African-American studies department study up for discussion

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Pat Lopes Harris, SJSU’s media relations director, said any changes to the African-American studies department are coming up due to the continuing construction on campus.

“Although the center’s personnel are trying to accommodate all of the shifting day to day, there is a lot of confusion among its current and former students,” Harris said.

“Uncertainty surrounding the status of the African-American studies is causing confusion among its current and former students,” Harris said. “There’s still a lot of time for discussion.”

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The San Jose State Tar Heel Bowl is getting back into action with the start of the fall semester.

Tar Heel Bowl is a martial art format that originated in Europe for use by the Russian military, according to the club’s faculty advisor Jeremy Schuller. The club started practicing last year and is now beginning and intermediate Tar Heel Bowl teams.

The club began in 2009 as a way to introduce Tar Heel Bowl to the campus. The first team consisted of volunteers and was helped by the coach’s previous involvement with the sport in high school.

San Jose State only offers beginning level classes to students, who can take each class more than once.

“[It’s] for the students who want to continue to train,” Schuller said.

Senior photography major Angie Shum said she learned about the club from taking class with Schuller.

“I’m a public transit commuter student,” Shum said. “And after farrowing a few unwounded male interactions on the street, I decided it was appropriate for me to learn some sort of martial art to protect myself.”

Shum is one of about 20 members in the student run club. The club meets twice a week to work out, and any members of the club can suggest ideas for each day’s workout.

“If I like that we can get together, plan out ideas, and execute them,” Shum said.

Schuller said she lets the students do what they want to do on most days. “It tends to be almost like a group sharing atmosphere” she said.

Many students in the club have taken the Tar Heel Bowl activity classes through the kinesiology department, Schuller said.

She said members sometimes bring ideas from other martial arts forms to the workouts too.

The club is not part of the Club Sports program on campus, members in the club do not participate in Tar Heel Bowl competitions, Schuller said.

Students in the club practice Tar Heel Bowl for the purpose of working out, but the club also offers performances at events on campus a few times each semester.

Schuller said the club participated in Associated Students’ Homecoming free “Fire on the Fountain” last October.

“Always do the Health and Wellness fair (in March),” Schuller said. “It really just depends on what’s going on.”

Club members are working to find a place to host their fantasy football league free of cost. Some members put out there that those who do their own league will use the free online software to keep score and track progression.

Many fantasy hopefuls hope for enough players online because of the thousands of people who sign up for free leagues and decide to quit halfway through the season.

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said, "and taxpayers shouldn't schools out there that have higher graduation rates and post-graduation, average student debt, be based on average student debt, proposed in a speech. Congress passes President Obama's plan to tie student aid to a college rating system he be subsidizing students to go to schools that he calls "kiddie colleges." Obama, provost and vice president of academic affairs at SJSU, said that it's done conservatively and includes other factors like diversity, Obama's proposed rating system could help raise the school's national ranking compared to the private lists compiled by U.S. News and World Report. "If the campus and maybe the entire CSU system could be more attractive using those kinds of measures because we are a state institution with a highly diverse student body," Junn said, "if the new rankings include more considerations of things, then we're going to show up higher." If implemented, the proposal system by 2015, aimed at provid- ing a better value to students while creating a different kind of com- petition between colleges in terms of affordability, while earning in his speech. According to Junn, although the variety of colleges and demo- graphics around the country make creating one standard evaluation system difficult, a rating system would be "more inclusive and fair." "It's hard to design a system that one size fits all (it) doesn't really capture all of the nuances ... but to link it to student aid, (it) doesn't really capture all of the nuances, so that's why the U.S. News and World Report is criticized, because it tends to favor only certain types of institutions," Junn said. "That's why the Harvard's, the elite, the research institutions, always show up there, but it doesn't take into account many other institutions that the other institutions have to hire to," Junn said. Alex A, a senior commu- nication disorders major, said she thinks private colleges will definitely have a greater advan- tage in the new rating system be- cause they aren't as impacted, so students graduate faster. "In order to graduate in four years you have to be on a four- year plan, you have to have everything figured out already," A said. "It's not easier to go through out of here, it takes longer than it does." Sandy Bean, a former econom- ics professor at Skidmore College in New York and an independent higher education policy analyst at College Board, said that a school's resources will reflect the outcomes as far as grad- uation rates and other factors used in the rating system, but that he's "talking about comparing similar institutions." "The Obama administration doesn't believe that they can torn Harvard's graduation rate to a broad access public college because they only accept very talented people, then your graduation rate will be much higher," Bean said. "The reality is whether a college is using all resources it has to," Bean said. There are many people who would support the idea of rating colleges if we had adequate data, she said, but the problem is information for financial aid. Bean still has the same concerns to come out with better informa- tion, "but I think if you were to ask, I'm pretty sure that wouldn't hap- pen and it would be a disaster if it did." Maggie Balch, a senior health sciences major, said she thinks private colleges will definitely have a greater advantage in the new rating system because they aren't as impacted, so students graduate faster. "In order to graduate in four years you have to be on a four-year plan, you have to have everything figured out already," A said. "It's not easier to go through out of here, it takes longer than it does." Sandy Bean, a former econom- ics professor at Skidmore College in New York and an independent higher education policy analyst at College Board, said that a school's resources will reflect the outcomes as far as grad- uation rates and other factors used in the rating system, but that he's "talking about comparing similar institutions." "The Obama administration doesn't believe that they can compare Harvard's graduation rate to a broad access public college because they only accept very talented people, then your graduation rate will be much higher," Bean said. "The reality is whether a college is using all resources it has to," Bean said. There are many people who would support the idea of rating colleges if we had adequate data, she said, but the problem is information for financial aid. Bean still has the same concerns to come out with better informa- tion, "but I think if you were to ask, I'm pretty sure that wouldn't hap- pen and it would be a disaster if it did."
San Jose celebrates first annual Bacon Festival

