



A&E Filipino culture steps up in new







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#SJSUTASKFORCE

Housing considers task force recommendations

By Jasmine Leyva @leyvaleyv3

The special task force on racial discrimination submitted its final recommendations to President Muhammad Qayoumi on April 18.

Of the 53 recommendations, 14 are related to residential life.

The recommendations call for resident advisers and residence life staff to be further trained, interact with their residents frequently and ensure staff members "have demonstrated knowledge, skill and experience working with diverse students."

R.A.s would not comment on training changes.

"(In) my time here and at other universities R.A.s have been held accountable in general when they are in any position," said Stephanie Hubbard, associate director for residential life.

Hubbard said she has worked at UC Davis and Stoney Brooke University in New York.

Residence life staff members currently attend weekly and

monthly meetings that explore diversity and other topics, Hubbard said. She said the staff is more thor-

oughly trained. "We are always assessing our

training and adjusting," she said. New residence life staff mem-

bers will be trained and attend an orientation before they take over the positions of the 18 R.A.s who were dismissed, said Victor Culatta, the director of university housing services.

"This is a great time for us," Culatta said. "We're certainly going to take a look at them since our training has not been finalized for the Fall semester."

So far, there are no changes in relation to the task force recommendations.

President Qayoumi said in an online letter released April 18 "there are no easy or quick fixes."

Judge LaDorris Cordell, chairwoman of the special task force on racial discrimination, recommended 45 days for the university to create a timeline and prioritize the recommendations.

The timeline and prioritization

should be posted on the university's homepage, according to the recommendations.

In a meeting between the Spartan Daily and Andy Feinstein, the new provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, he said, "There's a number of them (recommendations) and I think there's (a) couple of things that have to occur quite quickly."

Feinstein said the time frame of the recommendations is a short time.

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#SPARTANRACING

Spartan Racing gears up for the competition

By Tanya Mutz @tmmutz

The Spartan Racing team revealed their newest creation of a Formula One-style race car, the SR-6, to friends, family and sponsors at Dietsch Werks on Friday night.

The SR-6, short for Spartan Racing 6, was designed and built during the past nine months by a team of about 35 students in preparation for the upcoming Formula SAE compe-

Formula SAE is a series of student design competitions organized by SAE International (formerly Society of Automotive Engineers).

According to the SAE International website, the competition challenges teams to conceive, design, fabricate, develop and compete with small, Formula-style vehicles.

A Formula-style car is an open-wheeled, open-cockpit vehicle with four wheels that are not in a straight line.

The competition is divided in to two categories of events, static and dynamic, and is scored by a panel of judges.

The static events – design report, cost report and presentation — cover the business side behind engineering

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SJSU Formula SAE members roll out their Spartan Racing 6 during Saturday's fundraising event at Dietsch Works in San Jose.

#SJSUREBRAND

San Jose State revamps logo, other branding

By Yasmine Mahmoud @yasminehmahmoud

Have you ever wondered why San Jose State's Spartan head looks so familiar?

It's because several local schools have the same logo, but with little tweaks.

Soon this will change, as a remodel of the Spar-

tan head will debut April 30. "We found five out of nine Spartan heads were the same - colors and everything," said Chang Kim, a graphic design associate professor and special session coordinator. "There are so many copycats out there ... Michigan State has it (and) USC

has it." The SJSU Advancement department teamed up with the design department in a three year process to redesign the Spartan logo and other parts of the school's visual identity.

"The logos and the identity marks are going to be a really obvious manifestation of the work that we are doing," said Barry Shiller, associate vice president of marketing and communications.

Shiller said symbols, typeface and the kinds of stories promoted are all a part of what is being worked on for the campus redesign.

"What we're working on is a really comprehensive re-imagining of the university's identity," Shiller said. "We're not changing what San Jose State is."

An institution's identity is their visual brand, Shiller said.

"At a really lofty level it's really everything that people see, whether it's printed stories or what they might read on a website, material they might get ... really from the time they are a prospective student to their experience as an alumnus or an alumna," Shiller

The university is transitioning from the more brick-like symbol that has been used to represent SJSU, and introducing a new typeface and approach to the seal, Shiller said.

"This is trying to give the campus a really clear set of parameters so that if you're an alumnus or a member of the public or even the campus community you get a sense that the campus is communicating consistently and with a single voice," Shiller said.

It's a transition of symbols, Shiller said.

Kim said 20 junior and senior graphic design students started on the redesign project in September

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#ASCESISU

SJSU engineers succeed at purification competition

By Tony Nunez @tony_nunez

San Jose State's victory in the water treatment competition was an event a year in the making.

