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A series on finances, failures, and the future

Pass or fail, Prop 30 remains to be costly

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Whether it is passed or not, California's Proposition 30 would impact tuition, fees and academics for SJSU students, faculty and staff.

Proposition 30 is on November's ballot and would raise individual taxes one percentage point, from 9.3 percent to 10.3 percent, for people who make more than \$250,000 a year for the next seven years.

Additionally, Prop 30 would raise sales tax, which varies by city, by ¼ cent for the next four years, according to information on the measure provided by the SJSU Public Affairs office.

Using these taxes, the proposition would ease budget cuts in the public school system and the state support for the CSU system will remain the same, or if the proposition fails, would create a \$250 million "trigger reduction" in the 2013-2014 budget plan.

In summary, pass or fail, SJSU will be hit by budget cuts, but those cuts will be much more severe if the proposition does not pass, according to SJSU media relations director Pat Lopes Harris.

"Right now, we are preparing for [the proposition] not to pass to make sure that students get the classes they need," Harris said. "We have addressed this, so far, as a CSU-wide issue, but it means a tuition break at SJSU."

While the CSU system and SJSU are pushing students to vote for the measure with TurboVote, an online campaign connected to the SJSU website to help students register to vote.

Harris said that the school must prepare for the worst case scenario—a \$250 million mid-year "trigger cut" in state funding for the 2013-2014 school year.

According to a presentation given by SJSU president Mohammad Qayoumi in July on the status of the budget, if the proposition fails, SJSU would cut the most funding from the academic affairs office, which handles graduate and undergraduate studies as well as faculty affairs, Office of Institutional Research and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

Along with the CSU advocacy program, Students for Quality Education at SJSU, a student group that advocates for student rights, are attempting to raise awareness on the issue, according to Herlinda Aguirre, lead organizer and president on campus.

"We've seen a constant trend of rising tuition and fee increases as students and we would like them to stop," Aguirre said. "It has always accompanied a decrease in the quality of our education and [the proposition] could help to curb that."

Along with stopping fee increases for the future, the proposition would refund students the fee increases they paid for the Fall 2012 semester and give a tuition rollback for the following semester, according to Harris.

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FOOTBALL

SPARTANS VICTORIOUS: SJSU 45, UC Davis 13



Junior linebacker Kevin Smith celebrates with junior cornerback Damon Ogburn Jr. during the Spartans' home-opening victory over the UC Davis Aggies 45-13 on Saturday. Photo by Jesse Jones / Contributing Photographer

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STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Greek organizations aim to grow community with recruitment

By Natalie Cabral
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Greek recruitment on San Jose State University's campus is in full swing this month.

Since August 22, SJSU's nearly 40 fraternal organizations have been working toward catching the eye of possible incoming members through tabling, as well as hosting informational and social events.

According to Max Rubio, recruitment chair for the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity and member since 2010, his preparations for recruitment began in Indianapolis, Indiana at his fraternity's headquarters.

The weekend-long training Rubio attended gave him the tools to return to San Jose and inform his fellow brothers on common recruitment practices.

For Rubio, the key is offering a variety of events for possible interests.

"We try to do a little bit of everything," Rubio said. "We have alumni speak at our informational events, we host sporting events and even barbecues. We aim to have the events range from something active to just hanging out."

The Sigma Pi Alpha Sorority prepares for recruitment with meetings that involve the sharing of past experiences, according to its Recruitment Chair Maricela Ramirez.

"Our national conference retreat was actually held in San Jose



Members of Sigma Pi Alpha display their recruitment table at SJSU. Photo courtesy of Sigma Pi Alpha

this year, so before school started we got together to get everything to run smoothly," Ramirez said.

During the first two weeks of classes, most organizations can be found advertising themselves near the fountain by the Event Center.

The tradition of Greek organizations at SJSU, according to Student Involvement's SJSU Fraternity and Sorority Life Timeline, began in

1896 with the establishment of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

Although the Kappa Kappa Gamma at SJSU disbanded in 1972, sororities such as Alpha Phi, which arrived on campus in 1900, are still functioning today.

Following the very first established Greek organizations was the forming of the current governing councils, the Interfraternity, the

National Pan-Hellenic, Panhellenic, and the United Sorority and Fraternity Council.

Each council, according to the Student Involvement website, consists of various organizations.

