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# SPARTAN DAILY

#TASKFORCE

## Task force ends, implementation process begins

By Nick Ibarra  
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The special task force on racial discrimination met for the last time Thursday before presenting a final list of 54 recommendations to President Qayoumi, who attended the meeting.

The task force was put together in response to the alleged racially motivated hate crimes against an African-American freshman, who

the Daily has chosen not to name.

The list details changes in campus climate, faculty, administration and staff, residential life, frosh orientation, reporting procedures and policies and implementation.

An independent fact-finding report commissioned by President Qayoumi and published in February found that while no specific policies were violated in the administration's response to the al-

leged abuse, the administration was slow to respond.

The final recommendations include the creation of a new office of diversity engagement and inclusive excellence, which would be headed by a vice president who would report directly to President Qayoumi.

Former Judge LaDoris Cordell, chair of the task force, said she met with Qayoumi individually on Friday.

One of the things she said she told Qayoumi is her hope that implementing the task force's recommendations would be "one of his legacies at the university."

She said she came away from the meeting feeling very positive and let him know that if she can be of any further assistance on this issue, "I'm glad to help."

Cordell said that one thing that came through in her meeting with Qayoumi is how much he cares

about the university.

Another recommendation advises the administration to double the ratio of Resident Advisers to students, and a third advises requiring mandatory diversity training for all faculty.

Chief of Staff Dorothy Poole told the Spartan Daily in an interview before the final meeting that the administration may not be in a

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#SJSUSNAPSHOTS

## Students push for solar power

Basil Sar | Spartan Daily

Diane Fisher, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council, speaks at a press conference Monday afternoon to kick off the Solar For All campaign. The campaign aims to install rooftop solar panels.

#SJSUSMOKINGBAN

## Proposal could get cigarettes kicked off CSU campuses

By Philip Beadle  
@Beadlebeat

Smoking on campus may soon be a thing of the past at all California State University campuses.

Bill Nance, vice president of student affairs, said the CSU Academic Senate has proposed a plan to make all campuses smoke-free by the beginning of the next academic year.

Nance said that currently, San Jose State follows the state of California's minimum guidelines, but other campuses have stricter policies.

"Different campuses have different policies, including schools such as Fullerton, San Diego and San Francisco (among others) that have implemented smoking bans," Nance said in an email. "But those campuses have also implemented them in different ways, with regard to approaches such as designated smoking

areas, tobacco-free vs. smoke-free, etc."

Roger Elrod, director of the student health center, said the current policy prohibits smoking within 25 feet of windows or entrances to any university-owned buildings, which he said prohibits smoking on a surprisingly large portion of campus.

"The 25 feet distance is bigger than folks might imagine," Elrod said. "A lot of the campus is prohibited from smoking when you identify that 25 foot barrier."

Elrod said that approximately one year ago, a group of students outlined this barrier in chalk for every building to show how much of campus was smoke-free.

Elrod said that all universities have a similar policy but that the buffer zones could be shorter, such as 15 or 20 feet.

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#SJSUEARTHDAY

## Enjoy Earth Day at SJSU



**Petting Zoo**  
Tower Lawn  
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



**Sustainable Carnival**  
Tower Lawn  
10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.



**Earth Day San Jose Vendor Fair**  
Tower Lawn  
10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.



**ERC presents: "Green gifts, DIY" Workshop**  
Tower Lawn  
10:45 a.m.



**Earth Day Finale: A.S. Trashion Fashion show, live music**  
Capus Village Courtyard  
6p.m. - 7p.m.



**ERC presents: "Natural Beauty" Workshop**  
Tower Lawn  
11:20 a.m.



**Native American Drummers and Dancers**  
Tower Lawn  
12 p.m.



**Acoustic performance by Pa Radford**  
Tower Lawn  
12:45 p.m.



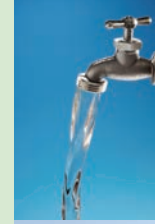
**ERC presents: "Eco Pets" Workshop**  
Tower Lawn  
1:45 p.m.



**ERC presents: "Composting" Workshop**  
Tower Lawn  
2:20 p.m.



**Green Ninja!**  
MLK 255  
3 - 3:15 p.m.



**Be Water-Wise! with Linda LeZotte**  
MLK 255  
3:15 - 4:15 p.m.



**Sustainability at SJSU**  
Tower Hall 110  
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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## Changes: 45 days suggested for response timeline

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position, financially and otherwise, to implement all of the recommendations exactly as they are written.

In an email to the campus community, Qayoumi wrote that when it comes to discrimination on campus there are no quick fixes, but that he is “committed to thoughtful, sustainable actions that will have a the long term impact we all desire.”