Led by Hester Yu, a junior civil engineering major and the first-year project manager, the SJSU branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) won the water treatment competition for the first time since the event was put in place in 1998 at the Mid-Pacific Student Conference during early April in Fresno.

Despite coming in with little experience and a brand new team, goals were set high for the team, according

"In previous years it would just be a group of three or four people working on it a month or two before the competition," Yu said. "But this year we really wanted to do well in Mid-Pacs, so we started early on."

A year in advance, to be exact.

Immediately after last year's competition, where the Spartans finished 11th of 12 teams, Yu and her chosen group of 10 began to work toward the ultimate prize of capturing their first win in the event.

"We did everything from the ground up," said water quality leader Jared Gohucio, a sophomore engineering major. "We started from scratch. That was a big challenge for us. It just shows how motivated and dedicated we are to use the resources we have and beat all these powerhouse schools. It puts us on the map, and we show that we're really competitors."

The competition, which was to see how well a team could purify dirty water containing garbage and food from a raucous party using buckets, sand, gravel, hydrogen peroxide and weave mesh, was broken up into five parts:

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#PCNSJSU

Students' Filipino culture takes the stage in 'Barrio 2 Bayou'

By Jerica Lowman @thehellajerica

After months of dance rehearsals, Akbayan SJSU performed for family, friends and the community at the 26th annual Pilipino Culture Night last weekend at Morris Dailey Auditorium.

Pilipino Culture Night celebrates the Filipino, traditionally spelled Pilipino, culture and each year, the group performs a different story.

"PCN has been around for 40 plus years," said Ann Dela Cruz, a junior hospitality and event management major and PCN coordinator.

She said that the Bay Area has a long history of the Filipino culture and influence, especially on college campuses.

"This is an effort that Filipinos have been working toward for the longest time," Dela Cruz said.

Dela Cruz not only wrote the script and coordinated the event, but performed in the show as

This years show, titled "Barrio 2 Bayou," told the story of Justine De Los Santos, a young girl living in the Philippines with dreams of a more exciting life in America.

Disguised as a man, Justine decides to catch a ride on a cargo ship after listening to her father talk about all the dreams he had when he was

Her brother Matthew, who constantly doubts her abilities as a woman, runs away with her, but they are separated.

Justine ends up in Louisiana and gets a job working on a marina after meeting the self-absorbed Dante Pilar.

She is still disguised as a man and calls herself Justin.

Dante gets her a job working for Felipe Tagalas, the kind son of the owner of the marina.

The show was not only the play - there were also traditional and modern dances intertwined in the storyline to represent each region of the Philippines.

"Schools always do it differently, but San Jose is known for combining all of the aspects," Dela Cruz said.

She said people are still researching how Fili-



Britt Coyne, a senior corporate financial management major, performs the Binaylan, a dance that imitates the movement of a hen, her babies and a hawk. The hawk tries to capture one of the babies, but is killed by the hunters of the nearby tribe.

pinos made their way to America.

Records in Louisiana date back to the 1500s. "It was during the time of the Spanish Galleon Trade," Dela Cruz said.

The Spanish Galleon Trade, references the Spanish trading ships that sailed yearly across the Pacific Ocean between Manila in Spanish East Indies (presentday Philippines), and Acapulco, New Spain (present-day Mexico) during the late 1500s.

Andy Tran, a senior kinesiology major, performed the "Tinikling" dance, which is a dance that symbolizes the quick and agile tikling bird as it gracefully avoids the bamboo traps from the

After high school, Tran said he wanted to find an organization that would allow him to be on stage and heard of Akbayan through friends.

"I knew Akbayan's PCN would be a perfect op-

portunity for me to seek out what I was looking for," he said.

Caz Salamanca, assistant director at the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center, said he was a part of a similar organization when he was an undergrad at UC San Diego and appreciated learning about

"The big picture of it all is keeping students on campus and making sure that they are successful," Salamanca said

He said he learned a lot about his culture, but also built relationships while he worked on the

Audrey Reyes, a freshman music education major who played the lead role of Justine, said this was her first semester with Akbayan and she was surprised when she got the lead role.

She said that during practices, the cast blew her mind with how they progressed and gave it their all during the performance.

"Through the months of rehearsals, stress and laughter, I got to know so many wonderful people and witness all their different talents," Reyes said.

Similarly, Justine meets several unique people and forms a friendship with Catalina, an understanding and supportive diner owner, Harper and Jackson, two shrimp boat workers who help

Ultimately, Justine's family and friends learn to accept her for who she is and she learns that following your dreams is important, no matter what anyone tells you.

