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ECONOMICS

Gas prices go up as students try to handle cost

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SJSU commuters and local residents are upset but apathetic about the \$0.45-spike in gas prices last week. According to AAA's online daily fuel gauge report, Monday's average price for regular unleaded was \$4.67 per gallon in San Jose — last week it was \$4.20. Last October it was \$3.79 per gallon. "It's horrible," business management senior Francisco Marquez said about the hike in prices. "I need to ask for a raise at work just to pay for gas." Marquez drives a lot and said he prefers his car over public transit because it's more reliable. According to Gasbuddy.com, drivers report that

stations sell regular unleaded gas for \$4.39 to \$4.49 per gallon in San Jose, Morgan Hill and Campbell, to name a few. Gasbuddy.com is a user-based gas price report that updates local prices based on what consumers see at the pumps. Mid-grade fuel is currently around \$4.77 per gallon, and premium is \$4.87, according to AAA's online daily fuel gauge report. Former SJSU student Marilyn Rosa said she won't change her driving habits because the high cost of gas affords the high convenience of having a car. "It's one of those inevitable fluctuations," she said. "I just have to adjust to it." Some SJSU students and San Jose residents seem desensitized by the fluctuation of prices over the

years, changing little about their routines regardless of the extra costs. "I didn't think about it much," said graduate student Ryan Carothers, adding that he only drives out of necessity to school and work. Graduate student Brian Hurst said he won't change his commute to school and work from Sunnyvale. He said he is used to the "ups and downs" of gas prices. "I'm pretty cautious already," liberal studies major Laura Black said after a sarcastic "yipee" at the pump. "I'm suckin' it up," Pizza My Heart employee Dan Hoppner said with a chuckle. *Jacque Orvis is a Spartan Daily staff writer. Follow her on Twitter @jacqueorvis.*

HEALTH



Senior nursing major Lauren Ishii (left) practices taking the pulse of fellow nursing major Alice Shen at the Health building. Photo by Celeste Lodge / Spartan Daily

SJSU diversity provides ideal bone marrow donor candidates

By **Celeste Lodge**
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The Asian American Donor Program (AADP) comes to San Jose State to recruit minorities to register for the National Bone Marrow Registry. The AADP, a branch of the Be The Match program, wants to raise awareness in communities for the need of minority donors, according to Nitu Binnarh, the Asian American Donor Program outreach coordinator and SJSU alumna. Binnarh said minorities have less of a chance of finding a match compared to a Caucasians. The percentage of donors that are available and willing on the national registry are 65 percent for Caucasians, 47 percent for Hispanics, 44 percent for Asians and 34 percent for African-Americans, according to the Institute for Justice website. On Sept. 11 and 12, the donor program held an event for students to register for the National Bone Marrow Registry. According to Binnarh, in order to register, the person has to be between the ages of 18 to 60 and in good health. To register, students have to fill out a consent form and then do a quick cheek swab, according to Binnarh. The event was a patient focus drive for a 22-year-old half-Filipino and half-Chinese male, Kyle, who has Acute Myelogenous Leukemia and a 2-year-old Chinese boy, Jeremy Kong, who has Acute Myeloid Leukemia. "There is a big need for minority donors because the donation is based on the ethnic background of the patient and whether or not their DNA is compatible," said Lauren Ishii, a senior nursing major and volunteer for the donor program.

African-American patients find an unrelated donor 25 percent of the time, Asian patients find a donor about 40 percent of the time, Hispanic patients find a donor about 45 percent of the time, and Caucasian patients find a donor about 75 percent of the time, according to the Institute for Justice. "For patients like Jeremy and Kyle, it's like winning the lottery for them to be able to find a match," Binnarh said. "There is only a 30 percent of a chance you'll find your match within your own family, and the rest is up to the registry." According to Be The Match Registry and the National Marrow Donor Program (NMPD), about 70 percent of patients in need of a transplant do not have a matching donor in their family. The patients depend on the National Marrow Donor Program's Be the Match Registry to find an unrelated donor or umbilical cord blood unit. Ishii said she was diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome, a bone marrow disease also considered as pre-leukemia, in February of 2006. "They told (my family) that the only cure for MDS is a bone marrow transplant," Ishii said. "Without a transplant, my doctors believed I would have between 5 to 10 years to live." Ishii said her doctors gave her a grim chance of ever finding a donor because she is a mixed ethnicity of half Japanese and half Caucasian. "Donors need to be a perfect, or almost perfect, genetic match for a recipient," Ishii said. "Recipients are more likely to find a match from someone who is of the same ethnicity." The doctors were able to find a perfect match for her, a 53-year-old female, through the National Bone Marrow Registry.

"It is impossible to express the amount of gratitude I feel for this woman, as I literally owe her my life," Ishii said. Ishii said she wants to go into pediatric Oncology and make a difference in patients' lives that are similar to her. "Many people are too scared to become donors because they believe it is a painful procedure," Ishii said. "There have been many improvements in recent years and most donation processes now are done similarly to that of donating blood." According to Binnarh, doctors use the Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Donation (PBSC) the majority of the time. During Peripheral Blood Stem Cell donation, blood is drawn from one arm, put through a machine that filters out the stem cells and then put back into the other arm, according to Binnarh. "People regenerate new stem cells all the time so they are not actually losing anything," Binnarh said. According to the Asian American Donor Program website, the Peripheral Blood Stem Cell donation is used for about 70 percent of all donations. Emily Kong, the aunt of Jeremy and alumna of SJSU, said she registered to be a donor in August after she found out about her nephew's need for a donor. "(My family) got really involved because he was diagnosed," Kong said. "I use to be one of those people that would just pass by and say 'oh yeah, I'll do it,' but I never did it until it actually hit close to home and now I'm really involved in it. It's like my second job." Samatha Wong, cousin of Jeremy and fifth-year occupational therapy major, said she is glad she is in college during the need for her cousin because

