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**FEE INCREASE**

# CSU trustees table 'super senior' fee discussions

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The California State University Board of Trustees decided to indefinitely postpone a discussion scheduled for today on imposing three new student fees on Tuesday.

The three fees would have included a graduation incentive fee, third-tier tuition fee and a course repeat fee.

"We have decided to postpone the decision to gather more information on the impact of the fees," said CSU media contact Erik Fallis. "There is a plan to discuss it more with students and student leadership."

According to CSU media contact Mike Uhlenkamp, these fees were

being considered to encourage students to graduate sooner and free up much-needed space in classrooms.

The graduation incentive fee would require students who have more than 160 units to pay an additional \$372 per unit.

The third-tier tuition fee would be charged to students taking 18 units or more in a semester.

Repeating a course would also cost students an extra fee of \$91 per unit.

"We don't want students in the system who are over 160 anymore," Uhlenkamp said.

The fees could discourage students from loading up on classes they have no intention of taking during the registration process, according to Uhlenkamp.

While the CSU Board of Trustees believes these fees will be a step in solving overcrowding of universities, students on campus are not sure why it is being considered to charged more fees.

Students for Quality Education organized a march on Thursday to voice their protest and present a petition to the university president.

"We believe that these fees will hurt the students," said Robert Carrera, student organizer for SQE and junior sociology major. "It will add more debt and more burden to the students here at SJSU and the CSUs all across California."

Other students at the march said that the fees have the potential to

directly affect every student's education.

"I feel bad for the future students," said Alicia Jacob, a health science major. "They might not be able to double major or double minor. If you are indecisive or don't have it figured out, you end up taking extra units. Now we are going to have to pay fees for that."

In addition to worrying about a student's options for choices and time, some students believe that implementing the fees will not eliminate the problems that the CSU hopes to fix.

"I think (the fees) are really heinous," said Michelle Pujol, a junior justice studies and philosophy double

major. "Most of us are working students. We're obviously having budget problems, but does charging students fees for taking classes and trying to get their education fix the problem? They're charging the wrong people."

When the CSU announced the postponement of the fees, the student organization felt as if they have won a small victory.

"They said they were going to research more," said Herlinda Aguirre, lead organizer and president of SQE, "but it seems as though we've won this time around."

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**CAMPUS IMAGE**

## Monks in meticulous meditation



Tibetan monks create a sand painting called a mandala on the first floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. Library. Mandalas are temporary diagrams believed to allow monks to connect the physical space to the spiritual world. Photo by Jessica Olthof / Spartan Daily

**BUDGET CUTS**

## Kinesiology program hit hard by deep cuts

By Celeste Lodge  
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The kinesiology department experienced the loss of staff, jobs and classes, because of the budget cuts on the university.

Royce Agustin, a part-time beginning bowling teacher, said the budget cuts have hit him hard this semester due to some of his classes being cut.

"It's been pretty tough on me financially and emotionally considering how much work I put into developing my classes," Agustin said.

Last semester he was teaching five classes all filled to capacity, but this semester he is down to only teaching two classes.

"I love teaching the class but I'm not teaching as much as I would like," Agustin said. "Obviously money would help but its really not being able to teach the class that is bothering me."

He has had to find other work in order to survive financially.

"If I want to look at it realistically, I don't really foresee myself being employed at San Jose State much longer," Agustin said.

Charles (Charlie) Bullock, dean of the college of applied sciences and arts, said the cuts that are still to come next year will be made first on part-time staff.

Currently there are about 50 part-time staff teachers in the department, according to Shirley Reekie, the chair of the kinesiology department.

Reekie said that in the past five years many tenure-track positions have not been replaced, so they are down significantly on faculty and have had to hire more part-time employees.

Reekie said ten classes were cut for the fall semester — five general education classes and five activity classes.

Bullock said he expects more classes to be cut in the spring semester.

"We're trying our best to give classes and make sure everyone has classes, but its hard to have enough money to teach classes," Bullock said.

He said one way to save money is to make classes larger and cut low enrolled classes.

**TECH**

## You've got mail: Student email moves to Google services

By Thyra Phan  
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Student email addresses have changed from @students.sjsu.edu to @sjsu.edu, the same system used for faculty and staff, as of yesterday.

"We had many meetings about it and we thought it was the right thing to do," said Terry Vahey, the associate vice president of information technology services. "I think it's the right thing to take the 'students' out."

Student email addresses migrated from Outlook to Google's email service, Gmail, after four years with Microsoft's email.

To access the new email accounts, students must go to mail.sjsu.edu

and login using their SJSUOne account information.

"When we did our email migration, we only had 135 students (out of 30,000) that didn't get their whole name without any changes," Vahey said.

She said students with the same name either had their middle name in their new email addresses or a number at the end.

According to Victor Van Leer, the director of information technology services, it does not cost the school money to migrate the accounts.

He said the school wanted students, faculty and staff together on the same email system to "reduce operating complexity" and provide

"better collaboration between students and faculty."

With the Google Apps platform, students have larger email storage — 25 gigabytes compared to Outlook's 10 gigabytes.

Van Leer said the new email accounts have "type-ahead addressing of faculty and staff addresses" where students can reach all faculty and students by typing in their name in the recipient box.

In addition, he said students have the ability to share calendars and documents between faculty and students.

David Chiang, a senior management information systems major, said the new email platform is

"definitely an improvement considering what we had before" and that Gmail "is a well-respected, easy email client."

However, Chiang said he wishes the email migration happened earlier.

"It's a shame because I'll be graduating in two months and I won't have much of a chance to use it," he said. "For existing students, it's going to be different to get used to a new service."

Van Leer said students have until Jan. 1 to move the content of their old inbox to the Gmail inbox, if desired.

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CAMPUS

## Student celebration shines with excitement for Diwali

By David Bermudez  
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Walking toward the end of the Spartan Complex before walking into the hall where the Diwali event took place, a board of bright lights with Ganesh (an elephant figure) in the middle greets you at the door.

Once inside, different colored ribbons of green, gold, purple and red decorated the hall, colored lanterns hung on each corner of the hall along with signs in all the possible Indian languages, including a sign in the Tamil (a classical language of India and one of the oldest in the world) that read Happy Diwali.

Hindu Yuva, a student organization, SJSU hosted and celebrated Diwali the “festival of lights” at the Spartan Complex Sunday with prayer, singing and clapping, games and interaction between all who attended.