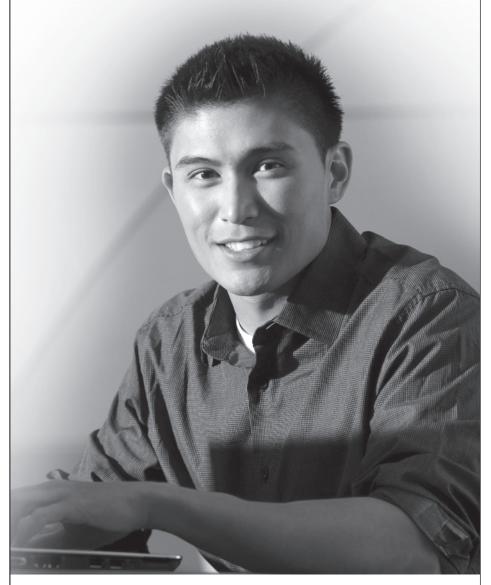
There is a sense of friendship in the story and a positive message for young girls who dream big.

"It isn't just a show, it is a community," Dela

Jerica Lowman is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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#DRAWINGBATTLES

Animation/illustration students prove their artistic talent at D-Day

By Jeremy Cummings Contributing Writer

For most of the year the students of the animation/ illustration department holed themselves up in the art building and toiled away to produce vibrant paintings and touching animated shorts.

However, there is one day each year that gets even the most diligent of animators to take a break: D-Day.

D-Day is a performance put on every Spring by The Shrunkenheadman (SHM) and run by the Club, the school's animation club and one of the biggest student organizations on campus.

The club helps animation students by providing a strong community, educational resources such as raderie in the a private reference library and countless guest speakers from companies such as Pixar and Sony.

At its core, D-Day is a series of drawing battles that take place between an entirely random cast of characters.

However, since its inception, D-Day has grown into a high energy multimedia spectacle featuring costumed showdowns, singing, dancing and short video skits.

Animation/illustration program coordinator Dave Chai described D-Day as "a giant explosion of World Wrestling Federation meets Iron Chef meets complete insanity."

Ben Ravid, a junior animation/illustration major, said this is the second time

he has participated in D-Day. "It's the most fun event

students and just goes to show the camaraderie in the A/I (animation/illustration) program."

Most of the show is either riffing off of recent pop culture or poking fun at the rigors of the animation program.

It's completely produced students for the students and just goes to show the cama-A/I program.

-Ben Ravid Junior animation/ illustration major

One highlight of the show was a parody of Kanye West's popular "Bound 2" music video.

Youri Dekker, the SHM Club's president, and Amit Kumar, the club's graphic designer, acted out the roles of Kanye and Kim on one of the seats from their figure drawing class.

Another notable battle this year took place between the Lego Movie's antagonist Lord Business and a Jaeger from Pacific Rim.

The battles only last 30 seconds, so highly polished drawings are a bit out of the

of the year," Ravid said. "It's question. They are heated completely produced and battles though, with both run by the students for the sides giving it their all to avoid the shame of sitting in the "loser chair" for the duration of the next battle.

To keep the audience engaged during the artistic warfare, there was a crew of people dressed as Power Rangers and one as pro wrestler Macho Man Randy Savage to throw candy into the crowd.

This year's show opened with illustrator Maaike Scherff singing a cover of "Do You Want To Build A Snowman?" from Disney's Frozen. Her version, "Do You Want To Help With D-Day?" was sung to the emcees to entice them to host

the show. The emcees, Colin and Annie Fix, are both alumni of the animation program and participated in D-Day when they were students.

The high energy of the show was mirrored by the enthusiasm of the audience. The crowd chose the victor of each showdown, and their cheers were nearly deafening at certain points.

D-Day climaxed with the SHM Club's officers dancing to a medley of nineties TV theme songs including Pokemon and Power Rangers.

The officers then put on animal ears and welcomed the next year's officers as the opening song from The Lion King played.

Sophomore animation major Winston Gregory called D-Day "a once in a lifetime experience."

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NEWS



Advisers: Task force suggestions in review

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"What we (the president's commission of diversity) are going to be focusing on is prioritizing each of those recommendations and understanding what operational part of this institution can work toward implementing them," Feinstein said.

Pat Lopes Harris, SJSU director of media relations, said many departments are looking over the recommendations, not only the commission.

There are 17 members on the commission, according to the diversity website.

Members include Feinstein, William Nance, vice president of student affairs, faculty and students.

Feinstein said the second phase of the recommendations focuses on what resources are necessary to make them stick.

The fourth recommendation in "Campus Climate" states the suggested Office of Diversity Engagement and Inclusive Excellence should have "sufficient funding," as suggested by Dr. Rona T. Halualani.