In the same email, he wrote that the administration will work

to implement the recommendations in “a timely manner, and we will report our progress both to our campus and the community at large.”

The task force recommended that the administration create an implementation timeline within 45 days and hold a public forum every semester for the campus and community to review the implementation process.

Poole said that many of the more substantive proposals couldn’t feasibly be implemented until after this

semester.

Andy Feinstein, newly appointed provost, said he has read the recommendations and is “pondering what the next steps are.”

Feinstein said he also co-chairs the president’s commission on diversity, which will now be “focusing on prioritizing each of those recommendations.”

Feinstein said that his role as a member of the cabinet and vice president is to be collaborative and “ensure that the recommendations that are specific to academic

affairs are implemented as well as contributing to the success of those recommendations in the other divisions.”

“Our recommendations to you are thoughtful and they are challenging,” Cordell said in her closing remarks to the task force. “There are some on the task force who have expressed skepticism that there will be any meaningful implementation. I am not one of them. I believe that this administration, under your leadership, will go forward to make these recommendations a reality.”

In March, the student filed a \$5 million claim against the university, alleging that the university was negligent in discovering and responding to the alleged abuse, according to a report in the San Jose Mercury News.

The four students accused of being responsible for abusing the student have been charged with misdemeanor hate crimes and are suspended from school pending the resolution of their criminal cases.

Nick Ibarra is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

## Smoke: New CSU policy considered, survey of SJSU students shows support

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Nance said the university will have to change its policy to comply with the new CSU standard whether it bans smoking outright or implements stricter restrictions.

“The campus will need to make some implementation decisions regarding whether to go beyond certain minimum requirements that the CSU policy will cover,” Nance said. “The univer-

sity will also have to determine various enforcement matters, such as reporting options and consequences for violations.”

A survey done by Elrod and the student health center found there was general support for the ban.

“I wouldn’t mind if I couldn’t smoke on campus, but I think people would just ignore it,” said Kemta Shimbo, a senior animation and illustration major.

Nance said that students’ opinions would

be considered as part of the policy changes, and he believes the decision made by the CSU Academic Senate will as well.

He said if students do oppose a ban the administration would report those opinions to the CSU, but the health benefits are clear.

Elrod said smoking is one part of creating a healthy campus environment, and there are plenty of other changes that could be made at SJSU.

“Wellness issues should be advocated in a comprehensive manner, rather than just as one issue,” Elrod said. “As examples, SJSU community health has as much or more to do with leading out on things like having a culture of inclusive communication, energy efficiency and relaxation inducing landscape as it might with banning certain behaviors.”

Elrod said smoking is the most discussed issue regarding making healthy changes, but there is good reason for that.

“It negatively affects so many aspects of

our individual well-being that it really may be the exception to not being one issue advocates,” Elrod said. “In addition, the evidence for the negative effects of second hand smoke just keeps growing.”

Elrod added that there is a need for consistency in these kinds of policies at different institutions.

He said that many SJSU students transferred from community colleges where smoking was prohibited, and he has heard anecdotes of those students beginning to smoke after transferring.

Elrod said these stories make him wonder if SJSU could be doing more to prevent students from picking up unhealthy habits.

Elrod said that he and his colleagues at the student health center have been working to tackle this issue, and their work supports the idea of the ban.

“The evidence really seems to support the appropriateness of a ban,” Elrod said.

Philip Beadle is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

## Movie ticket prices continue to edge up in 1st quarter compared to last year

By Stefanie Dazio and John Ensslin The Record McClatchey Tribune

A modern-day “Game of Thrones” may be afoot at the Bergen Community College this semester.

Art professor Francis Schmidt said an innocuous Google-plus post of his 7-year-old daughter wearing a T-shirt from the hit HBO television show that said “I will take what is mine with fire & blood” was used to retaliate against him.

Schmidt shared the photo Jan. 12 and it automatically notified the people in his circles, including a dean at the college, he said. College officials suspended him without pay for threatening the dean — “which I never did,” he said. “I posted a picture of my daughter.”

College officials told him they had never heard of the show, and had him Google it to prove it was well-known. He was still suspended, he said, and officials were concerned that the message was violent and could prompt a school shooting.

But revenge appears to be a theme in both the show and Schmidt’s life — he believes the suspension was retaliation for a grievance he had filed earlier after he was denied a sabbatical without explanation about two months before the incident.

“This was payback because I filed a grievance,” he said.

Schmidt’s suspension was first reported by the Inside Higher Ed website.

Schmidt was suspended without pay and forced to undergo a psychiatric evaluation before being reinstated with a list of other restrictions, he said, such as not wearing clothing with questionable statements and not making disparaging statements about the college.