According to the president of SJSU’s Hindu Yuva, Ninad Thepade, the student organization is made up mainly of Indian graduate students.

Thepade described Diwali as “new beginnings” and a big long event that brings “all relatives, friends and sometimes even enemies to come together again and celebrate the new year.”

Diwali is a five-day event that brings in the New Year and is celebrated in India, Nepal, Fiji, Malaysia, Trinidad & Tobago, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Singapore and anywhere else that has an Indian or Hindu population.



Sonia Patwardhan decorates the sacred rangoli, a welcoming area meant for the Hindu deities, during the Diwali event yesterday hosted by the SJSU student organization Hindu Yuva. Photo by David Bermudez / Spartan Daily

On Sunday, Hindu Yuva celebrated the third day of the five-day celebration that commemorates Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, and Ganesh, the god of auspicious beginnings.

Traditionally, everyone comes clean and wears new clothes.

Toward the middle of the hall, a rangoli was drawn on the floor with colored green, white, purple and red sand that is drawn like a lotus flower and represents and shows a sign of “Welcome.”

Thepade said that generally the women of the house draw the rangoli.

In front of the rangoli, Hindu Yuva made a very colorful and beautiful shrine that had a framed picture of Lakshmi that was surrounded by flowers, candles and different colored pebbles that were used when the students said a brief prayer.

They were then handed a spoonful of a sheera, an Indian

sweet dish that is made with semolina and had a taste of coconut.

Since it is called the “festival of light,” it is tradition for everyone in India to turn everything on and light up diyas, which are similar to oil lamp candles, all around the house, street and neighborhood.

Hindu Yuva were not allowed to light up the whole room with diyas, so they instead used electronic candles around the room and shrine.

From there, Hindu Yuva played a 10-minute video that explained what Diwali is about and what is done during the five days of Diwali.

For example on the fifth day Bhaidooj, brothers and sisters meet to express the love and affection they have for each other.

“Diwali is a great time to be around family and friends,” said graduate student Anant Sakharkar, who attended the event for the first time at SJSU.

Sakharkar said Diwali is a very important holiday in India and one of the fun things about it is that in India it, “allows us to light up firecrackers and it’s unlike anything you’ve seen.”

Once the singing was done, everyone lined up and walked up to the Lakshmi built shrine and said a brief prayer.

Once the prayer was over, everyone talked with one another and there was a prize for best traditional dress that was given to Stuti Bhanwala and Kaustubh Phadnis.

“This event here came out very nice,” said Ashwin Kalbhor.

“It’s nice to get away from home and celebrate Diwali with friends and being here just reminds me a lot about how it is back home,” Kalbhor said.

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SJSU 3, CSU BAKERSFIELD 0

## SJSU volleyball team sweeps CSU Bakersfield under the rug

By Celeste Lodge  
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After shutting out the WAC No. 1 ranked Utah State University Aggies on Saturday, the SJSU women's volleyball team remained strong and beat the CSU Bakersfield Roadrunners 3-0 in last night's match.

"I'm pleased with winning in three and taking care of business tonight," said head coach Oscar Crespo.

The Spartans are now 14-14 overall and 9-8 in the WAC.

According to Crespo, the Spartans were feeling ready and motivated in last night's match after coming off a big win Saturday against the No. 1 ranked team in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC), Utah State.

"I think the team is focused, they have the belief that they can play at a pretty good caliber against a good opponent," Crespo said. "They are definitely motivated to take care of business. They have started to really settle into a pretty good groove and are playing well."

Senior middle blocker Alex Akana said the win against Utah State helped the team win last night.

"It was definitely a confidence booster for us," Akana said. "Hopefully we can carry that on to Thursdays game and to the WAC tournament."

Although the Spartans never gained the first lead in the three sets, they came

back and fought their way through to win all three.

The Spartans began the first set trailing by 3-0 but then got their first point with a kill by Mary Alice O'Reilly, sophomore middle blocker and WAC player of the week.

Akana tied the first set with a kill and took the first lead with a kill, making the score 7-6.

Sophomore leftside hitter Samantha O'Connell hit the set-winning kill.

The final score of the first set was 25-20.

The Spartans started off slow in the second set but took the first lead at 4-3 by a block from O'Connell and Akana.

SJSU looked strong with a 14-16 lead in the second set, but the Roadrunners came back to take the lead at 17-18 due to an attack error by Akana.

The Spartans gained momentum with a kill from O'Connell to tie the score and a kill from junior leftside hitter Hanah Blume to take the lead at 20-19.

The second set-winning point was due to a service error by Roadrunner junior middle blocker Sara Aloisio and the Spartans won the set 25-22.

The Roadrunners lead the third set 0-1 because of an attack error by senior rightside hitter Krista Miller.

Blume made two kills in a row to take the lead at 2-1 and the Spartans finished strong while keeping the lead for the remainder of the set.

O'Reilly made the set and match winning point with a kill making the final score 25-22.

O'Reilly led the team with 13 kills for the match and said being named WAC player of the week has helped with her performance.

"It pushed me to keep it up and work hard," O'Reilly said.

Crespo said the middle offense played very well and the setters were able to isolate them nicely.

"I definitely stepped up and improved (in this match)," Akana said "I have to credit my passers and my setters for that."

Akana ended the match with seven kills and one ace.

"We worked really well with each other tonight," Akana said. "We limited our areas as much as possible and tried to execute as efficiently as we could."

The Spartans will face the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) which is tied for the No. 2 seat in the WAC with New Mexico State, Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Spartan Gym.

"We have to go in strong and we can't overlook it (the game) because the WAC tournament is a big focus right now," O'Reilly said. "It's just as important. So we're going to get into the gym tomorrow, work hard, get better, and be ready for the game."

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SJSU senior guard Chris Jones (right) is defended by University of Houston's Brandon Morris in the first half of yesterday's 77-75 loss to the Cougars. Photo by Jason Reed / Contributing Photographer

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON 77, SJSU 75

## Spartan men's basketball team falls to Houston Cougars in home opener

By David Bermudez  
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The men's basketball team comeback attempt against the University of Houston Cougars (2-0) fell short last night with a 77-75 loss.

The Spartans (0-2) were down 44-26 at halftime after shooting 33 percent from the field, 1-7 from the three-point line and turning the ball over nine times.