Lambda Sigma Gamma Sorority, Inc.'s recruitment chair Jocelyn Garcia said the Greek experience in

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WORLD NEWS

Kenyan church attacks are latest signs of religious tension

By McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

MOMBASA, Kenya — On the Sunday morning after their church was attacked, forcing their pastor, his injured wife and their daughter to flee, a handful of the curious and devout shuffled through the ring of police outside, through the smoke-stained entrance and gingerly around shards of glass to take seats inside. Shock filled the hushed sanctuary.

The Salvation Army church had stood in Mombasa, Kenya's second largest city, since before the country was declared independent in 1963. Regulars said they'd always maintained neighborly relations with the impoverished Muslims who lived around them. Now that world of harmony was as shattered as the windows lying around their feet.

"It was as if there was a war here. Stones were flying," recalled Herbert Kaduki, an elder of the church. "They were specifically targeting us."

What now? "We still don't know," he replied despondently.

Kenya is no Nigeria, where Muslim-Christian antagonism dominates the nation's politics and roils its hinterlands in fatal clashes every year. Kenya — with a booming economy and a strengthening democracy — is predominantly Christian and the relationship between that majority and the sizable

Muslim minority has been mostly friendly.

But that veneer of tolerance was ripped open recently. At least five churches, including the Salvation Army one in the poor Muslim district of Majengo, were attacked during heavy rioting, local religious leaders say. Other churches have been attacked with grenades in separate incidents over the past year.

Behind the violence appears to be an extremist Islamist ideology that's spreading among the disaffected Muslim communities on the coast and may be fueled by Kenya's war in neighboring Somalia against the al-Qaida affiliate there, al-Shabab.

The attack on the Salvation Army church occurred Aug. 27, hours after a radical ideologue and preacher, Sheikh About Rogo, was gunned down on the streets in broad daylight. Kenyan police say they don't know who the assassins were, an explanation that Muslims here openly deride.

"The police killed him, of course," said Muhsin Swale, who worships at the Musa Mosque, where Rogo preached, just down the street from the Salvation Army.

Even after the police regained control of the streets, and the protests halted, the tensions remained. Four days later, after Friday prayers, Rogo supporters filed out of the Musa Mosque, shouting "Allahu Akbar" — "God is great" — at news cameras waiting outside. Police in riot



This Christian church in the Majengo district of Mombasa, Kenya, was attacked by rioters following the assassination of cleric About Rogo on August 27. Photo by Alan Boswell / MCT

gear appeared at the end of the street, next to the damaged Salvation Army church, and began to march in, menacingly. At first, the crowd stood its ground, defiantly, before dispersing.

"We are not fighting because we don't have guns. Just imagine if we had guns," a stocky man with graying stubble said to a reporter before scurrying down an alleyway.

Kenyan authorities downplay the significance of the violence.

"It has nothing to do with religion. These are just thugs versus the law," said Samuel Kilele, the top official in Kenya's Coast province. Kilele said there was no evidence that any Muslim leader had

ordered the churches attacked.

Others hope that the violent response to Rogo's death serves as a wake-up call for the government to take seriously what they say is a growing terrorism threat in Kenya.

Annual reports by a United Nations commission monitoring alleged support for al-Shabab by the tiny nation of Eritrea repeatedly describe Rogo as "a known associate of members of al-Qaida East Africa and an advocate of the violent overthrow of the government of Kenya."

The latest report, published in July, details how a Kenya group known to raise money, recruit fighters and plan terrorist attacks in Ke-

nya, the Muslim Youth Center, has continued to operate with "relative freedom."

According to the report, Rogo was closely associated with the Muslim Youth Center, as well as with a similar al-Shabab-linked group in Tanzania.

Kenyan police had arrested Rogo several times, but he'd been acquitted in the courts every time; embarrassingly, some say, because his activities were hardly concealed.

"Extremism is growing, not only in Kenya, but all over Africa," said Juma Ngao, a moderate cleric who chairs the Kenya Muslims National Advisory Council. In Kenya, radical ideology is spreading primarily from Somalia, he

said. "It is very, very serious."

Ngao blames a host of factors: anti-Americanism, youth unemployment, "bad theology" and opportunists profiting from trafficking fighters into Somalia.

Two weeks ago, when the riots began spinning out of control, Ngao and other Muslim leaders reached out to their Christian counterparts in an effort to halt the violence before it spread, he said, vowing that Kenya must not be allowed "to become like Nigeria."

But he admitted that some churches refused to participate. Some Muslim clerics shunned the dialogue, too.

"The mad ones," Ngao said, widening his eyes to appear crazed.