“The referenced incident refers to a private personnel matter at Bergen Community College. Since Jan. 1, 2014, 34 incidents of school shootings have occurred in the United States. In following its safety and security procedures, the college investigates all situations

where a member of its community — students, faculty, staff or local residents — expresses a safety or security concern,” college spokesman Larry Hlavenka Jr. said in a statement.

Schmidt said he asked the officials why they thought the slogan was threatening, and one said “when you see the word fire, then someone shows up with an AK-47 here shooting everybody,” he said.

“I had no idea what to say to that. For god’s sake, I’m a middle-aged art professor,” Schmidt said. “I don’t own any firearms.”

The suspension began during the first week of classes, and Schmidt wasn’t allowed to contact anyone at the college, including new students, he said.

Schmidt is a tenured professor at the college, and teaches advanced 3-D animation, web design and 2-D animation classes.

The slogan, “I will take what is mine with fire & blood,” was said by Daenerys Targaryen (Emilia Clarke) during Season 2.

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## California students feel UC admission squeeze

By Larry Gordon and Carla Rivera  
McClatchy Tribune

California high school seniors faced a tougher time winning a freshman spot at most of the University of California campuses for the fall, with their chances at UCLA and UC Berkeley now fewer than one in five, according to a report released Friday.

Six of UC's nine undergraduate campuses accepted a smaller number of California students than last year even though the number of applicants rose. Competition was fiercest at UCLA, where only 16.3 percent of state students were admitted, down from 17.4 percent last year, and at UC Berkeley, where 18.8 percent were accepted, compared with 21.4 percent last year.

Increased competition is part of a national trend this year at the most elite level of higher education. Even though the population of American high school graduates dropped a bit, students are applying to more colleges, and schools are recruiting more overseas, especially in Asia. In the most extreme example, Stanford University accepted only 5 percent of applicants; many other highly selective campuses reported record low rates.

In a controversial move, UC substantially increased the number of students from outside California who were offered admission to at least one campus. Those admitted from other states rose 8.9 percent from last year, to 12,840, and those from other countries were up 17.6 percent, to 12,905, according to the new statistics.

UC has been trying to enroll more non-Californians for the extra \$23,000 a year those students pay in addition to regular UC tuition. Officials said they expect that 13 percent of all undergraduates will be from outside California in the fall, up from 12 percent this year and just 5 percent four years ago.

Officials said, however, that no qualified Californian was displaced by an out-of-stater and that all in-state students who met UC eligibility requirements would be offered a spot somewhere in the system, with UC Merced a possibility for those shut out of all other campuses. In general, students must rank in the academic top 9 percent of their high school class or in the top 9 percent statewide to be admitted to the system.

For the first time, the number of Latinos offered freshman admission to UC was larger than that for whites. Reflecting demographic trends, 28.8 percent of those admitted to at least one UC campus were Latino, compared with 26.8 percent white. At 36.2 percent, Asian Americans again made up the largest ethnic group among admitted students. Blacks were just 4.2 percent, a number that officials said was disturbingly low.

"It remains a difficult issue for the university," said Stephen Handel, UC's associate vice president for undergraduate admissions. "We certainly would like to see more African-Americans enrolling at the University of California."

UCLA admitted 406 black students, nine more than last year, representing 4.4 percent of the accepted pool. Youlonda Copeland-Morgan, UCLA's associate vice chancellor for enrollment management, said that even though applications from black students increased by about 5 percent this year, the campus must increase recruiting to better compete with top universities that offer students more financial aid.

State law forbids the use of racial affirmative action in public university admissions.

Tyra Monette, a senior at Wilson High School in Long Beach, Calif., said she has committed to UCLA because of its strong psychology program and proximity to home. But she was aware of the paucity of other black students while touring the Westwood campus Friday during a weekend event for

African-Americans who had been admitted. "It seemed like the only people who were black were in the tour group," said Tyra, 17. But, she said: "I'm used to being in a small minority at my high school, and I feel like we can come together and support each other socially and academically."

UCLA received the most applications of any university in the nation — 86,521. The school accepted just 18.2 percent, including those from out of state. UC Berkeley received 73,771 and took 17.3 percent.

UCLA and UC Berkeley, which already enroll the most non-Californians in UC, were the only campuses to admit fewer of them for the fall.

The share of California applicants offered a space on at least one of UC's nine undergraduate campuses was 61.2 percent, com-

**We certainly would like to see more African-Americans enrolling at the University of California.**

**-Stephen Handel**

UC's associate vice president for undergraduate admissions

pared with 60.6 percent last year. That meant 61,120 of the 99,890 state students were admitted to the UC system for the upcoming fall term. Overall, the number of in-state applicants increased by 758, or less than 1 percent from last year.