"They had a stretch in the first half where they outplayed us and it got away from us," said Spartan head coach George Nessman. "Our guys handled that poorly during that stretch but I think we rebounded from that very well and handled ourselves great the rest of the game."

Junior forward Chris Cunningham and junior center Alex Brown started to get SJSU going down low by making easy baskets on fast breaks and wide-open dunks and providing a spark for SJSU.

"Chris Cunningham is a great presence down low," said sophomore guard DJ Brown, who finished the game with 24 points and five assists. "He commands a double team and whenever you have a player that needs two guys to guard, it gets us (the guards) open."

Cunningham finished with 15 points and five rebounds.

The Spartans' defense stepped up by shutting down Houston's sophomore forward

TaShawn Thomas, who had 15 points in the first half but only made two points in the second.

SJSU senior guard James Kinney, who was cold for most of the first half, finally made a three-pointer with eight minutes left that cut the Cougars lead down to 56-43.

But Houston was able to counter whatever the Spartans threw at them by hitting a shot almost every time they went down the floor.

SJSU failed to make free throws down the stretch to help cut into the Cougars' lead.

The Spartans went 9-16 from the free throw line in the second half.

The team kept on fighting back with drives to the paint from Brown and Kinney kept on hitting shots from long range and also driving to the basket.

Houston missed several key free throws that would put the game out of reach for the Spartans but instead it allowed SJSU to come back 73-66 with 30 seconds left.

The next trip down the court, Kinney completed a four-point play on a made three-point attempt, to bring the score to 73-70.

With 23.7 seconds left, SJSU found itself down 73-70 but were unable to pull off the victory as the Cougars wouldn't miss a free throw the rest of the way and SJSU couldn't make a basket that would've cut the lead down to two.

Kinney ended up with a double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

The first half started off quick for both teams as Houston and SJSU traded baskets and played a quick tempo game.

SJSU went up 14-10 on a 6-0 run with 13:39 left in the first half a nice jumper from Cunningham from an assist from DJ Brown.

But the Spartans then began to turn the ball over, missing easy shots and found itself on the bad end of a lot of Houston runs.

SJSU couldn't find an answer to Thomas down low and Houston kept on penetrating through the SJSU defense and scoring on open shots.

"Overall as disappointed as we are, it's still an OK step for our group," said Nessman. "This group is going to be a good team and we are really confident in that. We're going to play you for 40 minutes and by the end of the season we'll be a formidable basketball team."

The Spartans next home game is at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday when it welcomes Weber State to the Event Center.

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Check out coverage on the women's Friday game at [SpartanDaily.com](http://SpartanDaily.com)

### SJSU v. CSU Bakersfield Game Statistics 11/13/12

#	Name	Attack			TA
		S	K	E	
1	Blume, Hanah	3	10	4	27
2	Leonard, Michaela	3	0	0	1
4	O'Reilly, Mary Alice	3	13	3	21
9	O'Connell, Samantha	3	5	4	20
11	Akana, Alex	3	7	2	11
3	Griest, Sarah	1	0	0	0
6	Pieper, Kiely	3	0	0	0
12	LaFollette, Sydney	1	0	0	0
	Totals	3	39	16	98

Information courtesy of SJSU Athletics

FOOTBALL

## Upcoming BYU game one for the books

By Dennis Biles  
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Riding its second four-game win streak of the season after a 47-7 thrashing of New Mexico State, the Spartan football team can make it five in a row for the first time since 1990 with a victory over the Brigham Young University Cougars at Spartan Stadium this coming Saturday night.

In the weekly football news conference, head coach Mike MacIntyre said that this game is one of the most important for SJSU in quite some time.

"It's a big football game," MacIntyre said. "I would say with BYU coming to town and everything it's one of the biggest games in the modern history of San Jose State football."

Besides being bowl eligible for the first time since 2008 and being in position to win a share of the Western Athletic

Conference title, Saturday's game against the Cougars will be nationally broadcast on ESPN2.

"I know our kids are excited about playing in front of a packed house here at Spartan Stadium," MacIntyre said. "We'd love all of our people to be here, and be here in full force. It's going to be an exciting night here this weekend."

The Spartans will face a stiff challenge in the Cougars (6-4, 0-1), who come into the game with one of the best defenses in the country.

According to Yahoo! Sports, the Cougars allow an average of 14.2 points and 264.5 yards per game, ranking them seventh and third in the nation, respectively.

"Their defense is phenomenal," MacIntyre said. "They're big. They're strong. They're athletic. They do a lot of great things. It's going to be a very, very tough contest for us."

The Spartans have not surrendered a sack since giving up 13 to Utah State on Oct. 13, so MacIntyre expects the Cougars pass rush to feature many similar looks to Utah State.

"We've got to be able to protect, keep that simple," MacIntyre said. "They'll steal some ideas from Utah State. Every team has since we've played them, but we've picked it up pretty well."

On offense, the Cougars are led by senior quarterback Riley Nelson, who has missed some time due to various injuries but is regarded as a real impact player by MacIntyre.

"He's a very good quarterback," MacIntyre said. "He's been beat up a little bit but he's a very good play maker. He makes plays when the pocket breaks down. He'll create. He'll run around and flip the ball late to a guy, and he'll make a play. They feed off his competitive nature. I

really like watching him play. I hope I don't enjoy watching him this Saturday."

The Cougars also rely heavily on freshman running back Jamaal Williams, who comes into the game with 11 total touchdowns on the year.

In their last game, a 52-13 drubbing of the Idaho Vandals, Nelson threw for 236 yards and three scores while Williams gained 104 yards and scored two touchdowns on just 10 carries.

The Cougars became bowl eligible with the victory and promptly accepted an invitation to play in the Poinsettia Bowl in San Diego on Dec. 20.

The Spartans, with an 8-2 overall record, have their best 10-game record since they were 9-1 in 1987, according to SJSU Athletics. They can achieve their first nine-win season since 2006 with a victory on Saturday.

A win over the Cougars would also improve the



SJSU's De'Leon Eskridge had 96 rushing yards and a touchdown. Photo by Daisy Hernandez / Contributing Photographer

Spartans' bowl outlook, and could raise their national profile even higher.

For the first time since the end of the 2006 season, San Jose State received votes in the Associated Press weekly college football poll, getting four votes.