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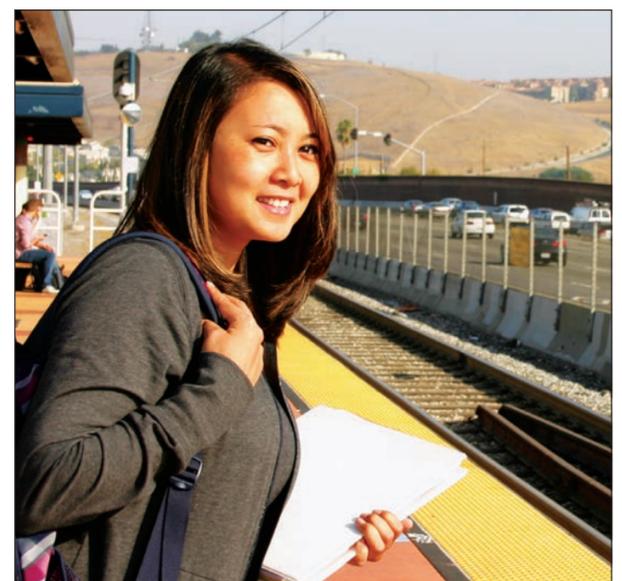
Students go to lengths for timely graduation

By **Stephanie Barraza**
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Wasting time is the last thing Kanha Phan and Kenny Ngo want to do while trying to get into the nursing program. So they turned to cross enrollment. "People want to graduate as soon as possible, they don't want to be stuck here just because they couldn't get their classes," Ngo, a junior pre-nursing student, said. "They don't want to want to throw away \$3000 because they couldn't get their classes, which is the unfortunate part." Cross enrollment at SJSU has been on the rise among students, and has been a solution for Phan and Ngo this semester in order to fulfill their prerequisites for the nursing program. "Since physiology is only given in the spring at SJSU and I didn't want to wait until springtime to take that class, I registered at (Evergreen Valley College) instead, because it's offered in the fall semester," Phan said, a junior pre-nursing major. Phan was on the waitlist for physiology at EVC, and was lucky enough to enroll after one person dropped. According to the Office of the Registrar, there are a total of 35 students who are formally recognized to be cross enrolled at SJSU through an application process. The application process sees that students who are unable to meet the full time requirement will get the maximum financial aid by fulfilling classes at nearby community colleges, while simultaneously going to SJSU. Phan was not aware about the application until the day of the deadline. "(Cross enrollment) has been much more frequent this year than in past years," said Andrei Ingalla, special programs coordinator in the Office of the Registrar. "The statistics were the total number of students who applied

and were approved for cross enrollment for each semester." Cindy Kato, director of Academic Advising & Retention Services, said that it's not very often to see these instances happen among students she sees, but it still happens regardless. "I know there's a large percentage (of students) that go part-time," Kato said. "How many of those are cross-enrolled, I don't know exactly. I think there are a lot of people who are going to school at two places, without necessarily filing a cross-enrollment application, in most cases, I don't think the students actually filed the form." With only 60 seats available per semester in the SJSU nursing program, nursing professor Kathy Abriam-Yago said that this creates more competition for students to get in the program. "It's not unusual for us to find students who are enrolled here at SJSU and then go to a community college to get their sciences or other required courses," Abriam-Yago said. "It's a challenge." Esther Kiang, a senior nursing student, said she is fully aware of the challenges for pre-nursing students who avoid wasting time in finishing their pre-requisites. Kiang used to take classes at Foothill and De Anza colleges in the same semester, she said balancing her schedule proved to be challenging. "The time I needed to spend commuting to different schools meant that I didn't have time to work if I wanted to maintain the minimum GPA required to apply for the nursing program," Kiang said. But for Ngo, going part time at a community college saved him money in the long run. "I don't know why you would want to come here just to do your lower division when you can do it at a community college and save

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Junior pre-nursing major Kanha Phan drives to Evergreen Valley College on Mondays and Wednesdays and takes the VTA Light Rail to SJSU on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Photo by Stephanie Barraza / Spartan Daily

SEE **BONE MARROW** ON PAGE 3

ALBUM REVIEW

Matt and Kim strike 'Lightning' in their fourth album release

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Grade **B+**

When listening to an album like "Lightning" for the first time, it's easy to forget that Matt and Kim's last album, "Sidewalks" was released in 2010 because of the strong continuity in their signature sound between their releases.

What you get from Kim Schifino and Matt Johnson's latest effort is a group that is comfortable with the songs it produces, but who is willing to experiment with a heavier emphasis on drumming or usage of synthesizers, for example.

The lead track and their first single, "Let's Go," is a return to the vibrant textures of the duo's second studio album, "Grand."

True to their irreverent nature, Schifino and Johnson express their ambivalence for the everyday constraints that we place upon ourselves with words like "Say what you wanna say, make it mean everything."

It's a fitting complement to the band's breakout single, "Daylight" which famously appeared in a 2009

Bacardi rum commercial. "Now" is the natural evolution of Johnson's use of synthesizers first explored in 2010's "Sidewalks" – its catchy, poppy drumming sets a groove so irresistible, by the time you reach the second refrain, you will want to put this song on continuous replay for the foreseeable future.

It's possibly the most personal track on the album as Johnson sings "And I know that things aren't perfect, but let's make tonight worth it, stand right here, take a bow and we will all ride this thing down."

...if you are looking to liven up your social gatherings, then you should check out this record.

At face value, these words used by another band might sound contrived. With Johnson and Schifino, they sound like a genuine and earnest plea to whomever is on the re-



The fourth studio album "Lightning" highlights Brooklyn-based duo Matt and Kim's quirky indie pop-rock mixed with experimental synthesized sounds and drumbeats. Photo courtesy of mattandkimmusic.com

ceiving end to lighten up and stop sweating the small stuff.

Stuck halfway through the album, "I Said" is a minimalist affair with a bombastic outro, contraining a flurry of drum rolls to top off Johnson's contemplative narrative.

"I Wonder" sounds like it belongs on a Kid Cudi mixtape with its processed vocals stacked on a layered piano melody.

Fitting in with their

previous low-key releases, "Ten Dollars I Found" is a downbeat song that has Schifino and Johnson sharing vocal duties.

A stirring piano melody gives way to a heavy synth interlude that make words like "together we'll change, wash away in the rain, friends just for the night, or maybe for life," sound profound.

As with their previous efforts, Schifino's understated vocal harmonies keep

Johnson from straining himself over the course of the record – a necessity because Johnson's singing is closer to emphatic speaking.

"Lightning" is one of those albums that can be enjoyed at block parties in Williamsburg, Brooklyn to a Saturday kickback in your backyard.

You may not want to keep all of these tracks on your permanent playlist, but if you are looking to liven up your

social gatherings, then you should check out this record.

This may be their fourth studio album in less than six years, but the indie duo have not let up on the gas. The energy is still there in abundance: from beginning to end, "Lightning" is satisfying with no fluff – there are no empty calories.

