910 people reside in, according to the city's website.

Manhattan is the smallest of the five boroughs, but is the most densely populated with over 1,600,000 people living in its 33.77 square miles.

I can't even begin to describe how big and crowded New York City is, but being one of 1.6 million can



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definitely make you feel small — even a little lonely at times.

But once again, that's the

glory of the city. It's hard to feel completely lonely being surrounded with so much life coming toward you in every shape and size.

The more I explored New York, the more I realized that the neighborhoods and its residents were in full circle with each other — by that I mean it was hard to determine whether it was the neighborhood that defined its residents or vice versa.

Lower East Side (LES) was home to many a hipster and bohemian, and

the shops on the streets reflected so — independent record stores that sold only rare vinyl, thrift stores and tattoo shops.

Even the mood was more relaxed and laidback. I didn't feel the need to have to impress someone, and the folks residing in LES seemed more approachable, even in New York.

The case was so much different when walking around Midtown, which is the area where the famous Madison Avenue and Fifth Avenue meet — an area known for the high-end brand name shops like, Tiffany & Co., Louis Vuitton and Saks Fifth Avenue.

I had a friend that said, "The higher you go in New York City, the higher the nose goes."

It was nerve-wracking to think that I was walking among the nation's most fashionable individuals and how I probably didn't meet their fashion standards.

Though I didn't have any firsthand experience with the supposed snootiness of New York City's wealth, when rubbing shoulders with them in the sidewalk, they did walk with an air

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that was holier-than-thou.

The only places that seemed to belong to all people of New York were the parks.

Amid all the concrete and skyscrapers, they seemed to serve the purpose as an oasis for New Yorkers.

Living in the city, I found it was essential to take breaks from the everyday hustle and grind to just sit in the park and absorb my surroundings.

There would be points during the day where being in New York was a little overwhelming — sometimes the noise and the crowds would be too much, or I was stressed about money or school, and everyone else seemed to feel the same way.

Whether I was sharing park benches with street

performers, tourists or homeless people, we all were there for the same purpose — to get a little bit of nature or to just relax.

Normally I hate standing still, but sitting in the parks was the only time I was really able to gather my thoughts and truly process the fact that I was in New York City.

Before my mother left me in the Big Apple she had one piece of advice for me: "Enjoy your time here, make the most of it."

I thought, "make the most of it," meant to engage myself in every New York thing possible, but I slowly realized that "make the most of it," meant to appreciate the fact that I had the opportunity to live in one of the greatest cities on the planet.

If there was one thing I learned while living in New York, it was that even though I thrived on the fast life, there's absolutely nothing wrong with taking a break to enjoy the simpler things.

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Scholar: Winner of scholarships overcame hearing loss

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By the end of her high school days, Enguero was an extreme and open advocate for her cause and generally had supportive, non-discriminative peers because of it.

Becky Sevilla, Erin's mother, acknowledged that Enguero has always handled the situation much better than her.

"I'm extremely proud of her," Sevilla said. "At the same time, you always worry. When

she catches that bus, I tell her to always look fierce. You don't always have to smile when you walk downtown."

Upon her entrance to SJSU, Enguero's biggest challenge was less social and more focused towards finding a more effective assisted hearing device, since she had to return the one she received from the K-12 school district.

After receiving temporary assistance from the Disability

Resource Center on-campus, Enguero lobbied the Department of Rehabilitation for an advanced device that she now possesses today.

The device is similar to a television remote in size, a mobile digital receiver complete with a transmitter that hooks up to her hearing aid.

Essentially a one-way walkie-talkie, the device is effective from about 30 feet, and teachers and classmates are happy to

wear it around their necks during lectures or presentations.

"Teachers would go into the restroom during tests and they would forget (and take it with them)," she said. "I have a lot of fun stories like that."

Enguero still has trouble making out what everyone says in a group environment, but relies on body language to piece together what people are saying when she can't hear full sentences.

And without the transmitter or a perfect situation like a one-on-one conversation, Enguero still compares her hearing loss to Styrofoam over the ears or radio static you can't fully make out, but she's over-looking at it as a hindrance.

Enguero has a 3.8 GPA and is a member of the Kinesiology Ambassador's Club and co-treasurer of the Pre-Physical Therapy Club at SJSU. She hopes to enter graduate

school to eventually become a physical therapist.

"I just really pushed myself to see what I could accomplish," she said. "Would a hearing loss stop me from doing things that I wanted to do? I'm happy to say that it hasn't. And I think that is part of the reason why I am here today."

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Crisis: Visiting teacher lectures on challenges to education

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corporation or should it be governed in the "old way, guarding academic freedom and autonomy."

He said he started giving this lecture about six to seven years ago when he noticed the universities were in crisis.

"I became aware that there were parallel forces operating our universities in different places in the world."

Burawoy said the crises emerged with the acceleration of increase of student fees and the falling contribution of university budgets from the state legislature.

Burawoy said public universities, which depend on

state funding, are more in crisis than private universities because of the endowments of the private universities and the wealthy students they recruit.

He said he thinks the crisis affects students, faculty and administrative staff at the universities.

"I think (this lecture) will help students understand how social science can give us a perspective on this crisis that takes us beyond our own campus and own personal struggles with stagnating wages or with not being able to get classes and to really see this as a systemic problem," SJSU sociology professor Natalie Boero said.