"I think any time we get recognition in the polls, it's great for our kids," MacIntyre

said. "It's great for the program. It gets our name out there. It helps recruiting. Our young men and coaches have worked hard and they've earned some of that recognition. If we keep winning we'll get more recognition."

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## Kinesiology: More cuts to come

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Reekie said they will be combining what is usually two classes into one big class of 80 students and four labs of twenty students for the spring semester.

She said she would prefer to have more small classes because they are more interactive.

"This isn't the ideal way, but it's a way," Reekie said.

Reekie said she thinks students not being able to get classes in a timely matter has been the worst side effect from the budget cuts.

Najet Raffoul, junior kinesiology major, said the budget cuts have made it hard for her to get classes and stay on track with her graduation plan.

"My first two semesters I was only able to take eight units and this is the first semester I have 13 units," she said.

Raffoul said she had to take winter and summer classes to keep up with her graduation plan, which cost her a lot of money, and is still set back a semester to graduate.

Reekie said the department is now offering more winter and summer sections to help students get the classes they need.

Not only have classes been cut, but the operations equipment account, which is for day to day expenses such as pencils, paper, telephones, copy machines, and travel, has been cut in half from \$60,000 to \$30,000.

Bullock said he was only able to give each of the de-

partments half of what they got last year because of the budget cuts.

"Everybody has to tighten their belt," Bullock said. "Although the cut is hard, we are hoping it will make us more efficient at the same time."

With less money and fewer classes, Reekie said they also lost two staff positions — a receptionist and a locker room attendant.

The receptionist job has been gone since 2009, and the locker room attendant has been gone for a couple of years.

"Losing two staff has been quite difficult," Reekie said. "All the staff has had to rearrange what they do."

She said without a receptionist, it has been much harder on the students who want advising and general information about the department.

"It's made the service that this department offers significantly worse for students," Reekie said. "We do our best, but we've lost a whole person. If the money ever came back, one of the first things I'd like to do is hire a receptionist again."

On top of fewer classes, fewer staff, and fewer jobs, the expensive equipment for kinesiology is another area that is in jeopardy due to the budget cuts.

The department has no money to fall back on to get equipment replaced, according to Reekie.

Up until this last summer, the dean had money reserved for his departments but now he has no money to give to

them because the university has used the money that was left over at the end of the year from each college to improve the university as a whole, according to Bullock.

"The departments that were use to having money left over, don't have it anymore," Bullock said.

The department has around 20 exercise machines, and they cost about \$8000, according to Reekie.

They also have research and undergraduate major class equipment that cost \$75,000, such as the DEXA scanner (bone density), and the Bod Pod (body composition), according to Reekie.

"When things break now, we're up the creek, because there is no reserve money at all," Reekie said. "We better not have a rainy day, because we've got zero in our piggy bank."

Bullock said although he does not have money now he will see what he can do and go to the provost to try and find money for equipment if it breaks or needs to be replaced.

Reekie said the budget cuts have forced faculty and staff to plan and think short-term without looking at the long-term effects.

"There is a certain level of anxiety of not knowing what the future may bring," Reekie said. "It's the kind of thinking that is 'it's going to get worse before it gets better.' No one knows what's going to happen. It's all based on the unknown."

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CIA Director and retired general David Petraeus, seen in this 2008 file photo, resigned last Friday after admitting to having an extra-marital affair.  
**Photo by Chuck Kennedy / MCT**

**Gen. David Petraeus**  
*Former CIA director*

**Early years**  
**Born** 1952, Cornwall on Hudson, N.Y.  
**Education** Bachelor's degree, U.S. Military Academy, 1974; master's degree, Princeton University, 1985; doctorate, Princeton University, 1987  
**Family** Married, two children

**Early military career**  
**1995** Chief operations officer in Haiti during Operation Uphold Democracy  
**1999** Serves in Kuwait in Operation Desert Spring  
**2001-02** Serves 10-month tour in Bosnia as part of Operation Joint Forge

**In the Middle East**  
**2004-2005** Establishes and commands NATO training mission and the Multi-National Security Transition Command in Iraq  
**2007-2008** Commanding general of the Multi-National Force in Iraq during surge  
**2008-2010** Commander of U.S. Central Command; in charge of all U.S. forces in the Middle East  
**2010-2011** Top U.S. commander in Afghanistan

**In Washington**  
**2011-2012** Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; resigns, citing an extramarital affair

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## New email twist adds to Petraeus scandal

By **Matthew Schofield, James Rosen and Jonathan S. Landay**  
*McClatchy Tribune*

WASHINGTON — Congress returned from its election break Tuesday to grapple with the shocking resignation of former CIA Director David Petraeus in a sex scandal that widened to possibly taint the Marine general who commands U.S.-led forces in Afghanistan.

The unexpected turn of events prompted President Barack Obama to put on hold his nomination of Marine Gen. John Allen to be the top NATO commander in Europe, pending the outcome of a Pentagon investigation into “inappropriate” emails that U.S. defense officials said Allen had sent to a central figure in the scandal, which was ignited by Petraeus’ admission to an extramarital affair.

The White House said that Obama retained his faith in Allen, who is in the midst of developing a plan for the gradual withdrawal of U.S.-led international forces from Afghanistan by the end of 2014.

“The president remains focused on fully supporting our extraordinary troops and coalition partners in Afghanistan who General Allen continues to lead as he has done so ably for over a year,” said White House Press Secretary Jay Carney, adding that the president “believes he’s doing and has done an excellent job.”

Some lawmakers, however, expressed dismay at reports that Allen was able to exchange more than 20,000 documents and emails with Tampa, Fla., socialite Jill Kelley, even as he oversaw the longest war in the nation’s history.

“It’s hard to imagine you can manage an agency or run a theater of war while sending or getting so many emails, if that’s what actually occurred,” Sen. Richard Durbin of Illinois, the Senate’s No. 2 Democrat, told McClatchy Newspapers.

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., who agreed to Obama’s request to delay Allen’s nomination hearing, which had been set for Thursday, also said he was “kind of surprised by the number of emails, but until the... investi-

gation concludes, I don’t want to prejudge it.”

The committee, however, will proceed with the confirmation hearing of Marine Gen. Joseph F. Dunford to take over from Allen as commander in Afghanistan. The handover is not expected before March.