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ELECTION 2012

Romney: Middle East less secure because of Obama

By Maeve Reston
McClatry Tribune

LEXINGTON, Va. — President Barack Obama's chief foreign policy achievement in his first term was his order to carry out the daring raid in Pakistan that killed Osama bin Laden. But Mitt Romney challenged his rival on that turf Monday, arguing Obama has not done enough to secure peace in the Middle East, allowing terrorist networks to build strength while "leaving our destiny at the mercy of events."

During a formal foreign policy address at the Virginia Military Institute, Romney said Americans should take pride "in the blows that our military and intelligence professionals have inflicted on al-Qaida" in Pakistan and Afghanistan — which he called "real achievements won at a high cost."

But he argued that al-Qaida "remains a strong force in Yemen and Somalia, in Libya and other parts of North Africa, in Iraq, and now in Syria."

"Drones and the modern instruments of war are important tools in our fight, but they are no substitute for a national security strategy for the Middle East," Romney said.

Romney's comments contradict the Obama administration's arguments that its years of counterterrorism efforts have decimated al-Qaida, the primary terrorist threat. But U.S.



Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney greets supporters after speaking at a campaign rally at Victory Landing Park in Virginia yesterday. Photo by Sangjib Min / MCT

officials and private terrorism experts acknowledge that militant groups with ties to al-Qaida or at least similar aims continue to flourish in many parts of the world, including the Middle East and North Africa. Terrorist groups in Yemen, Somalia, Libya and Mali, among other places, have become a growing focus of U.S. and Western efforts.

The influence of al-Qaida is a new point of emphasis for Romney, and a clear pivot from the economy, after many months in which foreign policy has been an afterthought for his campaign. With little foreign policy expertise of his own and after a difficult foreign trip where he managed to offend both the Brits (over the handling of the Olympics) and later the Palestinians

(with an offhand comment about the wealth disparity between Israel and Palestine, the area has long appeared to be a vulnerability for Romney.

But in these closing weeks of the campaign, the Republican presidential nominee has seized on the unrest in Libya, Egypt, Syria and Iran to make the case that the president has been too passive in helping advocates of Democracy gain a foothold around the world.

Even though Romney bungled his own initial response to the attack on the U.S. consulate in Libya — by issuing a hasty and political statement before the facts were known about the attack that killed the U.S. ambassador and three Americans — he said Monday that he would try to do more to

"support the Libyan people's efforts to forge a lasting government that represents all of them."

He did not offer any detail about what those efforts might look like.

Much of Romney's speech on Friday focused on the threat of a nuclear Iran — he vowed to impose tougher sanction, though the Obama administration has been praised, even by Republicans, for taking a hard line on sanctions. Romney also said he would make aircraft carrier task forces a permanent presence in the eastern Mediterranean and the gulf region.

Romney vowed to "recommit America to the goal of a democratic, prosperous Palestinian state living side by side in peace and security with the Jewish state of Israel."

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Flute Recital

The Listening Hour Concert Series
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Music building Concert Hall
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Salzburg Informational Session

Salzburg
Tuesday, Oct. 9
2 to 4 p.m.
Clark Hall 412

Fire on the Fountain

Associated Students
Thursday, Oct. 11
4 to 10 p.m.
Tower Lawn

San Jose State Night at the Market

Associated Students
Friday, Oct. 12
5 to 9 p.m.
San Pedro Square

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Bone Marrow: Registry needs minority donors

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she has more opportunities to reach out to people.

"I am a part of the Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) and it gave me the opportunity to reach out to AADP to do the event," Wong said. "It is perfect because we can get an Asian in their twenties to register, which is a perfect match for Jeremy."

Binnarh said younger people between the ages of 18 to 44 are the best donor candidates.

"Doctors want younger donors because their health benefits are usually better," Binnarh said.

According to the Be The Match website, cells from younger donors lead to more successful transplants and doctors choose registry members ages 18 to 44 more than 90 percent of the time.

"We were told that college campuses are a good idea for someone to be a match for

Jeremy," Kong said. "They're young and the majority of people are very involved in the community and social issues."

Keegan Medeiros, a junior business marketing major, registered to be a donor at the Asian American Donor Program event on Sept. 12.

"There are a lot of people in college, so it's an easy way to find donors," Medeiros said. "That's what college is about. It's not just about learning and doing your homework, but knowing what you can do for the community and the people around you. If you come to school and there are people that have problems, do what you can do to help out and be aware of it."

Todd Kubiak, a junior environmental studies major, registered to be a donor at the event on Sept. 12 as well.

"If I'm able to help someone and save a life that would be awesome," Kubiak said. "My

mom had cancer and before that I use to be a really selfish person but now I have turned my life around and I am trying to be a giver."

Kong said it's nice to see how many people are willing to help out.

"It is very heartwarming to see so many people volunteer and take time out of their school schedule to come register," Kong said. "It restores my faith in humanity. There are some people that really do care."

Ishii hopes to raise awareness of the need for young donors of multiethnic backgrounds.

"I don't want any patient left waiting because they cannot find a match," Ishii said. "You never know when you could be the one to save a person's life."

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CAPTURE THE WORLD

STUDY ABROAD

Students travel to China to learn global business

By Celeste Lodge
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Marjo Mallari climbed to the end of the Great Wall of China during her trip to China this past summer.

"When I was climbing those stairs I was like, 'oh my gosh,' I am stepping on history and blood was shed in this area," said Mallari, a fourth year computer engineering major. "It was amazing the air was so clean and clear and the view was so beautiful."

Tina Sayadi, a senior electrical engineering major, was with Mallari on the Great Wall along with twenty-three SJSU students who spent three days in Taiwan and eleven days in China over the summer, as part of the Global Technology Initiative (GTI).

"We were standing on a land filled with so much history," Sayadi said. "It was breathtaking. It was so beautiful looking beyond the wall from up top."

The GTI was founded in 2003 and the first study tour was conducted in 2004, according to Richard Chung, director of the GTI and professor in materials engineering.

Chung said the goal of the program is to provide SJSU students with a global perspective for engineering and to prepare them for a successful career in the globalization era.

"It was the best two weeks I had in my life," Mallari said.

Each year they receive around 150-170 applications and choose 23 students to travel, according to Chung.

Chung said in order to apply students have to write an essay, submit their transcript and fill out an application. Then, the screening committee made up of 5 to 6 faculty members interview the students they select.

They also must turn in their transcripts to Engineering Room 493.

The trip was funded by the school, but this year students will have to pay \$400, according to Chung.

During the trip, they visited different companies, universities, landmarks, and the students were able to have personal time to do what they chose, according to Chung.