UC San Diego was the third-most competitive of the nine, with a 33.4 percent overall admissions rate. Next was Irvine, at 35.4 percent; Santa Barbara, 36.1 percent; Davis, 40.6 percent; Riverside, 56.7 percent; Santa Cruz, 56.9 percent; and Merced, 64 percent. Only the Davis, Riverside and Santa Cruz campuses offered admission to more Californians than last year, and their overall admission rates, including out-of-staters, rose.

UC Davis said it plans to grow over the next few years, and UC Santa Cruz said it had room because of a smaller-than-expected freshman class this year.

Across the system, schools have been holding events to persuade accepted students to enroll. At UCLA on Friday, nearly 200 black students attended the campus' "Black by Popular Demand" admissions weekend, sponsored by the Afrikan Student Union. Among other events, prospective students joined peers from other ethnic groups for a picnic and were shown locations of historic significance, such as Janss Steps, where in 1965 Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered a speech about race relations.

Some African-Americans have said they feel isolated and uncomfortable because of their small numbers at UCLA. Online videos detailing their complaints were widely viewed across the country this year.

Many of the students said joining a diverse student body that included other black students was an important part of their decision-making.

Bakare Awakoaiye, a senior at Bishop O'Dowd High School in Oakland, Calif., was also admitted to UC Davis, USC, Johns Hopkins and Howard universities.

He liked what he saw at UCLA, but he, too, is looking for an inviting campus where he will fit in.

"I think it's really important to be a part of a community and work in a community where people look like us," said Bakare, 17. "That's why I'm also really thinking about Howard too. But I'm really impressed with the people here."

Students on average applied to four UC campuses. Accepted students have until May 1 to decide whether to attend, and campuses then will offer spots to some on waiting lists.

## CRIME LOG

The following events were taken from the University Police Department's daily crime log.

**Apr. 14**

**11:35 a.m.**  
Officers responded to a fire alarm at the Student Union to assist the San Jose Fire Department. SJFD checked the building and determined the alarm was false.

**1:16 p.m.**  
Officers responded to a reported battery incident at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. Officers booked the male subject into county jail and then issued him a notice to stay away for two weeks.

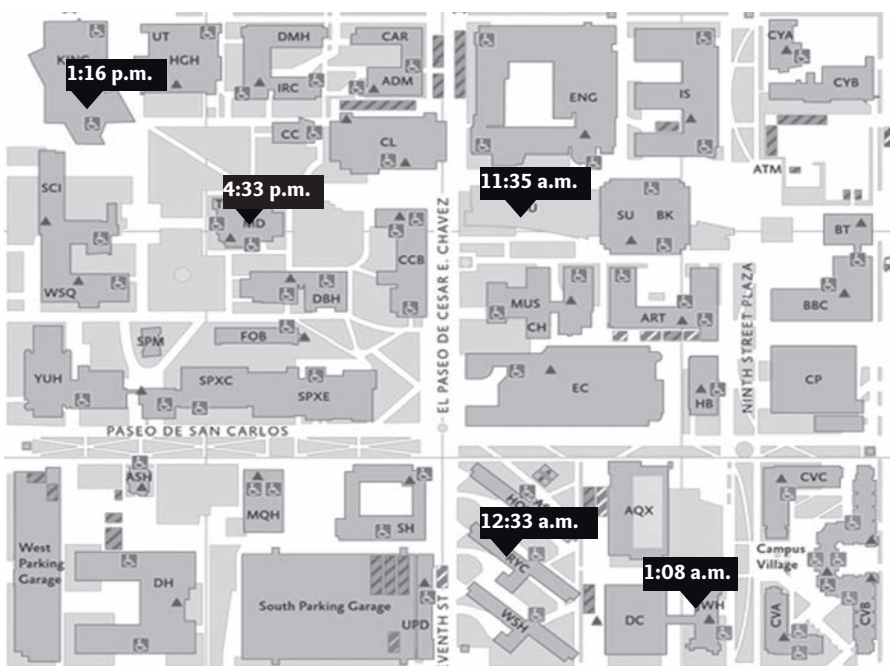
**1:08 a.m.**  
UPD officers and paramedics were dispatched to the report of a female subject in Joe West Hall whose hand was electrocuted while unplugging a laptop. The subject had burns on her hand. She was later contacted and transported to a local hospital.

**Apr. 15**

**4:33 p.m.**  
A police cadet responded to a call of a stolen laptop at the Music Building. The cadet took a report.

**Apr. 17**

**12:33 a.m.**  
UPD, SJPD and EMS were dispatched to provide medical attention to an intoxicated 18-year-old resident of Royce Hall. The subject was transported by ambulance to a local hospital.