In a related development, Senate Intelligence Committee Chairwoman Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said that she intended to summon Petraeus back into the spotlight to answer questions about the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. consulate in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi. It resulted in the deaths of the U.S. ambassador to Libya, two CIA contract security guards and a State Department staffer. The committee hasn’t decided when he would be called, she told McClatchy Newspapers.

“Of course I’m dismayed,” Feinstein said. “It’s a difficult situation. We’re trying to be responsible.”

Carney said that it was “up to Congress to make decisions about who is called to testify.”

Feinstein and other lawmakers have expressed concern that they weren’t informed about the FBI investigation that uncovered Petraeus’ affair with his biographer, Paula Broadwell, late this summer until after it became public Friday. The CIA released a Petraeus resignation statement to the agency’s workforce in which the storied, retired four-star Army general admitted to committing adultery.

“Whatever the affair’s effect had on national security is worth knowing about,” said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. “Why did the FBI investigate to begin with? And did this have an effect on national security?”

Allen’s connection to the scandal became known on Tuesday after Defense Secretary Leon Panetta announced while flying to Asia that he’d asked the Pentagon inspector general’s office to investigate the emails between the four-star Marine general and Kelley.

Kelley had been an honorary ambassador to the U.S. Central Command in Tampa, where Allen served as second in command before his June 2011 promotion to oversee the war in Afghanistan. Army Lt. Col. T.J. Taylor, a CENT-

COM spokesman, said that Kelley had no official position at the command.

“She is a volunteer and a private citizen, not an employee,” he said. “Because of this, and because there is an ongoing investigation, we have no additional information to provide.”

The contents of those emails were not revealed, although a Pentagon official briefed on them said they contained possibly flirtatious language, such terms as “sweetheart,” which he noted could also have been a sign of a casual manner of address. The official requested anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

A second Pentagon official, who requested anonymity for the same reason, told reporters that the emails weren’t “security related. They’re not, I don’t know, information about acquisition or contracting. They’re not hate or threatening.”

The FBI investigation that uncovered Petraeus’ affair with Broadwell began when Kelley sought help from an FBI agent after receiving what she described as anonymous and threatening emails warning her to stay away from Petraeus.

The probe led to Broadwell as the sender. She is an Army reservist, a West Point graduate and researcher who met Petraeus when he made an appearance at Harvard University.

For his part, Allen has maintained that he had done nothing inappropriate, the Pentagon officials said.

The extent of the friendships maintained with Kelley by Allen and Petraeus was highlighted by the generals’ intervention in a child custody battle involving Kelley’s twin sister, Natalie Khawam.

In their letters, which were first reported by the New York Post, Allen and Petraeus urged the judge overseeing the case to grant Khawam, who lost custody of her child to her ex-husband, more opportunities to spend time with her child.

“We have on many occasions observed Natalie and her son ... including when we hosted them and the Kelley family for Christmas dinner this past year. In each case, we have seen a very loving relationship,” Petraeus wrote in a

Sept. 20, 2012, letter. “Natalie clearly dotes on her son and goes to great lengths — and great expense — to spend quality time with him.”

Petraeus and his wife, Holly, became friends with Kelley and her husband while serving as CENTCOM commander from October 2008 and June 2010; he had known Khawam for three years. He had served as CIA director for more than a year when he sent the letter. But he chose to write it on Army stationery embossed with a four-star flag, symbolizing his four-star rank at the time he retired from the military in July 2011. He also signed the letter as “General, U.S. Army (retired).”

In his letter, Allen said that he and his wife, Kathy, became friends with Khawam

while he served as deputy CENTCOM commander from July 2008 to June 2001. He and his wife, he wrote, had seen Natalie and her son on “multiple occasions” during official CENTCOM functions.

In the halls and corridors of the Pentagon, there was little on-the-record talk of the scandal, though in private moments the situation was described time and again as “sad,” “unfortunate” and even “pathetic.”

Around the capital, there was speculation that, regardless of the results of the Allen investigation, he might not rebound quickly from this latest turn in the scandal.

Carney said the White House learned about the Allen emails on Friday after the Justice Department notified the White House counsel

that there “may be an issue” in relation to his nomination. Obama had not spoken directly to Allen, Carney said, and he was uncertain whether Allen had talked with Panetta.

Carney said that Obama would not make any “grand pronouncements or decisions” based on the events surrounding Petraeus and Allen. But he said that the president was “certainly surprised” when he was told about Petraeus on Thursday, but that he “has confidence in the acting director of the CIA, and he has confidence in the military to carry out the various missions that he has them to carry out.”

Carney also said the president “reiterates his belief that the Senate should act swiftly to confirm General Dunford as Allen’s successor in Afghanistan.”



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## Marine safety looks to save natural beach sand

By Fred Swegles  
McClatchy Tribune

San Clemente, Calif.'s beaches looked stripped all summer, appearing more like a rock quarry than a playground of soft sand.

Well, it's November, and in large part, at least one prominent stretch of beach is back.

In the past three weeks, an influx of soft sand has pushed onshore, covering virtually all the cobblestones visible south of T-Street Beach, the most populated of San Clemente's beaches.

Enjoy it while you can. Winter is on the way, and historically, winter storms strip the beaches of sand.

"I assume the gravel is still there," San Clemente Marine Safety Chief Bill Humphreys said Tuesday when asked where all the cobble went. "It's probably down three or four feet. It's a large volume of sand that has come in, and it should provide us with a little extra buffer going into the winter months."

One popular San Clemente beach did not benefit - North Beach still is covered largely with cobble.

Humphreys said that's probably because the south swells that have suddenly replenished some area beaches by pushing in sand from the south ran up against an obstacle - Mariposa Point - and the sand didn't make it around the point to North Beach.

"Sand will generally build up on the side of a point that faces the swell direction," Humphreys said. "The back side of a point or a jetty or groin will



The San Clemente beach level has dropped dramatically since 2008 requiring people to traverse rocks and prompting this warning to pedestrians. Photo by Fred Swegles / MCT

typically erode. More sand accumulated on this side of Mariposa Point."

Humphreys estimated the sand level has risen three to four feet in front of Marine Safety headquarters and on the north side of the San Clemente Pier in recent weeks. "It's a high-quality sand, real fine, no gravel," he said. "It's a shame it didn't come in time for summer."