"This is a good opportunity for me to be able to take a lot of young minds that are eager to go to different countries," Chung said. "It allows them explore the culture and history and have new adventures."

Marilu Ramirez, a senior industrial and systems engineering major, said the Great Wall was her favorite part of the trip.

"I pushed myself," Ramirez said. "I thought there was no way I was going to make it to the top, but we did it. I was proud of myself."

Sayadi said seeing and touring all the engineering companies in China was incredible.

"I never thought I would actually be able to go to China for free," Sayadi said. "I had never been to China. It was always just one of those places I thought I would like to visit someday, but probably never would."

The trip took place from May 28 to June 11 and will take place at the end of the spring semester next year as well.

Stephen Lu, a senior computer engineering major, said they had a busy schedule. He said they visited about 4 to 5 companies a day and went sightseeing on the weekends.

"My favorite part was visiting all the famous landmarks," Lu said. "Like the Great Wall and Olympic Stadium."

This was Lu's first time out of the country.

"I was able to see what goes on in the other side of the world and it opened my eyes to a different perspective, culture and environment," Lu said.

Lu said this program helped him prepare for his career after college.

Lu said he is happy to have had the opportunity to go to China and see the places where manufacturing is done.

"I got an inside view to a company that other people don't have the opportunity to see," Lu said.

Phil Cyr, a senior electrical engineering major, said the purpose of the trip was to understand technology in a global context. They visited companies to see how technology and manufacturing exists in China.

Cyr said this program helped him improve his international communication ability because of a class he had to take to prepare him for the trip.

"The class was about what issues arise when talking to someone who doesn't know English as well as you or doesn't know your culture and how that causes tension," Cyr said. "Now I pay attention to that and notice that it helps with friendships with all sorts of different people and we get along better now."

Students chosen to go on the trip have to take Technology and Civilization (Tech 198) over the spring semester to help prepare them for the trip.

Out of the 23 students chosen, 17 were engineering majors and six were from other colleges at SJSU, according to Chung.

"(The Program was) originally started for engineering, but then it was extended to all other colleges as well to balance our different views during the trip," Chung said.

Amie Lam, a fourth year child and adolescent development major and global studies minor, was chosen to be a part of GTI and admitted she was intimidated to go with a group of mostly engineers.

"Throughout the trip, it amazed me how close we all got," Lam said. "I saw a whole new side of engineers. I had a stereotypical image of engineers, and they amazed me with how well-rounded they were."

Lam said she was a little ashamed of being a child and adolescent development major among engineers before the

Foreign customs and travelers tips



Japan

According to Hiroki Morimoto, graduate English major

In Japan, it is found to be extremely disrespectful to look someone in the eye while talking.



Saudi Arabia

According to Sultan Aziz, graduate English major

People always eat with the right hand and never with the left because it is considered unclean.



India

According to Vilok Bhatia, senior business and computer science major

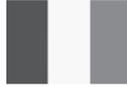
To refer to elders by their first name is considered rude and people typically address those over the age of 40 as auntie and uncle.



Thailand

According to E. Bruce Reynolds, SJSU history professor

It is considered rude to stand above a seated person who is older or of higher status while talking to them.



Romania

According to the book: "Kiss, Bow, or Shake Hands: How to Do Business in Sixty Countries"

Romanians shake hands constantly: when they greet, when they say goodbye and no matter how many times they meet.



Egypt

According to the book: "Kiss, Bow, or Shake Hands: How to Do Business in Sixty Countries"

If invited to an Egyptian home, bring a gift of chocolate or baked goods.

Info compiled by Celeste Lodge

trip, but it taught her what she wants to do with her life.

"After coming back, (I realize) it's nothing to be ashamed of because now that I've seen different countries, I am motivated to build communities in poor and impoverished places," Lam said. "It was an amazing site to see."

She said this trip has helped her grow more as a person.

"I'm so interested in things around the world and globalization now," Lam said. "I used to only think about education and communities here in California, but now I want to work all around the world. I want so badly to teach abroad now."

Lam said she also appreciates the bond she now shares with the other students.

"(They) are like my sisters and brothers," Lam said. "We experienced something so different that no one else can say they did."

Mallari said she felt a sense of community after the trip that she had not experienced before.

"Through this trip, I met so many people and I now have this community and friends that are not just in (my) major," Mallari said. "I finally felt that sense of community that has been advertised at SJSU. It's something I really value."

Chung said this is a good memory he has with teaching at SJSU, and he enjoys hanging out with the students.

"Dr. Chung is more than just a professor to us. Now, he is our friend and a father figure,"

Sayadi said. "He actually always cared if we were safe. He went above and beyond his duty as a chaperone."

Ramirez said she has built lifetime friendships through this trip.

"Any major event that happens in my life, I know I am going to have (them)," Ramirez said. "They are like my family now."

In order for students to get involved, they need to submit their applications online with two letters of recommendation from SJSU students and a 500-word essay.

The deadline to submit applications is Oct. 12.

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Cross enroll: Students seek credits off campus to complete degrees

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money," Ngo said, who lives in Mountain View.

"The main problem is [SJSU] is not opening enough classes, because of budget cuts, or not enough classes."

Sadhana Doddapaneni, a graduate student in Software Engineering, took a data structures class at De Anza College since SJSU did not offer many courses over the summer as a pre-requisite for her graduate studies. She took the VTA Light Rail from Downtown San Jose to De Anza College in Cupertino.

"I stayed near SJSU and it involved a couple of hours of travel during the summer," Doddapaneni said. "However, it saved me money since a course at community college is cheaper than at SJSU, so I feel it was a good decision to take my courses there."

Kato said that while SJSU is still trying to fully grasp the impact of budget cuts, she said students could file a planned educational leave if cross-enrollment proves to be to much. SJSU could hold their admission spot for that semester while the student complete their lower-division

courses at a nearby community college.

"This does eliminate the back-and-forth piece," Kato said.

As someone who chose the route of cross enrollment, Kiang advises against it, and said students should take the time they need to finish their classes and maintain a good GPA.

"Cross enrolling resulted in an increase in expense with a decrease in income," Kiang said. "Students who are cross enrolled dedicated more time, effort, and money to school than a student who is not cross enrolled."

Phan was able to arrange her weekly schedule so that she wouldn't have to go to different campuses on the same day, making it a bit more convenient for her. She lives closer to Evergreen so she drives there on Mondays and Wednesdays and rides on the VTA Light Rail to SJSU on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

When asked whether she would want to cross enroll again, Phan said "definitely not."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chavez wins Venezuelan presidential election

By Jim Wyss
McClatchy Tribune

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez — the former soldier and Latin American socialist who has led this nation for almost 14 years — won an additional six-year term Sunday night.