ELECTION 2012

Haley on campaign trail for Romney

By McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Gov. Nikki Haley will balance her time between governing South Carolina and stumping for Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney over the next two months.

Haley's target audience? Women voters, a critical voting bloc for Romney because of polls that show women favor incumbent Democratic President Barack Obama by a double-digit margin.

"Governor Haley has a very full schedule of job creation and economic development meetings and events in the next two months," said Rob Godfrey, Haley's spokesman. "But as much as her schedule permits, she does plan on helping the Romney-Ryan ticket. ..."

"Governor Haley recognizes that one of the biggest things holding back South Carolina's economy are the anti-business, anti-jobs policies coming from President Obama."

Democrats scoff at that reasoning — as overblown partisanship, at best. But that won't keep Haley off the road for Romney and Ryan.

Since endorsing the former Massachusetts governor in December, Haley has stumped for Romney in a handful of states. She appeared with him in the Palmetto State, leading up to the state's presidential primary, where Republican voters gave the edge to former House Speaker Newt Gingrich. She also has traveled to New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Colo-

rado, reaching out to voters on Romney's behalf.

Haley's highest-profile gig thus far came late last month at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., where she had a prime-time speaking role immediately before an address by Ann Romney, Mitt Romney's wife.

Last week, Haley and U.S. Rep. Tim Scott, R-S.C., of North Charleston, also traveled to Charlotte, N.C., holding a series of pro-Romney press conferences just blocks from the site of the Democratic National Convention.

Romney's campaign, which pays for Haley's out-of-state trips, plans to use her heavily.

"Nikki Haley is one of the best messengers we have," said Beth Myers, a senior Romney adviser — who asked Haley to speak at the Republican convention and was Romney's chief of staff while he was Massachusetts governor. "She has experienced firsthand how damaging this president's policies have been to states and their economies, and no one tells that story to voters better than she does. We'll use her anywhere and everywhere we can."

It's unclear, however, where and when that will be.

The Romney camp does not provide an advance schedule for its campaign surrogates, including Haley.

Scott Huffman, a Winthrop University political scientist and pollster, suspects the Romney camp will send Haley to Colorado, Nevada and the Rust Belt states.

"She defies the stereo-

type of the Republican in the South, that white, good ol' boy," Huffman said. "Her stump speech reinforces that the stereotype is wrong, that she's a woman, a minority and the country's youngest governor. She makes the Republican Party look vibrant and dynamic."

Democrats say Haley is busy playing politics when she should be at home, working to help South Carolinians.

"South Carolina has deep troubles, not only with employment but with our education system and job creation. And she's just AWOL," said S.C. Democratic Party chairman Dick Harpootlian,

adding that Haley also is scheduled to go to Japan Sunday for a trade show.

"The problems of South Carolina aren't going to be solved in Tampa or Charlotte or Tokyo," Harpootlian said. "She needs to be here in South Carolina. She is clearly planning a career or looking for a career outside of the state."

Haley has not outlined her future ambitions, other than saying she would not accept a Cabinet appointment should Romney win on Nov. 6. However, with about \$1 million raised in the most recent quarter, it's likely the Lexington, S.C., Republican will seek re-election in 2014.

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FOOTBALL

Spartans roll over Aggies, Eskridge runs for 130 yards and 3 TDs

By James Simpson
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The Spartans started slowly but exploded in the second half as SJSU crushed the UC Davis Aggies Saturday night in its home opener 45-13.

Many Spartans had career nights, and after the start of a tenure, filled with nail-biting wins and losses, head coach Mike MacIntyre finally got that blowout victory that had been eluding him for two years.

It was the Aggies that struck first and furious when junior quarterback Randy Wright hooked up with sophomore wide receiver Alex Cannon for a 45-yard touchdown on just the second play from scrimmage.

SJSU top performers

- QB David Fales, 23 completions for 277 yards and 1 touchdown
- RB De'Leon Eskridge, 16 carries, 130 yards, 3 touchdowns
- WR Noel Grigsby, 6 receptions for 76 yards
- WR Chandler Jones, 3 receptions for 34 yards and 2 touchdowns
- DE Travis Johnson, 7 solo tackles, 6 tackles for loss, 4 sacks

Information from SJSU Athletics

Exploiting single coverage and some bad footwork by the defense, Wright caught the Spartans off guard with a quick strike down the middle of the field.

The Aggies actually had most of the momentum in the first half until the Spartans cashed in with their first touchdown of the game with 1:49 left in the second quarter.