San Clemente's sand beaches have progressively gotten skimpier in the past 30 years, starting with a 1983 El Nino winter storm.

"We generally accumulate sand with the (summer) south

swells," Humphreys said. "This year the south swells came back a little late. Generally we lose sand with the winter storms - the harsh angles - and we gain some of it back in the summer. Typically there's a net loss."

The imbalance is believed to stem from reductions in the supply of sediment coming out of San Juan Creek to resupply the area's beaches. It hasn't kept up with erosion.

Bill Hart, chairman of San Clemente's Coastal Advisory Committee, said development in the San Juan Creek watershed means less sediment entering the creek, which, in turn, sends less sand out the mouth

of the creek at Dana Point to migrate south into San Clemente.

In San Clemente, the erosion is accelerated by large rocks - known as riprap, installed along the coastal rail corridor to protect the railroad tracks - as surf bounces off the rocks. "The eventual solution," Hart said, "is either sand replenishment or the entire rail corridor will be lined with riprap."

The new sand that has appeared in recent weeks is a temporary influx, Hart said. "The long-term impacts are pretty apparent," he said. "The winter is coming. The sand comes and

goes on short cycles. It's the long term you've got to look at. The trend is unmistakable."

### Help for the beach?

In 2001, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the city launched a feasibility study for restoring the beaches, in part because worsening erosion could threaten the rail corridor, which is in the national interest. The study has been completed and the Army Corps has approved a project to send to Congress for possible funding.

The \$11 million plan - with the feds paying \$7.3 million and the city responsible for \$3.9 million - would replenish the city's eroded beach between

Linda Lane and south of T-Street with 250,000 cubic yards of fresh sand a couple of years from now, depending on when funds become available and monitoring is set up. It could lead to 50 years of repeated replenishments, as needed, every six years or so.

The project will be sent to Congress for possible funding in the next Water Resources Development Act, or WRDA, a bill Congress could consider next year.

Tom Bonigut, San Clemente's assistant city engineer, said the project could make it into the water-resources bill without ever being funded. It would take a separate step to allocate the money in an upcoming federal budget. There could be a hitch.

The city's project is rated as yielding \$1.10 for every \$1 spent in terms of benefits such as reducing storm damage, improving recreational resources and boosting tourism, Bonigut said. It's a positive benefit-cost ratio, he said, but the Office of Management and Budget typically requires a \$2.50 to \$1 benefit-cost ratio.

"This is not just an issue for San Clemente but other potential beach-nourishment projects, so there likely will be an effort by the California Coastal Coalition and others to propose language into WRDA that would allow projects with a BCR of 1.1 or higher," Bonigut said. "Our federal lobbyist is working on this, and the city has submitted letters of support to our two senators in anticipation of work on a WRDA bill next year."

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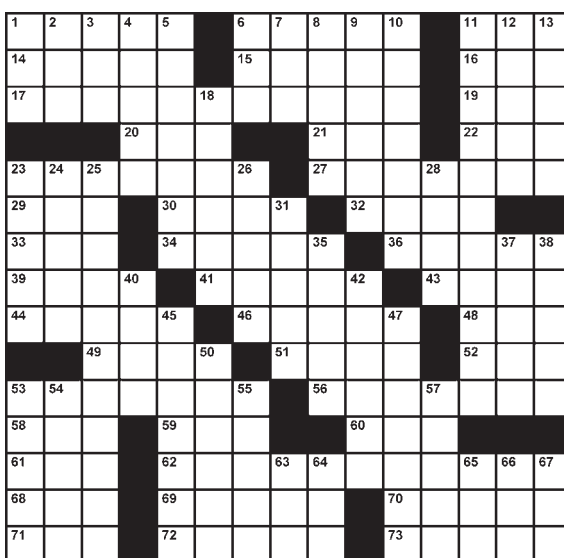
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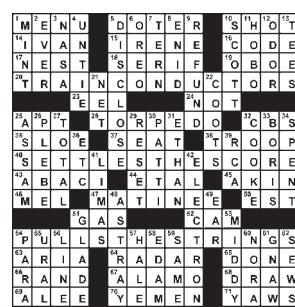
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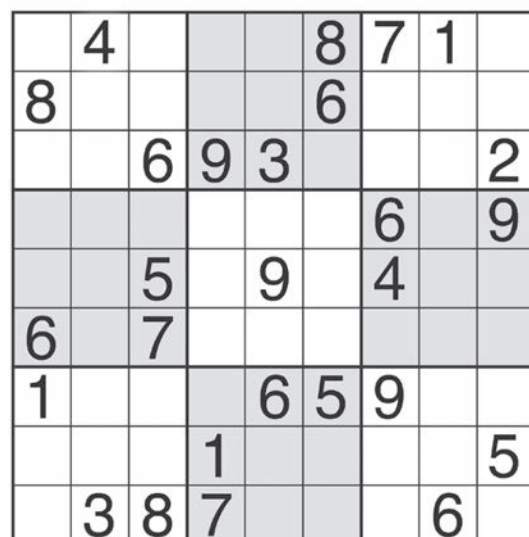
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  - 29 One of a migrating herd
  - 30 Hyena's hangout
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  - 52 Put on the feedbag
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  - 59 Kind of tray
  - 60 Serpent's pigeon?
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  - 68 Olympics chant, say
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  - 70 Four-time Kent portrayer
  - 71 Relay segment
  - 72 Take effect
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  - 2 "Hog-wash!" to Scrooge
  - 3 Yoko's surname
  - 4 It may precede "perception"
  - 5 Spotting or detections
  - 6 Dog food container
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  - 8 Plant firmly
  - 9 More beloved
  - 10 Health-food adjective
  - 11 Ache soother
  - 12 Not exactly a brainiac
  - 13 Little house on the prairie?
  - 18 Like marquetry or parquetry
  - 23 Like a gymnast
  - 24 Sty sniffer
  - 25 Training room equipment
  - 26 Tennessee pro
  - 28 Spelling of "90210"
  - 31 Grist for a yenta's mill
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  - 37 Clobber, in the Bible
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  - 54 Strikers' demand
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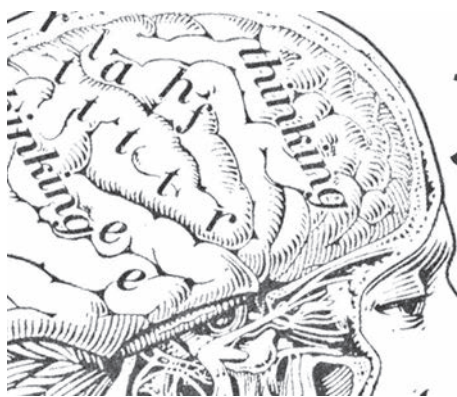


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## Myhre's Mind

by Julie Myhre

### Worrying over pipeline safety



Julie Myhre's column appears every Wednesday.