Chavez won 54.42 percent of the vote against former Miranda Gov. Henrique Capriles, the National Election Council, or CNE, reported.

Authorities said turnout for the vote was 80.94 percent — a decades-long record for this oil-rich nation.

"We have written another brilliant page in our democratic history," CNE President Tibisay Lucena said.

The results capped a day where many of the country's 19 million registered voters swarmed the polls in a process that was largely free of violence despite the incendiary rhetoric that marked the race.

Amid speculation that Chavez might be reluctant to hand over power, the leader vowed early in the day to respect the outcome.

"Whether it's a one-vote difference or 3 million votes, the responsible political actors must recognize the results," he said. "Also, this is an electoral system that is absolutely transparent."

Minutes later, Capriles cast his vote in the municipality of Baruta, where he was once mayor.

Carolina Haskour, 41, was wearing a shirt that read "You snooze you lose" and waiting at the Baruta polling



During a heavy rainstorm, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez greets supporters at a campaign rally in Venezuela on Oct. 4. Photo by Pedro Portal / MCT

station hoping to catch a glimpse of Capriles.

She said she voted for the former mayor, governor and legislator because she's tired of the nation's political polarization and soaring crime rate.

"I want the country to be what it was before," she said. "There's so much hate now. I want a country where we don't fight with each other just because we have different political views."

But others still see Chavez as the only person willing to fight for them.

"I am 82 years old and I can tell you we've never had a president as good as this," said Maria Pinzon, who lives in Antimano. "He's made mistakes, but there's no one else like him."

On the campaign trail, Chavez highlighted his social programs and

presented himself in his motto and jingles as the "heart of the nation."

If that's the case, then "I voted for a heart transplant," said Jorge San Martin, a 48-year-old computer engineer. San Martin said he had to wait three hours due to voting-machine failures in his neighborhood, La Florida.

At a polling station in Caricuao, a group of Chavez supporters huddled under a red tent and kept a list of everyone in their community who had voted. The effort is part of the administration's plan to minimize abstention, which tends to hurt the ruling party.

"We're seeing a massive turnout," said Tania Pena, one of the organizers. "We're here because we want socialism, equality and all the social missions."

FOOTBALL

SJSU football team has eyes set on homecoming victory

Spartans ready to take on WAC second best defense Utah State in first conference game

By James Simpson
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Fresh off its bye week, the Spartan football team is all set to welcome rival Utah State University to Spartan Stadium for its homecoming contest this Saturday.

The Spartans (4-1) are playing a home game for the first time since Sept. 15, when it defeated Colorado State University 40-20.

Head coach Mike MacIntyre held his weekly news conference Monday to discuss the high profile game against Utah State, which is the beginning of Western Athletic Conference (WAC) play for the Spartans.

The Aggies (4-2) are coming off a tough loss against BYU last Friday 6-3, but MacIntyre recognized that despite the defeat, it was a game that shows just what the Utah State defense is capable of.

"I think Utah State's defense is excellent, I don't think anybody has scored (a touchdown) on them in the first half (this season)," he said. "It's kind of unheard of through six football games."

According to the WAC website, the Aggies rank second in total defense in the WAC, allowing an average of 297 yards a game.

On the other side of the spectrum, the Spartans come into Saturday with the second

best offense in the conference, putting up an impressive 422 yards a game.

It should be a true test for junior quarterback David Fales, who has completed 74 percent of his passes this year but faces an Aggie pass defense that has only allowed a 50 percent efficiency rate to its opposition.

"I sure hope he is ready, I know he has worked hard at it," MacIntyre said. "It's a combination of the whole group but I think he'll be ready to give it his best shot."

Utah State also poses a threat on the offensive side with senior running back Kerwynn Williams, who, according to the WAC website, leads the WAC in rushing and all-purpose yards, the latter of which he is accomplishing without the aid of return yardage.

Williams has accumulated more offense than any non-quarterback in the entire WAC conference.

"Number 25 (Williams), just know where he is," MacIntyre said. "He is a really good football player. They throw it to him, he runs it. Kerwynn Williams has a lot of speed and athleticism."

According to SJSU Athletics, the Spartan football team enters conference play currently ranked in the top-five nationally in quarterback sacks and tackles for loss, with a current record of 22 sacks, with six of those

sacks coming from SJSU's victory against UC Davis on Sept. 8. SJSU is currently tied for fourth in tackles for loss, averaging 8.6 per game.

MacIntyre believes the homecoming contest headlines two evenly matched teams that have plenty to play for entering in-conference competition.

"I expect a great game, I think you'll see two really good football teams playing," MacIntyre said. "Usually that equates a little bit of scoring and some action happens."

According to SJSU Athletics, San Jose State leads the all-time series against the Aggies 20-13-1, but Utah State has beaten SJSU the last three times.

MacIntyre believes the Spartan's bye week helped the recovery process for sophomore wide receiver Jabari Carr and junior linebacker Keith Smith, integral players who both missed the game against the U.S. Naval Academy but are expected to return against Utah State.

"I don't think there is a guy on our team that's ever beat them," MacIntyre said. "So hopefully it's time for us to do it."

The Spartans will play the homecoming game against Utah State on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 1 p.m.

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Head coach Mike MacIntyre leads the SJSU football team off the field after their 45-13 nonconference victory against UC Davis Aggies on Sept. 8. Photo by Jason Reed / Contributing Photographer

NCAA Top Defensive Team - Sacks

Rank	Team	G	Sacks	Sacks/G
1	Tulsa	6	27.0	4.50
2	San Jose St.	5	22.0	4.40
3	Arizona St.	5	21.0	4.20
4	South Carolina	6	25.0	4.17
5	Buffalo	5	18.0	3.60
6	Nebraska	6	21.0	3.50

Information courtesy of NCAA.com.

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Knowing when to keep quiet



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We live in a country where we have the freedom to state our opinion whenever we want, but we also have the right to choose when not to share our opinion.

Often people say things that get them into trouble, start an argument or even a physical fight.

I've been in arguments where I have said things that I instantly regret and wish I could shove back in my mouth.

But once something is said, it can't be unsaid. It's like trying to put toothpaste back into the tube, it's impossible.

It's easy to get caught up in the heat of the moment and let your anger and pride take over and say hurtful things.