Information compiled by Jasmine Leyva

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#REVIEW

# Karma comes for Don Giovanni at the California Theatre

By Jasmine Leyva  
@leyvaleyv3

Opera San Jose is closing out its 30th anniversary season with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Don Giovanni" at the California Theatre.

The opera is based on the romantic legend of Don Juan.

Don Giovanni is a smooth-talking scoundrel who will seduce any woman he sets his eyes on in any country, town or village.

Don Giovanni is played by baritone Zachary Altman and opposite of him is Donna Elvira played by the mezzo-soprano Nicole Birkland.

Don Giovanni's smooth-talking ways shortly come to a halt when his mischievous behavior gets himself and his servant, Leporello played by baritone Eugene Brancoveanu, in a bind.



Photo Courtesy of Chris Ayers

Mozart's "Don Giovanni," played by Zachary Altman, tells the story of a nobleman who seduces every woman he encounters in a dark, comedic and melodramatic manner.

“She sang powerfully enough to send shivers up the spine fearing what she would do to Don Giovanni if he deceived her again.”

Brancoveanu's character provides comic relief and aide to help reveal the heartless ways of Don Giovanni.

After adding Donna Anna, played by soprano Cecilia Violetta Lopez, to his red book of conquests, he finds himself battling her father and later running for his life.

Soon afterward, a past conquest searches for him as he tries to run from his recent troubles.

True to his woman-loving ways, Don Giovanni stops to seduce the young and about-to-be-married Zerlina, played by mezzo-soprano Kindra Scharich. His efforts do not go unnoticed by Zerlina's soon-to-be husband.

Buildings on stage were detailed enough to look like the streets of Spain centuries ago.

The costumes and set were reminiscent of a time in Spain when noblemen and ladies in waiting wore royal colors and glistening jewels.

Don Giovanni's villa walls are a robin-egg blue and decorated with details on the trimmings of the door.

"To women and wine. The glory of mankind," Don Giovanni toasted after escaping a series of unfortunate events that could have ended his life.

The glory of the opera was the women's powerful, seductive voices.

Birkland played the scorned Donna Elvira.

She sang powerfully enough to send shivers up the spine fearing what she would do to Don Giovanni if he deceived her again.

To prevent women from being broken-hearted by Don Giovanni, Donna Elvira teams up with Donna Anna.

Scharich played a character who knew her beauty and innocence could be adored by anyone, including Don Giovanni and her betrothed.

Scharich, playing the innocent Zerlina, sang softly to convey her loyalty to her new husband.

The regal Lopez's singing evoked the emotion of a loss and the vengeance she seeks.

As the plot progresses some may wonder if the suave Don Giovanni is able to dodge everything thrown his way.

Does his one day and night continue to prove lucky or does he finally meet his match?

Tickets are on sale to see what fate awaits Don Giovanni.

The opera will continue through May 4.

Students with student ID cards can purchase tickets for \$11 in cash at the box office at the California Theater on South First Street in downtown San Jose.

Jasmine Leyva is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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## Crossword Puzzle

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  - 4 Island in New York Harbor
  - 9 Humpty Dumpty-shaped
  - 14 Coffee alternative
  - 15 Should have said
  - 16 A dwindling number of
  - 17 "... and so forth," briefly
  - 18 Part of the American dream
  - 20 "If you're so smart, why \_\_\_ you rich?"
  - 22 Word with "open" or "seven"
  - 23 Byzantine treasures
  - 26 Private school-ish
  - 30 It closes at night
  - 32 Elm or Sesame
  - 34 23-Across, e.g.
  - 36 Measures of loudness
  - 38 Clearasil target
  - 39 "Tat-tat" intro
  - 41 Brownish purples
  - 43 Trumpet accessory
  - 44 "The same as previously mentioned"
  - 45 Delight in the taste of
  - 47 Boy
  - 48 Auto safety device
  - 51 Sanaa native
  - 53 Crustacean with 14 legs
  - 55 Result of jumping the gun
  - 58 Picks up the check
  - 60 It can be a crowd?
  - 61 Camping tool
  - 67 "Now \_\_\_ heard everything!"
  - 68 Mature
  - 69 Fire-\_\_\_ (carnival performer)
  - 70 252 wine gallons
  - 71 Oxlike antelope
  - 72 Wingtip-to-wingtip dimensions
  - 73 Agreeable reply
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  - 3 Front-runners
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## College athletes get botched educations

The NCAA tells us that student athletes receive a college scholarship in exchange for a free education, but that may not be the case.