Dragging a desperate defender at his feet, senior running back De'Leon Eskridge used full extension to cross the goal line from five yards. The extra point tied the score 7-7.

They hardly looked back after that.

A transfer from the University of Minnesota, Eskridge scored three rushing touchdowns in the game for the Spartans. It was the first time since the 2006 season that a SJSU player has accomplished the same feat.

Eskridge finished with 130 yards on 17 carries.

"That was the main focus, was to establish the run game. I mean with our (offensive) line we know that they know what they're doing and that they are going to get in the right places," Eskridge said. "So to establish it, I think that was the main focus, and we succeeded."

Junior quarterback David Fales was efficient once again, going 23-32 for 277 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions.

The Spartans utilized a lot of low-risk screens and quick-strike passes designed to dominate time of possession and get its playmakers time in space.

Fales completed passes to nine different receivers in the game.

Like the Stanford game, sophomore quarterback Blake Jurich saw action in designed packages, throwing for one touchdown to junior wide receiver Chandler Jones and running for another on his own.

According to MacIntyre, the tide of the game turned on an interception by junior cornerback Bene Benwikere that he took to the opposing 17-yard line near the end of the first half.

Eskridge capped off that short drive with his second touchdown of the game.

"I think that flipped the whole game," MacIntyre said. "And then from then on, we did a good job of competing and finishing them off."

Senior defensive end Travis Johnson was a monster on the other end, totaling four sacks and six tackles for loss. Both tied school records and placed him fifth in Spartan history in tackles for loss.

A disruptive force all night, Johnson ran right past Aggie offensive tackles with little resistance at the point of attack.



Junior linebacker Vince Buhagiar tackles UC Davis freshman running back Tavior Mowry during the Spartans' home-opening victory over the Aggies 45-13 on Saturday. Photo by Jesse Jones / Contributing Photographer

"He's a beast. That's why he's the best sacker in America, in the WAC history," MacIntyre said. "I feel bad for those guys on the offensive line."

Getting his first start of the season at running back, sophomore running back Tyler Ervin played thunder to Eskridge's lightning, as he gained 55 yards on 10 carries on the ground and finished with 170 all-purpose yards.

(Travis Johnson) is a beast. That's why he's the best sacker in America, in the WAC history

Mike MacIntyre,
SJSU head football coach

Jones had two receiving touchdowns – the first time in his career he's done so.



Junior quarterback David Fales drops back in the pocket to make a pass against UC Davis on Saturday. Photo by Jason Reed / Contributing Photographer

Junior wide receiver Noel Grigsby finished with six catches for 76 yards and leads the Spartans in receptions through the first two games with 13.

Aggies head coach Bob Biggs acknowledged that SJSU was a handful to play against.

"To San Jose's credit, they changed up their defense

and they started bringing more pressure, they played more man (coverage) and we couldn't get first downs," Biggs said. "Our defense was just on the field too long and it caught up with us and they just wore us down."

The Spartans outgained the Aggies 503-252 in total yardage. The most the Spartans

have scored is 45 points since the 2007 season against New Mexico State, when SJSU scored 51 in a victory.

The Spartans next game is Sep. 15 at home against Colorado State.

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EQUAL RIGHTS

Linebacker's comments stir controversy with same-sex marriage opposition

McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

Ravens linebacker Brendon Ayanbadejo said Friday that he was surprised Maryland Del. Emmett C. Burns Jr., a Democrat from Baltimore County, sent a letter to Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti urging him to silence his outspoken player, who has long been a vocal proponent of same-sex marriage.

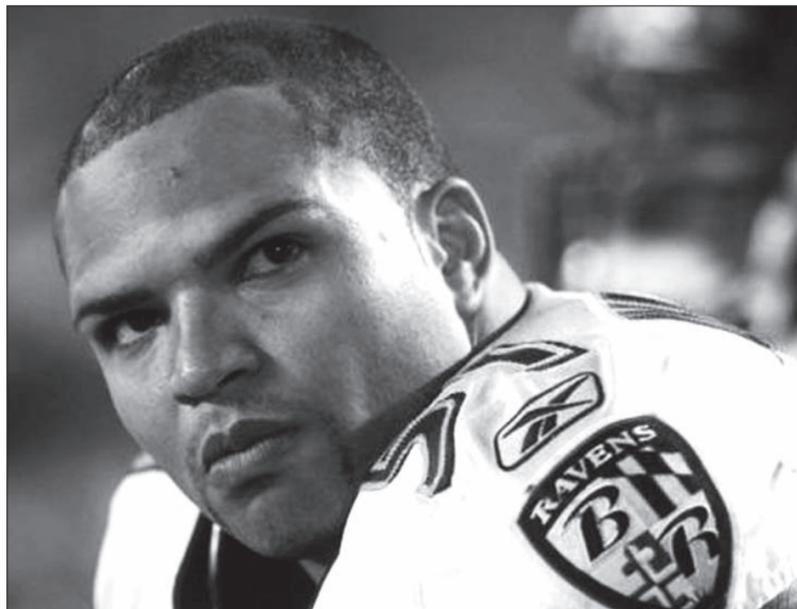
"Many of my constituents and your football supporters are appalled and aghast that a member of the Ravens Football Team would step into this controversial divide and try to sway public opinion one way or the other," Burns wrote in the letter dated Aug. 29.