But what do I get out of saying those hurtful things, do I gain anything from it?

No, if anything, it jeopardizes and hurts my relationships.

I always feel bad after I say something hurtful and, even if for that split moment it felt good to let it out, in the end it wasn't worth it because all I did was put a damper on the relationship.

Recently, I was having a conversation with a friend and they said something that hurt my feelings.

I was upset and wished they never would have said what they said because it will forever be stuck in the back of my head.

Now I have negative feelings towards that person and it's hard for me to act the same way I did before.

If they never would have said that one thing, nothing would have changed and our friendship would have remained strong.

It will take a long time to get rid of the bitter taste in my mouth.

I once witnessed my mom and grandpa get into a heated argument about politics and my mom left crying and didn't talk to her father for days.

Eventually they reconciled, but it took a big toll on their relationship.

I understand politics are important and yes, people should care about what is going on with our country but there are times when stating your political views gets you into an intense argument and it's better to just walk away.

I've seen many times before where people talk in circles to each other about their political views and nothing gets solved.

There are a few times where I've seen a civil discussion about politics, but people usually leave the argument infuriated.

There have been times where people get into fights about topics that aren't worth the anger.

Take sports for instance, fans from different teams constantly get into fights about which team is better.

Last year, Giants fan Bryan Stow was beaten brutally by Dodger fans and spent weeks

in a coma with a fractured skull and brain damage.

This was all because someone had a different team preference.

I love sports, but in no way should someone's passion for sports lead them to almost killing someone. There is nothing to gain in trying to prove which team is better.

It's sad to think that something that was made to be enjoyable could be turned around into something horrible just because someone is trying to prove a point.

With all these arguments I've seen I can't help to think, is stating your opinion really worth the fight?

Yes, we are all entitled to our opinions and I do think it's important to stand up for what you believe in, but in certain circumstances it may be better to say nothing at all and walk away to avoid an unnecessary argument.

Saying nothing can be just as powerful as yelling to get your point across. It shows you have respect for the person.

From what I've learned throughout the years, a lot of times it's better to turn the other cheek and avoid the argument.

It's just not worth the hurt. If you hold back your words sometimes, you could be saving someone from a lot of pain.

Next time someone makes you angry or sparks a flame in you, just suck up your pride, bite your tongue and walk away. It will be better in the long run.

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PBS, Big Bird shouldn't be cut



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Former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney lost my vote after announcing his plans to cut government spending to PBS at the first presidential debate.

While I understand the need to reduce excessive government spending, the Public Broadcasting Service should not be one of the programs affected.

According to a statement by PBS in response to Romney's comment, the federal investment in public broadcasting equals about one one-hundredth of one percent of the federal budget, therefore elimination of funding would be minimal on the nation's debt.

If Romney supports education, then why is he willing to cut funding on educational programs that reach a vast majority of Americans?

About 91 percent of all U.S. television households and 236 million people watch PBS yearly, according to ValuePBS.org.

According to 170millionAmericans.org, children who watched Sesame Street in preschool spend

more time reading for leisure in high school and obtain higher grades in English, math and science.

I don't think Romney likes Big Bird as much as he claims. Perhaps his ploy to cut PBS funding was to incite outrage from American viewers.

PBS does not solely rely on government funding, so if it were to be cut, this would only show his lack of support for public broadcasting.

According to 170millionAmericans.org, PBS receives funding from businesses, corporations for public broadcasting and individual members, hence their infamous tag, "Made possible by contributions to your PBS station from viewers like you. Thank you."

As a self-proclaimed PBS Kid, I am insulted that Romney plans on cutting support for programs that were the pillar of my childhood.

We were unable to afford cable television, so KQED 9 was the only clear channel we received and it aired programs from the public broadcasting system.

PBS's array of food programming sparked my love for culture and cuisine.

Jacques Pépin taught me how to cook the perfect omelet. Martin Yan taught me to embrace my Asian roots as I learned how to sauté and stir-fry traditional classics, such as dumplings or curries.

It was through "Barney and Friends" that I learned how to sing and delve into a world of imagination. In retrospect, my love for the purple dinosaur may seem childish, but when I was a kid, I never went a day without watching Barney.

Every day, I would come home from school and watch ZOOM, a show "by kids, for kids." I learned how to conduct science experiments using instruments found in my own house. Most importantly, I learned how to speak another language, called Ubbi Dubbi, where "UB" is placed in front of every vowel.

Although Ubbi Dubbi is a completely fabricated language and useless (such as speaking Pig Latin), the fact is I took the time to learn a language from a kid's television show.

What good will come out of cutting funding for these programs? Other than PBS, what channel will provide children with the fundamental basics of science or mathematics?

According to ValuePBS.org, 82 percent of kids between the ages of 2 to 8 have watched PBS this season.

Romney needs to reconsider the choice to cut government funding for PBS.

Not only do we need to save Big Bird, but we also need to preserve quality educational programming for children.

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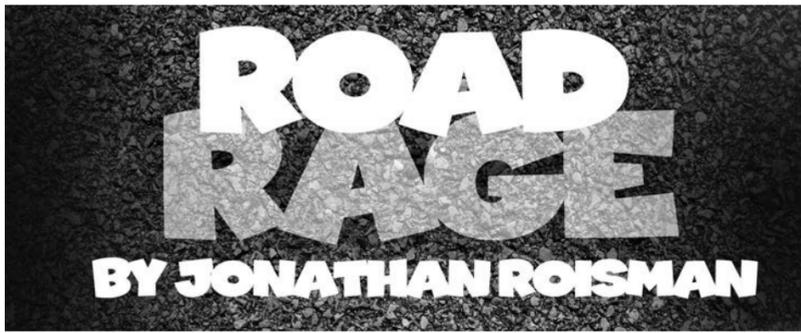
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Take pleasure in your own successes not others' failures



Jonathan Roisman's column appears every other Tuesday.

Our culture has an obsession with Schadenfreude. It is a word from the language of love, German, which means receiving pleasure or satisfaction from someone else's misfortune. Examples of this are all over, whether you see it in

person or in some form of media.

It's scary to think people take pleasure in others misfortune, even when they die.

When former Sen. Ted Kennedy died of cancer in 2009, conservative commentator Andrew Breitbart publically called Kennedy "a special pile of human excrement" and a "duplicitous bastard" just hours after he died.

Ironically, Breitbart was a victim of the same thing when he died earlier this year of heart failure.

Rolling Stone contributor and die-hard liberal

Matt Taibbi wrote a column about Breitbart right after his death, called "Death of a Douche."