A recent episode of HBO's "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel" created a storm on the web by investigating what a college education really means for athletes.

The show opens with former Memphis football player Dasmine Cathey, who graduated despite failing 13 classes and amassing seven D's in his three years in school.

Inside his room, under his bed, hidden in a shoe box, Cathey stacks reading books – not from Malcom Gladwell or Stephen King, but Dr. Seuss.

This is how he taught himself to read his junior and senior year – of college.

While admirable, it's also unbelievable that a college educated man was reading at a fourth grade level.

Bay Area News Group writer Jimmy Durkin reported that the SJSU men's basketball team may be penalized for low Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores and will face NCAA sanctions and a postseason ban.

The APR is a score used to evaluate student-athletes progress toward graduation and schools whose APR doesn't meet the minimum number of 930 (out of 1,000) are subject to NCAA penalties, according to Durkin's report.

Durkin reported SJSU's APR score for 2012-13 is expected to fall below 930, which triggers NCAA sanctions.

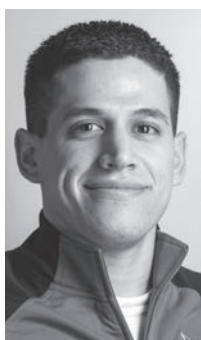
It seems as if the men's basketball players are failing in the classrooms as well as on the court.

Obviously the extra tutoring and resources they get aren't helping.

Is the school failing them or are they failing themselves?

I've been told by student athletes in my classes that athletes get easy classes with teachers who have a reputation for being lenient with athletes' grades.

Maybe SJSU doesn't lower their academic standards as much as other universities do and that is why there is enough of an issue with the grades of the men's basketball team to warrant sanctions.



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SJSU's basketball team's academic situation highlights a much larger issue in college athletics – universities are turning out quick players but dumb students.

Social media blew up during March Madness with the clip of Kentucky forward Julius Randle.

Randle was asked in a post-game interview, "Do you feel any sense of attainment at this point?"

He then turns to someone and asks "what's attainment mean?"

Come on man, you went to Prestonwood Christian Academy, one of the best private Christian schools in Dallas, Texas where your tuition is just south of \$20,000 and you don't know what attainment means?

That's all we need to know about the education these kids are getting in their one year at Kentucky.

HBO also profiles former Oklahoma offensive lineman Eric Mensik.

Mensik played in the Fiesta Tostitos Bowl, traveled the nation and won all sorts of accolades during his stay in Norman.

To keep him on track to graduate so Oklahoma could play in the postseason and get multi-million dollar endorsements and checks, they changed his major to multi-disciplinary studies.

It's similar to a "general studies" major newly created at a lot of universities to keep graduation rates up and the postseason checks coming in.

Mensik, unable to get a job with his degree, works as a handyman and has a menial office job that doesn't require a college degree.

The NCAA has been in the spotlight recently with the football union issue at Northwestern University. They claim college athletes shouldn't

get paid because they receive a degree, all the while they rake in billions annually off of them.

The least the NCAA can do is pay players. Pay them something because they won't be getting paid when they graduate with worthless "degrees" entering the job field unsuccessfully for work.

It's a reality check, and nobody is collecting them more than the NCAA.

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## Production of overseas goods are the main cause of global labor violations

When I get stressed, I get the shopping bug. Almost all of us have it.

Whether we buy clothes, knickknacks or gadgets, everyone likes to indulge.

We buy cheaply made, throwaway things such as Christmas lights and tops from Forever 21 all the time.

Most of these items are made overseas in countries with poor infrastructure and little opportunity.

Every year about 600,000 Chinese die from work-related stress and side effects, according to Politico Magazine.

Two years ago, a man who worked at a Chinese labor camp enclosed a letter in a Kmart Halloween decoration package explaining the harsh labor conditions, according to an article in the Washington Post titled "Behind Cry for Help from China Labor Camp."

The letter explained that the labor camp workers toil seven days a week, for 15 hours at a time and asked for whoever found the letter to forward it to a human rights organization.

"Sir: If you occasionally buy this product, please kindly resend this letter to the World Human Right Organization," said the note sent from the Masanjia province camp.

The woman that found the note sent the letter to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

At a different factory in China, the company Foxconn, which manufactures technology, pays its workers \$180 a month and numerous people have committed suicide at their factories.



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"In response to the suicides, the company is said to have surrounded buildings with nets, hired counselors, brought in Buddhist monks to pray and toyed with asking employees to sign a 'no suicide' pledge," said an Economist article, "Suicides at Foxconn Light and Death."

These occurrences are not only taking place in

China, just take a look at the tag on your jeans, which could have been made in Bangladesh.