Infrastructure is something we all trust and rely on for a functioning society.

It allows people to live in homes with luxuries such as heating, electricity and running water, but in recent years I have doubted the safety of infrastructure, especially under my parent's home.

A PG&E natural gas pipeline exploded in a fiery wrath on Sept. 9, 2010 in San Bruno, destroyed 38 homes, killing eight people and injured many more, according to ABC 7 News.

I remember seeing the horrifying images on the news while hoping no one was injured or killed.

I live less than 10 miles away from San Bruno and

went to high, middle and elementary school with children who lived in San Bruno, so I immediately worried for their safety.

Not only did I worry about the safety of their families, I also began to doubt the safety of my own home and the safety of the infrastructure under my home.

Will this happen in my neighborhood? How do I know the pipelines under my house were correctly checked and maintained?

After the event I attended numerous city council meetings to voice my worry and I was assured that all the pipelines in my city would be checked.

Like most people in the Bay Area, I got busy with school and eventually forgot about my worries of another pipeline explosion – until Saturday when a similar explosion occurred in Indianapolis, according to the New York Daily News.

As I looked through photos of the fiery inferno and aftermath of the blast, I immediately began questioning

the safety of my home, as I did after the San Bruno fire.

Two people were killed, seven were injured, three homes were leveled and more than 26 homes were damaged from the Indianapolis explosion, according to USA Today.

There are still investigations going on in Indianapolis to figure out the exact cause of the explosion, and the New York Post reported that "Deputy Fire Chief Kenny Bacon said investigators hadn't ruled out any possible causes."

### I remember seeing the horrifying images on the news ...

The article also stated that people in the neighborhood didn't report a gas smell leading up to the explosion, which was interesting to me because residents of

San Bruno reported the smell of gas in the air weeks before the explosion, according to a New York Times article.

Regardless of a gas smell, the pipeline still could have possibly been the cause of the explosion.

How do we know our pipelines are safe?

According to the American Gas Association 2010 Fact Sheet, "All natural gas pipelines are required to be designed, constructed, operated, maintained and frequently inspected in accordance to federal standards."

The fact sheet did not cite which federal or state standards and merely stated the pipelines were maintained regularly.

Aren't these necessary facts that should be included on such a fact sheet? I think so.

I have lived on top of a natural gas pipeline for more than 10 years and I can say that I have never seen someone servicing the pipeline since I've lived there.

I do understand that the fact that "I haven't seen them working" is an ignorant statement, but it is a large concern when I can't locate how often the federal regulations require the maintenance of the pipes on the American Gas Association fact sheet or on the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's fact sheet.

With the recent event in Indianapolis, I have to admit that I will be looking into the safety of the pipelines surrounding my neighborhood and neighborhoods of my loved ones.

As stated in the American Gas Association 2010 Fact Sheet, I will also be alert for signs of a gas leak including the smell of gas, viewing any dead vegetation around the pipeline area and listening for any hissing or roaring sounds in hopes of preventing a possible explosion.

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### Proposed fees will only hurt students



Nick Celario's column appears every other Wednesday.

I am not the perfect college student.

If I were to say that I aced every exam and passed every college course with flying colors, that would be a flat-out lie.

I believe it's safe to assume that no student would ever want to fail a class, but sometimes it just happens despite their best efforts.

As a student, I wouldn't want to fail a class because, aside from the fact that failing at anything is never a good feeling, I do not want to pay for the same course twice.

Paying for school tuition is already hard enough and hearing the possibility of paying extra fees to repeat a course completely shocked me.

Spartan Daily reported, while the plan is off the table for now, the California State University trustees were considering incentives that would charge extra fees to students who have overachieved during their college careers.

According to the article, three fees would have been under consideration before being removed from the agenda:

The Graduation Incentive Fee would charge in-state students who have accumulated more than 160 semester units the same rate as non-residents, which could amount to \$372 per semester unit.

The Third-Tier Tuition Fee would charge in-state students an additional \$182 per unit over the unit cap.

The Course Repeat Fee would charge students \$91 per semester unit to take a course again.

CSU chancellor's office spokesman Michael Uhlenkamp said in the article the intent of the fees is to graduate sooner and free up space in classrooms.

The San Jose Mercury News reported on Friday that students from SJSU, San Francisco State University and California State East Bay have organized protests

in response to the possible extra fees, arguing that the university shouldn't "blame students for a broken system" but instead should focus on opening more sections and improve academic advising to address the issue of timely graduation.

It's hard for me not to side with those students who were protesting against the fees.

Needless to say, I am very happy that these fees were taken off the agenda.

According to the Mercury News, CSU officials said the objective not to generate money but to make the system more efficient, but I don't understand how more fees would make that happen.

The only logic I see for distributing additional charges would be to encourage students to not fail any courses, but that assumes students don't mind failing, which I feel is absurd.

I talked with some of my friends about the subject and they also don't understand the reasoning behind the additional charges.

One of those friends is an engineering major and he mentioned a class that is extremely difficult to pass.

Although he said it took him more than once to pass the class, he surely isn't happy with failing the first time.

Fees like these would undermine students who simply have a hard time with certain courses but by no means are not intelligent or don't mind failing a course.

In addition, the report mentions speculation, although it was not proven, that the fees are somehow connected to the passing of Proposition 30.

Uhlenkamp said the proposal was in the works long before voters hit the polls and voted on the proposition.

Whether or not there is a connection, I do find it odd the two are timed fairly close together.

Nonetheless, if the real reason is to make the system more efficient, I don't buy it.

I agree schools should focus on opening more sections for students and hopefully Proposition 30 can aid that.

Schools should not cut classes or increase fees and still expect students graduate "on-time."