Regardless of your politics, it was another example of Schadenfreude, and it's disgusting.

There are less extreme examples of this, of course.

I just saw a couple of instances of it at a baseball game this weekend.

During the first game of the National League Division series between the Giants and Reds, the Reds' starting pitcher, Johnny Cueto, had to leave the game after just eight pitches because of back spasms.

Cueto has been one of the best pitchers in the entire league the past two seasons, and his departure seemed like a plus for the Giants.

I hate to see players get hurt and I would never want someone to be in serious pain, regardless of if it meant my team was getting an advantage.

That's why I was disappointed when thousands of fans cheered his departure from the pitching mound towards the dugout.

I'm guessing that most people were cheering because he was leaving the game, which would in theory give the Giants an advantage, and not because he was hurt, but it's still a low class thing to do.

When I was younger and played youth sports, I was always taught to respect your opponent.

It's only human to be happy when you see an opportunity to win, but is it right at the expense of someone else? They're humans, too.

It turned out Cueto's injury didn't hurt the Reds one bit, as they took care of their business and beat the Giants authoritatively, to my chagrin.

I take pleasure when I accomplish something ... not when someone else fails.

I didn't think much of the injury for the rest of the night until I was on my way home on BART, when I heard a Giants fan talk to a couple of his friends about it.

He was happy Cueto was hurt and he said he hoped the injury was serious because the Giants wouldn't have to face him again later in the series.

He then spoke about how players should be aiming to hurt their opponents on every play. He said batters should try and "crush the ball so it cracks the pitcher's skull" every pitch.

What's wrong with people?

Some people in our society have become so obsessed with sports that

they believe hurting their opponent is a good thing because it means their team has a better shot at winning.

We can't forget that it's just sports. I love them, but I know that it's just a form of entertainment. It's a distraction to real problems and responsibilities.

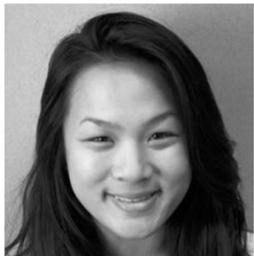
I've never been the kind of person who enjoys watching people get hurt for entertainment. It might make me soft, but a big hit on a player in football or hockey just makes me cringe, especially with the amount of concussions that are occurring.

I understand Cueto's injury wasn't severe and the fans were just happy to see the Giants have a better chance at winning the game, but our culture needs to embrace better sportsmanship and learn to respect their opponents. It's just a game.

I take pleasure when I accomplish something and not when someone else fails. It's a lazy way to feel good about yourself, and it shows you're a severely flawed human being.

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Prop 37: We should know what is going into our food



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On Nov. 6 Californian voters are expected to vote on Romney, Obama and food.

Yes, I said it – food. Included on the ballot this season will be Proposition 37, which contains the California Right to Know Act. It will require the labeling of raw and processed foods made from genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and prohibit the labeling of these foods as "natural" or "organic."

As a self-professed health nut, Proposition 37 may just be the best thing that has ever hit supermarket shelves.

Through the labeling of foods made out of genetically modified organisms, consumers are given necessary information in knowing what is going into their bodies and how these chemicals could potentially harm their health and well-being.

We have the right to know if there are certain health hazardous chemicals going into our bodies through the food we eat.

The utilization of pesticides, herbicides and other nonorganic additives to make juicier, tastier and weather-resistant fruits and vegetables have led to the rise of the "agricorp," otherwise known as corporate farming.

Similar to all other opponents of the growing power of corporations in the past decade, the main argument against corporate farming is the possibility of profit holding a higher value than the safety of the public when producing

consumer goods, or in this case, foods.

One of the largest agriculture corporations in the world is the American-based Monsanto Company, a leading producer of the herbicide glyphosate and genetically engineered seeds.

Last month, photos from a Monsanto lab in France surfaced on the web illustrating the effects of the company's genetically modified maize through pictures of three different deformed test rats.

Suffering from massive, cancerous tumors and multiple organ damage, the rats were fed a lifetime diet of Monsanto's genetically altered corn or exposed to its top-selling herbicide Roundup.

Now if you're thinking that the health effects seen in rats could not be applied to humans because the fact that we are an entirely different species, consider this: Monsanto was one of

the most important producers and manufacturers of Agent Orange for the U.S. during the Vietnam War.

For those of you who don't know, Agent Orange was one of the defoliants used by the U.S. Military in its tactic of chemical warfare in the Vietnam War.

During the war, the U.S. Military sprayed approximately 20,000,000 gallons of the chemical in Vietnam and parts of Laos

We have the right to know if there are certain health hazardous chemicals going into our bodies ...

and Cambodia with the intent to eliminate forestland and deprive guerrilla soldiers of food and cover.

According to Agent Orange Record, a nonprofit organization dedicated to researching and helping those suffering from the effects of exposure to Agent Orange, more than 20 percent of South Vietnam's forests were sprayed at least once during a nine-year period, leading to the destruction of five million acres of upland and millions of acres of cropland.

Additionally, the organization has asserted contamination of the soil and sediment from the forestland sprayed with Agent Orange continues to poison the food chain of the Vietnamese people and has caused serious skin diseases and a plethora of cancers in the lungs, larynx and prostate.

Along with the environmental damage, Agent Orange Record has

also reported that three million Vietnamese people have been exposed to Agent Orange, resulting in at least 150,000 children born with birth defects, including cleft palate, mental disabilities, hernias and extra fingers and toes.

If this is what Monsanto and its products are capable of, why are we still letting it handle our foods and our health?

With the ongoing war against obesity in the U.S. and the growing cancer epidemic, Proposition 37 will not only allow consumers to be more aware of what is going into their bodies and to make healthier decisions in the grocery store, but will be able to hold companies such as Monsanto accountable for what it has been doing to the environment and to people in general.

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Spartan Threads: Faculty on campus discuss their fashion cues

Asian-American studies and television, radio, film and theatre professor Apryl Berney cites her fashion influences from American singer-songwriter Patti Smith and designers such as Marc Jacobs. **Photo by Jessica Olthof / Spartan Daily**

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At SJSU, students are exposed to many different types of fashions that influence how they see others and themselves dress.

Whether it be the new fashions from Forever 21, J.Crew, or wearing pajama pants from the latest Victoria's Secret Pink Collection, the last thing on students' minds is how their professor dresses.

Whether it matters to them or not, the professors at SJSU definitely have a sense of style, each one unique from person to person.