The people who manufacture these goods are unable to afford or use anything they make.

Bangladesh has a \$20 billion garment industry, said a Washington Post article, "A year after Rana Plaza: What hasn't changed since the Bangladesh factory collapse."

A study at La Trobe University in Australia found that more than 78 percent of Bangladesh's export earnings come from the garment industry.

The World Bank's website shows Bangladesh's 2012 GDP as \$115.6 billion, and a huge portion of that comes from the garment industry.

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Rana Plaza, a large commercial complex in Savar near the capital

of Bangladesh, is home to garment manufacturing factories.

The complex had a large fire in 2013 where eight workers were trampled to death as 350 people tried to push through one locked exit, said the Washington Post article about Rana Plaza.

Often when there are fires in garment factories, most exits are locked so there is a single exit, so that employees do not steal garments during the evacuation.

Garment manufacturing companies seem to value their product more than the health and safety of their employees.

A simple solution is to search for items made in the United States. Labor laws are enforced here for the most part, so there is little need to worry about child labor and mistreatment of workers.

American-made products can be more expensive, but are usually of higher quality and are made with fair labor. The most common argument for not buying socially responsible products is the higher cost.

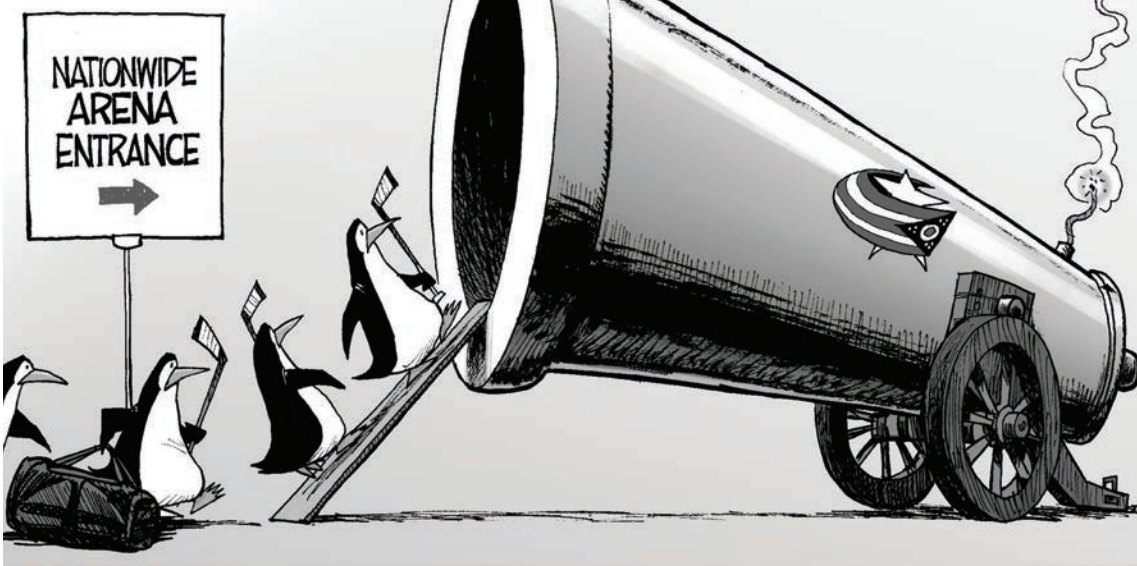
If you are really pressed for money, I suggest you buy second-hand. Used items save you money and prevent waste.

I look at the tags on most of my clothes and they read "Made in Mexico," "Made in Bangladesh" and many other countries. I don't feel as badly about it because most of these clothes I have bought secondhand.

I make sure that when I buy garments produced in free trade facilities that they are secondhand and free of exterior branding so that I don't promote or fund inhumane practices.

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## #ULTIMATEFRISBEE

## Ultimate frisbee club turns in highlight season

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The San Jose State ultimate frisbee team placed eighth over the weekend in NorCal sectionals and finished one spot away from qualifying for the Southwest Regionals Competition.

Daniel Zakaria, a junior industrial and systems engineering major, is the current president of the club. He said the team's finish in the NorCal Division I College Men's Conference Championship was the best placement in that tournament in the program's four-year history.

UC Davis went undefeated for more than five games during the tournament to take first place.

Zakaria said the NorCal conference is one of the most competitive in the nation, boasting perennial powerhouses such as UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, UC Berkeley and Stanford.

In addition to setting the team record at sectionals, Zakaria said the team took third out of 10 at the annual tournament hosted at SJSU, which was the best the team has ever done at a tournament.