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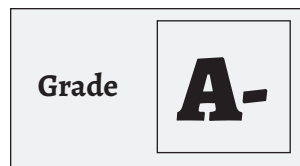
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## MOVIE REVIEW

## 'Skyfall' resurrects classic and provocative James Bond

By Camille Nguyen  
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You can forget Pierce Brosnan's campy rendition of the formidable James Bond because Daniel Craig has just about perfected playing Agent 007 since the golden days of Sean Connery.

Nailing the vulnerability, complexity and danger behind the licensed to kill Englishman, three-time Bond actor Craig shines in the newest installment in the series, "Skyfall."

Helmed by Oscar-winning director Sam Mendes ("American Beauty"), the film tackles the question if old-school philosophies and techniques can exist in an ever-advancing technological world.

Or more importantly, can the aging Bond, who has turned to chronic drinking and pill-popping, keep up with younger, more agile and technologically savvy foes?

The film opens with a riveting chase sequence reminiscent of Bond films of yesteryear with Agent 007 in hot pursuit of a dangerous thief through the busy streets of Istanbul.

Beginning as a traditional car chase, the hunt evolves into one taking place on motorbikes and ultimately hand-to-hand combat atop a moving train as Bond unsuccessfully

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attempts to gain the upper hand against the hired crook.

While the introductory scene is adrenaline inducing, the opening credits to "Skyfall" are what really set the mood for the film.

Set to the hypnotizing vocals of British songstress Adele, the singer croons, "This is the end/ Hold your breath and count to 10," as traditional shots of Bond and gorgeous women wielding handguns blend with incredible digitally animated plumes of smoke and melting tombstones flood the screen, creating a somber — if not dark — tone for the film.

Arguably "Skyfall" is one of the darkest Bond films to date, with the movie exploring issues of morality and resurrection as Craig dives deep into Bond's troubled



Daniel Craig (center) stars in "Skyfall," the newest film in the James Bond series which also features Dame Judi Dench, Ben Whishaw, Ralph Fiennes and Javier Bardem. Photo from cinemateaser.com

past as an orphaned child, his induction into the MI6, also known as the British secret service, and his growing desire to escape his life of espionage.

However, the brooding Bond is not the only character in the film to struggle with internal conflict and trauma.

In addition to Craig, "Skyfall" features a stellar cast composed of Dame Judi Dench ("Notes on a Scandal") who reprises her role as MI6's head honcho M and Javier Bardem ("No Country for Old Men") as the unpredictable and vindictive villain Raoul Silva,

both of whom flex their talent in emotional scene-stealing performances.

As the film progresses, Bond meets and reacquaints himself with new and old friends played by Ralph Fiennes ("Harry Potter"), Naomie Harris ("28 Days Later"), Ben Whishaw ("Bright Star") and Albert Finney, who was once considered to play Bond himself.

Along with the exemplary acting in "Skyfall," the film's immaculate wardrobe could be considered a character in itself, which as always, features Bond taking down enemies, shoot-

ing guns and seducing beautiful femme fatales in impeccably tailored suits and tuxedos.

What's more, the movie achieves its goal of bringing the series back to basics in all senses, with Bond even ditching intricate technological gadgets and readopting the old handgun and radio as his main means of protection.

Additionally, "Skyfall" pays homage to previous Bond films with subtle tie-ins to the film's predecessors such as a teasing quip by Whishaw's gizmo-wise Q regarding the lack of exploding pens given to agents, an allusion to the

outlandish contraptions 007 used in previous films.

Even one of Bond's oldest and original companions makes an appearance in the film, although you'll just have to watch the film to see who or what it is.

Overall, while "Skyfall" employs the same formula other Bond movies typically utilize, the film honors and revitalizes the series and ultimately proves to audiences that 007 is back and ready to kick ass.

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## AUTHOR PANEL

## Stephen Elliott shares his skeletons with audiences

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Stephen Elliott, a novelist, memoirist and film director, read his largely autobiographical works to an audience of SJSU students and fans in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library on Tuesday evening.

Elliott is the author of seven books, including the memoir "The Adderall Diaries," and directed his first feature film "About Cherry" in 2011, according to information from the Center for Literary Arts.

His work centers on his experiences of growing up homeless and as a ward of the state of Illinois, as well as his unique ideas of sexuality and identity.

"You have to admire the intelligence and persistence of who (Elliott) is," said Andrew Altschul, the director of the Center for Literary Arts. "He's accomplished more in the last ten years than most writers accomplish in a lifetime."

Altschul referenced El-

liott's community efforts to organize progressive political advocacy readings and his efforts to raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Elliott read from his works and spoke about his process for writing works that are autobiographical and sexually charged.

"For me, every time you write a book you come a little further out of the closet," Elliott said. "It's like a transvestite. All you can think about it putting on the dress, then you put on the dress. Then you go outside and all you can think about it going dancing. Then you go dancing in your dress and you can not even remember when half your time was spent thinking about the dress."

Elliott related his writing process always finding himself coming out of another closet only to find another skeleton.

"The difficulty is how to say something meaningful in the closet," Elliott said. "You can't just write



Novelist Stephen Elliott (left) signs his recent book "The Adderall Diaries" to a fan at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library on Tuesday night. Photo by Sage Curtis / Spartan Daily

something shocking. It can't just be confessional. You have to connect to the reader."

During the reading, Elliott also read from his new screenplay of his novel "Happy Baby."

"Writing a screenplay is much different from other styles," Elliott said. "Most

screenplays aren't very fun to read because they aren't written by writers and I think screenplays should be page-turners just like books."

His unique style of writing and life story provided the audience with a look into a life most people have not lived.

"It was very interesting and enlightening to listen to someone who has, as he said, come out of the closet," said junior creative writing major Nichole Zito. "He's so open and true about himself and who he is. Seeing that side of life that is so different than my own was really fascinating."

His reading on Tuesday will be accompanied by a showing of his film today in Sweeney Hall at 8 p.m., which will be followed by a panel discussion featuring the author.

Elliott's other books include "My Girlfriend Comes to the City and Beats Me

Up," "What It Means to Love You," "A Life Without Consequences," "Jones Inn," "Looking Forward to It" and "Happy Baby."

Elliott has won many awards, including a San Francisco Chronicle Notable Book of 2009 and best book of the year from Time Out New York, according to Altschul.

The reading was co-sponsored by Elliott's own online-only literary magazine "The Rumpus" and The Oshman Family Jewish Foundation.

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