Apryl Berney, an Asian-American studies and television, radio, film and theatre lecturer, loves fashion and the options it allows her to explore.

"You can be different people on different days," Berney said. "You can express different themes or communicate themes through what it is that you wear. I can sit up there and lecture and dazzle people with words, certain

analytical frame works but then if my outfit kind of contradicts my innovation, then it can have an effect that way."

Sporting a black sweater and pants, a leopard print gray and blue top, classic black Converse sneakers, a light blue watch, thick framed glasses and vibrant seafoam green nail polish, Berney is breaking from the norm of what many imagine a professor should wear.

She said she believes that fashion should be more of an experimentation with oneself, rather than worrying about trends and "what's in."

"I think people get really overwhelmed because there's so much influence from the media, like fashion magazines and blogs," Berney said. "People get overwhelmed with it rather than looking at it as something that they can create whatever it is that they want and that they really want to try things. You have to be willing to fail. You have to be able to have a fashion disaster in order to understand what's going to work and not work for you."

She said that over the last two years, she has tried her best to experiment with her own sense of style and tried to appear more fashionable at SJSU.

Once donning plain T-shirts, Chuck Taylors and jeans, Berney made a change and wanted her style to reflect what she was teaching, rather than dress the way students would expect her to dress.

"I read Patti Smith's autobiography and in there she's got this whole idea of 'fake it, before you make it,'" Berney said. "I was just a new professor lecturing and I read her stuff and was like, well maybe if I pretend that I'm like this superstar scholar and I started dressing that way, then that's going to improve what it is that I do."

Berney loves wearing bright colors and has a fondness for Marc Jacobs handbags and accessories.

She says her style is influenced by Hollywood stars of the past such as Elizabeth Taylor, as well as music.

Berney wants the standard idea of how a professor

should dress to change and believes it will with time.

"I still think that SJSU has a problem with faculty thinking that what they wear doesn't matter and that that's what defines a scholar," Berney said. "They feel like you should pay attention to what they're saying as opposed to what they're wearing but what you're wearing is just as important. There is an idea of what a college professor is and that very much is defined through fashion. As more people are coming into this profession and it's different kind of bodies, I think you're going to see a redefining of what a professor is supposed to look like."

Berney enjoys fashion styles and believes what one wears matters, but not everyone shares her same passion for fashion.

Sam Liccardo, a local politics lecturer and city council member for Downtown San Jose, is indifferent to fashion and says a lot of his style is influenced by what his fiancée wants him to wear.

Almost always seen dressed in a tie and suit



Berney is seen wearing a leopard print gray and blue top and a light blue watch on her wrist. **Photo by Jessica Olthof / Spartan Daily**



Local politics professor Sam Liccardo says his style is influenced primarily by his fiancée. **Photo courtesy of Margaret Le**

when working for the city, Liccardo said a lot of his ties are thrown out by his fiancée, which he ends up having to resuscitate from the trash. "I have a very opinionated fiancée who recognizes my general lack of fashion sense," he said. "I'm usually feeling pretty lucky when my socks match."

He said he felt like he had more freedom with his clothing as a professor at SJSU and steered away from his normal city hall tie and dress up attire. He enjoys wearing just a sports coat and some nice jeans, which make him feel more comfortable.

"Any chance that I can avoid a tie, I will," Liccardo said. "I was really happy to wear something other than a suit, which is generally wear as a council member. There's a certain expectation people have when you're spending a lot of time on the street and talking to people. It creates some challenges. I bike to work and it can give you the Pee-wee Herman look."

Liccardo's fiancée buys clothes for him and tries to make him wear more "hip"

fashionable clothing.

"I sort of peeked at my fashion sense in 1992 and I've been kind of in a slump ever since," he said. "If it were up to me, I'd still be dressing like everybody did on 'Friends.'"

Liccardo is concerned about how so many become invested in fashion and doesn't believe it should be an important factor for students and faculty.

"College was an opportunity to mock how traditional state culture conducted itself outside the university gates," he said.

"I don't think young adults take advantage of that opportunity as much as they used to," Liccardo said. "At a time when so many students are struggling with rising tuition and trying to get by financially, it's my hope that fashion would be the last thing they spend their dollars on. My hope for the future of Spartan-dom is that they move on."

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ENVIRONMENTAL FASHION

The eco-friendly fashion conundrum

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Visiting lecturer Kate Fletcher presented a cogent lecture at Washington University in St. Louis on the uncomfortable topic of fashion and sustainability.

It's hard to sit in an audience while literally wearing the source of environmental devastation on your back. But Fletcher, a consultant, author and design activist, is not one to point fingers.

We live in a consumer society, after all. It's normal, she said, to exchange money for garments. It's normal for them to look out of date in about six months. It's normal to get rid of something, instead of repairing it.

Normal ... and yet unsustainable.

Having just returned from fashion week in New York after watching dozens of shows featuring thousands of garments vying for the attention of department store buyers, conservation is a confusing dichotomy.

We could all probably make do with what we own for years without need for anything new, but fashion empires would collapse. The ripple effect of crushing a multi-hundred-billion dollar industry would be devastating.

Talk about too big to fail.

But Fletcher quietly asks if it's worth it. Is there a better way, a better system? Can we sustain fashion and the environment at the same time?

Surprisingly, she noted that a key problem is that we're not materialistic enough. We do not revere our clothing. We want it fast and cheap and therefore disposable.

One interesting suggestion was to buy what you love and only what you love and to covet what you have. She said that she buys about one thing a year. A confession that must have made the students longing for a prosperous career in fashion design gasp.

But imagine how special that one thing would have to be. Imagine the care you'd take if you had such restrictions. Imagine the amount you'd be willing to pay for something so in tune with your personal aesthetic that

you waited a year to find it.

Fletcher spoke Sept. 19 as part of the Craft Alliance's Fashion Lab, "Yarn series," in conjunction with Washington University's Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts' Public Lecture series.

She is a pioneer in the field of eco-fashion and a founder of the "slow fashion" movement. For the past 20 years, she has helped shape the field of fashion, textiles and sustainability.

Her two books, "Fashion and Sustainability: Design for Change" (Laurence King Publishers, \$29.95) and "Sustainable Fashion and Textiles: Design Journeys" (Routledge, \$48.95) are available at bookstores and online.



Michael Drummond, a freelance designer, works on a piece of knitwear in his Downtown St. Louis, Mo., loft. He uses scraps, discarded and vintage materials to construct his artistically dynamic garments. **Photo by Stephanie S. Cordle / MCT**