Burns said Ayanbadejo, a 36-year-old California native, should concentrate on football.

"I was surprised. Just what our country was founded on, for someone to try to take that away from me, I was pretty surprised that something like that would come up, especially from a politician," Ayanbadejo said in his first comments to the media on the issue. Ayanbadejo said members of the Ravens organization, including team president Dick Cass, offered words of support Friday at the Under Armour Performance Center and a few gave him a high-five.

No other delegates have reached out to him about the issue, Ayanbadejo said. He thanked the public for its support and said people have responded positively on Facebook and Twitter, where he sometimes offers opinions on politics.

"Surprisingly, Steelers fans, Patriots fans, Bengals fans, Cowboys fans, people who don't even watch the NFL have all sent me messages



Baltimore Ravens linebacker Brendon Ayanbadejo says he supports gay marriage. Photo courtesy of blackspportsonline.com

saying that, 'I now have a reason to watch football or even cheer for the Ravens because of your support for equality,' so that feels good," he said.

Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker LaMarr Woodley and Minnesota Vikings punter Chris Kluwe were among the NFL players who backed Ayanbadejo on social media and the Internet on Friday.

Ayanbadejo was among the first professional athletes to express support for marriage equality. He wrote an op-ed piece for The Huffington

Post and filmed video spots for Equality Maryland. Same-sex marriage isn't a "gay" issue, it's an "equality" issue, he said.

"I see the big picture," Ayanbadejo said. "There was a time when women didn't have rights, black people didn't have rights, and right now, gay rights is a big issue and it has been for a long time. And so we're slowly chopping down the barriers to equality. We have some minority rights we have to get straight and some gay rights, then we'll be on our way."

Ayanbadejo said Cass stopped him in the hall at the Ravens' practice facility Friday afternoon to let him know the team supports his right to free speech.

"He (said), 'We're in support of you, and it's good that you're able to voice your opinion and say how you feel,'" Ayanbadejo said. "Dick personally told me that we're not an organization that discriminates."

In a statement, Cass said, "We support Brendon's right to freedom of speech under the First Amendment."

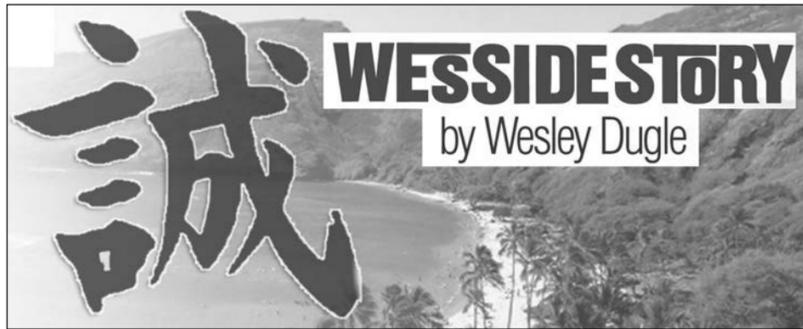
The Ravens plan to draft a letter to Burns but do not plan to make it public.

Burns, an opponent of same-sex marriage, told The Baltimore Sun on Friday that Ayanbadejo, as a "public person representing a public team," should avoid commenting on social issues.

"Football is the most masculine sport there is out there, and same-sex marriage goes against that as far as I'm concerned," he said. "I think it's best that a football player leaves that alone."

NFL Players Association president Dominique Foxworth said he was disappointed by the letter and called the delegate's request "asinine." He said the union will always stand by players who use their platform to voice opinions, even if they go against what others believe.