Peter Mountha, a junior molecular biology major, said he hopes this lecture will help him understand what the school is going through with the budget cuts.

"Budget cuts affect every student, and some classes we aren't getting until a year or two later, and it really hurts us," Mountha said. "Maybe this lecture will give us an understanding on how we can solve this problem."

Boero said understanding the root of the problem is as important as being able to offer solutions to the problem.

"You can't offer solutions unless you really understand the social roots of the problem," Boero said. "Seeing these

problems in a global context helps us understand those roots."

Sociology professor Preston Rudy said he is curious about how Burawoy will explain this problem.

"I think he's going to give us a more comprehensive explanation for why it is we are having problems," Rudy said. "I also think he's going to give us solutions on this and what we need to do to improve the situation."

Harjot Grewal, a third-year biology major, said he wants to figure out how Berkeley is dealing with the problem because it is such a prestigious school and must be doing something right.

"The budget deficit isn't just affecting our school but other schools as well, so it would be good to see how other schools are dealing with it," Grewal said.

Boero said Burawoy is interested in hearing what's going on with the students, faculty and staff at SJSU.

"I'm really interested in what the situation is in the state system and I liked to learn more about it," Burawoy said. "Us in Berkeley know too little about it."

This is Burawoy's first time speaking at SJSU.

Burawoy has given this lecture in many places including, Lebanon, Egypt, Taiwan, Colombia, and South Africa

"I think he's going to help us see that what's going on at SJSU isn't just happening to us," Rudy said "He can help us understand that our problems are important and they're not isolated, they're the same problems people in other countries have."

Burawoy is the current president of the International Sociological Association and former president of the American Sociological Association, according to Boero.

The lecture will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Engineering room 285 today with a reception to follow.

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AS: New student envoys recruited

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"I hope to get more people registered to vote," Galluccio said. "In the community I don't think many people know about how important Proposition 30 is."

Aside from spreading the word about the election to fellow students, he said social media will come into play when reaching out to other students.

"Spreading the message through Facebook and other online arenas is important to reach out to students," he said.

Joshua Romero, political science freshman, said that working on the Lobby Corps Committee will help him reach his personal goals.

Romero said learning more about political issues during the election season was a motivating factor in applying for the student-at-large position.

"Eventually, I want to make connections with local legislature," he said.

Also looking to make strides within student government, occupational therapy senior Sydney MacWilliams said she applied for the University Affairs Board.

After witnessing cuts to her own major, occupational therapy, MacWilliams said she wanted to use her voice in student government to halt the budget and program cuts in the university.

"I like being the mediator of things and wanted to get more involved," she said.

Student-at-large positions have been sought after this year more than in previous years, said Worsnup.

He said some committees in student government still have student-at-large positions available and students looking to get involved should apply.

Nevin Sarina, a transfer English major, said he is still in the process of earning a seat on a committee but is eager to start working.

"It's a good experience to understand the politics of working with people," Sarina said.

While he did not earn a student-at-large position yesterday, he said by the next meeting his application should be ready for approval.

Despite the process, Sarina said he is looking forward to bringing his previous knowledge of student government affairs to SJSU.

While students interested in student-at-large positions can still apply, Worsnup said sooner is bet-

ter for students to become involved.

"More than anything you get to be a representative and make a difference in the community," he said.

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Fair: Focus on economics, business

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available and to be able to talk to an HR representative.

"I hope to get a job out of this or at least the exposure to different companies and opportunities," Kwan said.

Ed Diep, a senior business major with a concentration in management, said he hopes the career fair will improve his networking skills.

"I'm looking forward to learning more about the industries I want to get into," Diep said. "I want to get into the high tech industry, so I want to know what qualifications they are looking for and whether or not I would be a good fit in the organization."

Guzman said she hopes the career fair will help students get one step closer to figuring out what they want to do with their career.

"I want to get my foot in the door for recruiters just to improve myself, because this is applicable in my future no matter where I am," Diep said.

Patrick Prado, a senior finance major and president

of Delta Sigma Pi, said that with tuition increases and the number of sections cut at SJSU, the organization wants to be able to provide opportunities for students specifically within the college of business.

"We definitely want to place them into jobs and internships, so they can gain experience and at the same time support themselves," Prado said.

Guzman said as a part of her position in Delta Sigma Pi, she wants to host events with value and hopes the students benefit from the career fair.

Guzman estimates about 100 students will come to the career fair throughout the day.

She said there are still more companies wanting to come that are going to turn in their form to make it official by the end of this week.

"We might only have a few companies this time around," Guzman said. "I'm hoping people build these relationships and network

so that the next time around it's even better than the first time."

This is the first business career fair held by Delta Sigma Pi.

Guzman was able to get Cisco System to sponsor the event because she currently interns there.

The companies that will be at the career fair on Monday are offering internships, full-time, and part-time openings.

"We want to build a reputation with our fraternity as well as the college of business and show these recruiters that we have extraordinarily talented individuals," Prado said. "Hopefully this will entice them and encourage them to come back and keep recruiting and giving us opportunities here at SJSU."

The Business Career Fair is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Barrett Ballroom in the Student Union.

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