By Juan Reyes

San Jose’s love affair with bacon has turned into an annual event. For the first time, the city celebrated its annual San Jose Bacon Festival on Saturday to help celebrate International Bacon Day.

Close to 30 food truck vendors lined up inside the parking lot of the film market for people eager to indulge in an array of bacon-inspired dishes, all featuring slices of mouth-watering bacon, or in some instances, bacon bits.

Inside the festival there was a rodeo theme with local vendors selling hand-crafted jewelry and screen-printed t-shirts and an area for kids that had a giant inflatable slide, jump house, mechanical bull, life-size Jenga blocks and a train that went around in a big circle.

“It’s cool man, not bad,” Robert Martinez of Milpitas said about the festival. “They put bacon bits on everything that’s on that food.”

Martinez’s son, Cole, said he also enjoyed the festival and thought the fish and calamari taco topped with bacon, cabbage and tomatoes from Fish Two Whales were delicious.

The Grilled Cheese Bandits truck offered their specialty sandwich with slices of bacon, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and mayo on a toasted bun.

For dessert they served up a scoop of French vanilla ice cream infused with bacon and topped with bacon-candied peanuts and a bacon-bourbon-butter-wich sauce. Like many others, Marcelo Reyes of San Jose thought the ice cream was the best part of the festival.

“This is freakin’ good,” Reyes said. “There’s nothing like bacon and vanilla ice cream together.”

Another popular stop for guests was the Fairycakes truck thanks to the salted caramel cupcakes, which were sold out within two hours.

The house major cupcakes were surrounded by caramel buttercream, sprinkled with sea salt and topped with, of course, bacon.

According to Brian Vail of Fairycakes, he knew the sweet treats would sell out quickly and also another truck event had been held the day before. "We had back-to-back events and we can only bake so much," Vail said.

"We’re limited by what we can bake beforehand because more trucks can actually create product faster," Powell said.

Filling up a truck full of cupcakes and bacon, isn’t an easy task. It can take hours for Vail and his crew of bakers to get everything ready for single event.

"Unlike Cupcake Wars which says you can make a thousand in their trucks," Powell said. "It takes a full day to be ready for an event. So we’ll be baking right at nine hours for a thousand cupcakes."

Vail’s truck wasn’t the only one to close down early. Other vendors were also slowly starting down early one-by-one early in the evening. Unfortunately for Patrick Powell of San Leandro, the festival may have been a little too crowded for his comfort.

"The lines are just too long and it takes forever," Powell said. "Once you get up there it takes forever to get the food. We’ve been here a couple of hours and we’ve only eaten two things."

The long lines and shortage of food left several guests, like Powell, a little disappointed and he had a few words of advice for next year’s festival if it comes around again.

"Some tables and some seating places would be good," Powell said.

"And maybe have the trucks have enough food to last them the whole time," Juan Reyes is a Spartan Daily staff writer.
Correlation between movies and racism as entertainment

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According to the proposal to combine African American studies with sociology, there are significantly fewer graduates in the AFAM department compared to other colleges.

Infrastructure by Leeta-Rose Ballester

**System:** Colleges with higher graduation rates receive more funding under plan

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Andrew Collier, a junior materials engineering major, said he thinks SJSU will probably rank in the “middle of the pack” but that it might not be good to tie student aid to these ratings. “I think tying money to it is kind of a bad idea though, because if you want to improve your school you need money,” Collier said, “so you’re going to give it to those students who have bad grades less money, then they can’t really improve their standing.”

The jury’s still out on whether the data proposed for use in the rating system is the best way to rank colleges for financial aid because it depends on the context, Juno said. “That data is also highly, highly variable on the location of the university and the students’ mobility, so collecting that data and using it without the context could be very problematic,” Juno said. “A college in a rural place where there are very few jobs because of the economic downturn, those students and that college would look less attractive using those measures.”

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**Decision:** Students speak up about AFAM’s uncertain future

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Ryan Watts, an SJSU alumna, said African American studies courses helped her discover her “human identity” and changes made to the department would be a “bad move” for the university.

“In that class taught me about my culture,” Watts said. “AFAM opened up a broader conversation.”

“Watts said there are about 30 or 40 students who are able to organize events and awareness for approximately 940 African American students on campus that they want to reach.

“You have a small group trying to move mountains,” Watts said. She said learning about the civil rights movement can serve as inspiration for all people. “I think it’s a class that everyone should study,” Harris said.

Watts said there are about 30 or 40 students who want to reach and administrators thus far.

“Moving forward, I hope there’s a broader conversation,” Watts said. “AFAM opened up a broader conversation.”

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