"I don't think football players are different from any other human beings, with the exception of having a larger platform," said Foxworth, who played for the Ravens from 2009 to 2011. "I think that's all the reason to speak out. Whether people agree with what you're saying or not, it's your right to say it. I don't think any social issues have been solved by silencing one group."



Gay marriage's defensive line

The world of football is often touted as a man's world, bereft of femininity, where men can show off their strength and prowess against each other in a brutal display of gladiatorial carnage on the gridiron.

The amount of testosterone alone in the sport could probably power a fleet of bull sharks and for many who play in the NFL or watch it, there is no room for the display of political beliefs that may conflict with the game's ultra-male mindset.

Baltimore Ravens linebacker Brendon Ayanbejo is one of the few who break this status quo.

Ayanbejo is a vocal supporter of gay marriage, and is one of the few male athletes who are open about it — which in the world of sport can be difficult.

Regardless of how you feel about gay marriage, Ayanbejo has the right to voice his opinion here and shouldn't be told to be silent on the issue.

It doesn't hurt anybody, and certainly in the grand scheme of the game of football it doesn't matter.

He should be commended for taking a stand on an issue that isn't quite mainstream within his occupation.

Unfortunately, some people had a problem with his stance.

In a letter written last week to Ravens owner Steve Biscotti, Maryland Democratic delegate Emmett C. Burns says he finds it "inconceivable" that Ayanbejo would support same-sex marriage and asked Biscotti to take "the necessary action" to "inhibit such expressions" from players such as Ayanbejo.

"Inconceivable" huh?

In a game where big burly men tackle each other for two to three hours, it's "inconceivable" to support gay marriage?

All joking aside, Burns is a minister so it's not really surprising he would take up arms against Ayanbejo's stance, and he certainly has the right to express his opinion.

But what is truly "inconceivable" is why Burns would ask Biscotti to silence men, such as Ayanbejo, on the issue and tell them not to express their beliefs.

I'm pretty sure there is an amendment that protects against that kind of censorship, the same one that allows him to talk down to Ayanbejo on this issue.

Burns has no right to tell Biscotti, or anybody, that they can't believe what they want to believe or voice their opinion on something that is important to them.

But this is the problem going on now in the world of sports — football in this case.



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In a society that touts football players as supermen, people have a hard time accepting that a few may have beliefs that conflict with that ultra-masculine mindset that comes with the sport.

A long time ago it was shunned, almost frowned upon, to express opinions in support of gay marriage and even more difficult to find a prominent male athlete who would come out of the closet.

But in recent years, more and more athletes like Ayanbejo have started being open about their support of gay rights.

Minnesota Vikings punter Chris Kluwe is one of those NFLers who has joined Ayanbejo in the fight for equal rights of gay citizens.

In a scathing counter-letter to Burns, Kluwe states that he is "vocal as hell" about his support of gay marriage and says that it "baffles" him that Burns would use the "same First Amendment to pursue" his "own religious studies without fear of persecution from the state," while justifying the "stifling another person's right to speech."

Kluwe and Ayanbejo aren't the only ones who have shown support of same sex marriage.

Current and former football players like Scott Fujita, Michael Strahan and Nic Harris have all come out in support of the controversial issue.

Michael Irvin, Hall of Fame wide receiver — whose brother is openly gay — is another supporter.

In an interview with Out Magazine, a publication aimed at the gay and lesbian community, Irvin states "No one should be telling you who you should love, no one should be telling you who you should be spending the rest of your life with."

It's great to see so many prominent players show support for this controversial issue, and go against the grain of the mainstream of the testosterone powered football world.

Of course, for every Michael Irvin and Brendan Ayanbejo, there are more people who are similar to Emmett Burns and David Tyree who are still stuck in the 1950s when it comes to homosexuals and gay rights.

Hopefully, with growing support, football and the world of sports may shed its ultra-masculine approach to these issues and get into the modern era.

Just because these athletes play one of the manliest sports in the world, doesn't mean they shouldn't be allowed to show support on these issues.

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The sad economics of coffee

This semester, the Peet's Coffee & Tea at Just Below in MacQuarrie Hall introduced its use of GIVING, a digital loyalty program, best described as a retail establishment's "Well, one free coffee is worth buying nine!" deal.

And yes, GIVING works elegantly and allows you to never carry a paper punch card again, and is a great example of a well-designed and effectively-executed idea from a tech startup in San Francisco.

Loyalty programs are a great way to get people to come back to your business. They know the conspicuous consumption patterns of consumers, and have intricately planned it.