Because of the difficulty of the conference, Zakaria said that the team's performance is a huge accomplishment, and that he is optimistic about the team's future.

Zakaria said that when he helped start the club in 2011 there were only eight or nine members. Now the team has grown to more than 20 players, he said.

"That's also crazy when you consider we play 7 v (versus) 7," he said. "We're getting out there, but we're always looking for an opportunity to recruit more players."

Recruiting for a lesser known sport at a commuter school such as SJSU isn't always easy, Zakaria said.

"A lot of people generally don't know a whole lot about how it is played," Zakaria said. "Some people will be like 'Oh, is that the thing you go play with your dog' or something like that."

Zakaria said the best way he found to describe the sport is a combination of football, soccer and basketball.



Photo courtesy of Natalie Bigman

John Thomas, a senior accounting and information systems major, pulls down a pass during an all-star showcase at Santa Clara University in November.

Ultimate frisbee was invented in 1967 by two high school students in New Jersey, according to the World Flying Disc Federation. As New Jersey high school students graduated, they took it with them to their universities.

Now there are more than 12,000 players on more than 700 college teams, according to USA Ultimate.

Something that distinguishes ultimate from most other sports is the lack of referees. Players call their own fouls and can dispute calls that they feel are unfair.

Despite the lack of referees, ultimate frisbee is a competitive sport, Zakaria said, but he described his team's atmosphere as friendly and welcoming to new players.

Compared to other club sports such as hockey and lacrosse, ultimate frisbee is cheap to play. Zakaria said it's

something that makes the barrier for entry even lower for inexperienced players.

Alex Lipstein, a senior industrial and systems engineering major, is the club treasurer. He said he started playing ultimate in high school and when he found out there was a team at SJSU he decided to jump on board.

He said he likes the camaraderie. The sport can be competitive while remaining relatively relaxed, Lipstein said.

"We like taking it a little seriously, but every now and then we goof off, have a good time," Lipstein said. "Everyone is friends with each other and people from all levels can join. We don't exclude anyone for their athletic ability ... everyone has their own role."

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## #WATERCOOLERTALK

## Women's tennis headed to tourney

Staff Report  
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The Spartans look to win its second conference title in a row when the team travels to Fresno, Calif. for the Mountain West Conference Championships on Wednesday.

San Jose State earned a No. 6 seed in the tournament and will compete against Colorado State in the first round on Wednesday at 2 p.m. This is SJSU's first appearance in the MWC after winning the Western Athletic Conference championship in the 2012-13 season.

In last year's WAC Championship the Spartans defeated the University of Denver, 4-3, to win the first championship in school history after defeating Louisiana Tech, 4-2, in the semifinals. SJSU did not lose a set in the first round as they topped University of Texas San Antonio 4-0 to advanced to the semifinal round.

In the 2013-14 dual match season, SJSU finished with an overall record of 11-13.

In the last two matches of the season, the Spartans won 4-3 against the University of Nevada and UC Davis. Against UC Davis, senior Sabastiani Leon Chao set a school record with the most career wins after winning her 131st career win against UC Davis.

### Gymnastics

SJSU Head Coach Wayne Wright announced on Monday that Kaitlin Won, a 2013 Arizona state champion in two events, has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete with the 2014-15 women's gymnastics team.

"Kaitlin is an amazing athlete and student who will bring a championship attitude, tenacity and competitiveness," said Wright to SJSU Athletics. "She will help bring us to the next level because of her attitude about winning and having competed at the

national level."

Won captured the beam (9.650) and all-around (38.125) titles at the 2013 Arizona Level 10 State Championships.

She placed second in both events at the 2013 Region 1 Level 10 Championships to qualify for the 2013 Level 10 Junior Olympic National Championships.

At the National Championships, Won finished fourth on bars (9.525), 14th on floor (9.500) and 21st in all-around (36.925).

She will graduate in 2014 from Mesquite High School in Gilbert, Ariz.

Won currently competes for Arizona Dynamics, where she trained alongside current Spartan Rachel Heintz.

Won joins Mackenzie Douglas and Alisa Bogdan, both of whom signed National Letters of Intent in the fall. All three gymnasts are Level 10 competitors who competed in their respective regional championships.

## Colorful Baseball Lingo

1. Can of Corn: Easily caught fly ball to the outfield
2. Frozen Rope: Ball hit hard on a line
3. Circuit Clout: Home run
4. Hot Corner: Third base
5. Keystone: Second base
6. Hit for the Circuit: Hit a single, double, triple and a home run in one game
7. Tools of Ignorance: Catcher's equipment
8. Just a Long Strike: Long foul ball
9. Timber: A bat
10. Texas Leaguer: Short fly ball that falls in for a hit

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