But what is even more fascinating is the business behind coffee is far more fascinating and depressing.

According to the United Nations, raw coffee was the second most traded commodity worldwide after only oil.

The economic crashes of the markets, though, shook up the market in 2008. Coffee production and consumption fell in every major market. UN Comtrade, who monitors trade data for all sorts of products, noted a major drop in coffee production, export, import and consumption.

That is, except for one country — The Netherlands.

The 2009 data year showed that the United States' levels fell by 7.7 percent, Italy seized its grinds by 10.9, the Spain and Poland shuttered away from coffee by over a whopping 30 percent each.

But the Dutch, instead, grew by an astounding 8.2 percent.

This is for all consumer coffee consumption — pre-ground, whole-bean and already-dripped.

And in the latest data year, in 2010, when the world became sensible again and globally people returned to their brewing ways, Holland maintained



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growth. Coffee consumption grew by another 15.9 percent.

And I'm not sure why. Is this because of the boom of Dutch coffee shops — which are basically just weed dispensaries? Is it stoners trying to double down on their vices, looking to get high and caffeinated?

Coffee is an insane give-and-take. We'd like to claim it's just a thing we consume in the morning, but it's a huge industry that impacts dozens of others.

And this has a lot of facets — from the questions that circulate on what "fair trade," "organic," or "premium blend" mean, to the fact that dozens of coffee-exporting countries regularly use both slave and child labor, despite dozens of reports over the last 15 years exposing these problems.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of International Labor Affairs noted in a 2011 report that coffee in Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Kenya, Mexico, and Panama may be made with child or forced labor.

I'm not sure if the Dutch know this, or care, but I hope they brew that over before they buy more coffee.

Harvest production of coffee is a lot of complicated steps and workers often never see most of the profits from their labor. Many of these farmers and workers are paid less than \$1 a day in some of the top coffee-exporting countries.

Your \$3.75 latte might actually have cost only 5 cents, despite the costs of transportation and roasting. Accord-

ing to Jan de Graaff's book, "The Economics of Coffee," small- and medium-sized coffee growers' produce will often pass many hands, each of which will profit, before ever reaching its consumer. From trader to manufacturer to agent to often an additional manufacturer to a wholesaler to a roaster to a retailer,

This legal pilfering from the farmer is fascinating and depressing, and consumers should be aware of this before purchasing. They should vote with their dollars — choose a place that doesn't support child labor, indentured servitude, or gross underpayment of farmers.

Philz Coffee, easily one of the best, but also the most expensive cup of coffee, in Downtown San Jose, does not disclose where its beans come from, whether they're produced with or without humane labor. I love my Philz just as much as the next java aficionado, but just like the market dominator, Starbucks, they're simply not transparent.

Some argue "but this 'better coffee' costs more," but it often doesn't. For example Target's Archer Farms brand offers organic coffee options produced under either a fair trade or direct trade practice are competitive — from \$7.99 to \$14.99 for a 10- or 12-ounce bag or reusable tin.

Social consciousness should be a core characteristic for all — especially coffee buyers. You can usually be choosy when buying whole beans and pre-ground coffee, and increasingly many retail coffee establishments will let you pick a specific and more sustainable blend.

I only rarely am kitschy when it comes to coffee, but I do it only 10 percent of the time, when I buy brews from one of my regular establishments. I hope you agree, buying nine drip coffees and cashing it out for a triple-shot-white-mocha-with-whip-and-no-foam-thank-you-very-much is a fair trade, I think.

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SQUARE DANCING



Students, local dancers do-si-do at SquareCrow's Ball

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Students and local square dancers do-si-do'ed under the glow of the historic light tower in History San Jose for the third annual SquareCrow's Ball. Proceeds from donated food cans, pies and quilts benefited Second Harvest Food Bank. The event drew from square dancing clubs all over the Bay Area, and brief lessons were offered to newcomers before the ball.



See a slideshow of the ball at <http://spartandaily.com/?p=80398>



SANTANA ROW

Pink Stripes gives sweet style for Fashion's Night Out

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Santana Row hoped to bring out all Bay Area fashionistas last Thursday evening for its second annual Fashion's Night Out.

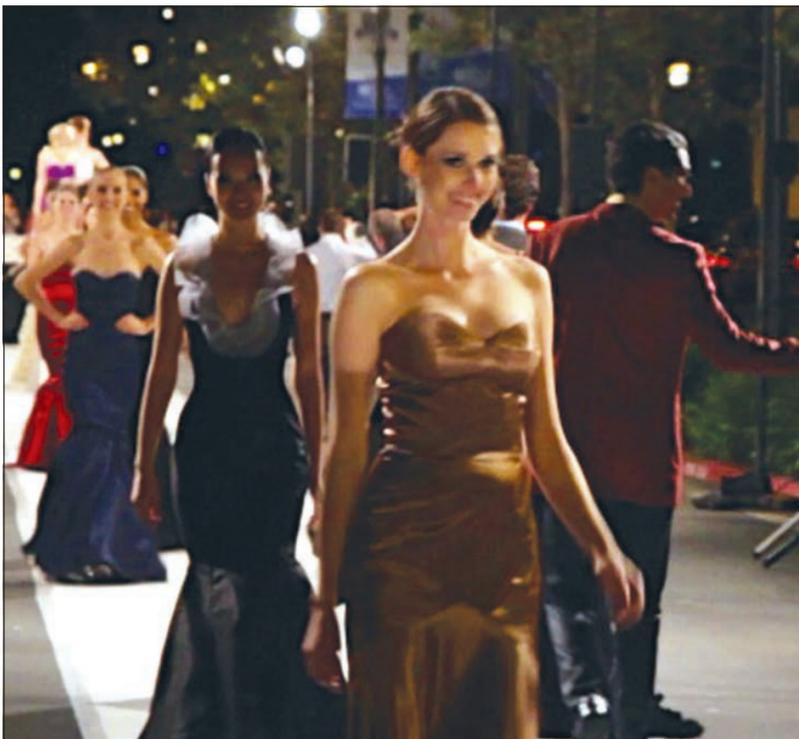
Modeled after the popular kick-off night to Fashion Week in New York City, the event lured more than 100 shoppers with the promise of giveaways, cocktails and multiple runway shows along a 365-foot runway, which according to Santana Row's director of marketing, Collette Navarette, is one of the longest in the country.

"It's really a celebration of fashion," Navarette said, adding that Fashion's Night Out allowed everyday people to get a glimpse of high fashion and couture.

International designers and Santana Row retailers such as Ted Baker and Boutique Harajuku, had models strut their best fall fashions down the catwalk, which spanned from Swedish multi-national retail store H&M to American restaurant LBSteak.

Despite only exhibiting its clothes in an informal modeling portion of the event, locally-owned boutique Pink Stripes was as equally excited as its better-recognized counterparts to participate in Fashion's Night Out.

"It's so cool to be involved in an event that is as historic as the original Fashion's Night Out in New York," said Natalie Martino, store manager of Pink Stripes. "We love being social, we love interacting with new and former customers and we love being a part of a community of people who share our love and passion for all things regarding style and fashion."



Models walk down the runway wearing dresses from designer Franco Uomo during Fashion's Night Out at Santana Row last Thursday. Photo by Jessica Olthof / Spartan Daily

Tucked away between retail chain Urban Outfitters and men's barbershop Bellarmine Salon, Pink Stripes glammed its storefront by dressing its mannequins in eye-catching attire and decorating its entrance with multicolored balloons.

In addition to its outer appearance, Pink Stripes prepped for Fashion's Night Out by creating outfits to showcase the autumn trends and styles from the store for the informal modeling show, setting up complimentary NYX makeup palettes with purchases of more than \$150 and purchasing sweet desserts and assorted rosé and white wines for fashion enthusiasts for the in-store party.

With only two people working the store during Fashion's Night Out,

Martino and sales associate Arabela Espinoza helped customers to the best of their ability as dozens of guests filed in and out of the store Thursday night.

"When it comes to things like Fashion's Night Out, we hope to really emphasize how much we love fashion, as well as invite people into our store and to understand who we are as Pink Stripes," Martino said. "We live, breathe, eat, sleep and think fashion. Whether it's new styles, old styles, current trends or personal tastes, Pink Stripes loves to walk the line and offer things that people may not have seen in other stores or just haven't embraced before."

Espinoza, a business marketing sophomore at SJSU, shared similar sentiments

regarding the store's sense of style, adding that shoppers purchase truly unique pieces of clothing since the store only carries six items of each garment.

"We are very different from a lot of the Santana Row shops," Espinoza said, going on to say that the store brings in many different elements, such as cutouts, textures and asymmetrical hemlines into its wardrobe.

Pink Stripes is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is located at 355 Santana Row, suite 1040. It will be opening a new store in Westfield Oakridge Mall Oct. 15.

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