The suggested office of Diversity Engagement and Inclusive Excellence will differ from the president's commission of diversity.

The final recommendations are available to the public on the Office of the President's

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Car: Formula SAE team unveils SR-6; automobile ready for competition

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automobiles, while the dynamic events — acceleration, skid pad, autocross and endurance — cover the vehicle's usability.

"Formula SAE is very taxing mentally and physically," said Vince Donatini, a mechanical engineering junior and team manager. "But the thing that most engineers lack right now is on-your-feet thinking and the thinking critical ability to solve a problem that isn't in a textbook. I think that's probably one of the biggest benefits of this program."

Only first-year vehicles are allowed to enter the Formula SAE Competitions, which is one reason why the team creates a new car each year.

But creating a car from start to finish in about nine months can be quite a challenge.

Moy Barajas, a junior mechanical engineering major, said that he worked about 20 hours a week on the car and even more during breaks from school.

Some members of the team were still constructing parts and working on the car until the very last minute, which delayed the unveiling.

"There is always more stuff that we want to put on there," Barajas said. "I think we may have bit off more than we can chew."

When the car arrived, about an hour behind schedule, it was received with loud applause, cheers and whistles. Several team members, who were also seeing the complete car for the first time, remarked that the car "looked sexy."

The SR-6's appearance is just one of the improvements that the team made this year.

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Vince Donatini junior, mechanical engineering

which are part of a full aerodynamics package, provide a significant amount of downward force that will make the car quicker on the track.

Another major change the team made this year was the decision to run the car on ethanol, specifically E85, instead of gasoline.

According to Barajas, the reason they made the change was for fuel efficiency.

He said that ethanol also provides an advantage over the other types of fuels during competitions, but it is more challenging to work with.

One of the challenges is often material compatibility.

"Ethanol reacts kind of weird to certain things," Barajas said. "It basically eats through aluminum after awhile."

If the team can avoid this, the advantages ethanol provides are worth it.

One of the advantages of ethanol is it's high latent heat of vaporization, which pulls energy out of the air and cools the engine, allowing the team to run a more aggressive ignition timing and a smaller cooling system.

"It is a racing team so we are trying to build a fast car, but my personal goal is to build a fast car that is also efficient," Barajas said.

The car's ability isn't the only thing the team has to keep in mind. In addition to designing and building the car, the students are also the drivers.

"It can be difficult to find a good engineering team that can do race car things," Barajas said. "I think the car is engineered very well and we've learned to be able to race it really well."

The SJSU Formula SAE team travels to Michigan in May where they will be competing against 120 teams for event awards and cash prizes from sponsors.

"Competition is always exciting, it's the time where everything is down the line," Donatini said. "You've put an entire year of effort, blood, sweat and tears into an event that lasts four days."

This year the team is participating in three Formula SAE Competitions for a total of 12 competition days.

After competing in Michigan on May 14-17 the team will travel to Canada for their first international competition on May 22-25.

After that, the team will have a few weeks to rest and make any necessary changes to the car before heading to Nebraska for their final competition on June 18-21.

"This gives us even more chances to prove ourselves and really put San Jose State on the top of the map like we've wanted to for the last couple of years," Donatini said.

Tanya Mutz is the Spartan Daily Online Editor.

Image: Design students create special typeface, logo for SJSU redesign

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Kim's special session class began to work on the "We are Sparta" project in conjunction to Washington Square alumni magazine with university advancement, he said.

For the first few weeks, Kim said the class collected materials from different institutions that use spartan heads as their logos.

"We analyzed why they did it, so that way we understood our goal," Kim said.

In order to showcase SJSU's talent and to cut costs, faculty, staff and students created a "comprehensive re-imagining of the university's identity," Shiller said.

The students presented numerous ideas for the spartan head and other symbols, but it was decided to slightly alter the logo rather than completely change it because of

budget concerns, Kim said.

"It was very hard to make a perfect consensus of all of these opinions," Kim said.

nsus of all of these opinions," Kim said. Kim said that a collective decision was made to change the brick symbol and redesign the typeface.

"The new typeface is a special typeface because we made it ourselves," Kim said.

Contributors asked that the typeface create both a classic and modern feel, as SJSU is in Silicon Valley, but is the oldest California

State University, Kim said.

"We already have a baseline statement, 'powering Silicon Valley,' but it's been a statement that sits on a website or may be printed on a brochure," Shiller said. "But we're trying to now kind of get the campus to think about and talk about what that

Part of the rebranding package will be available for download from the SJSU website April 30.

There will be an exhibit of the new identity this September at the new Student

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Water: SJSU drains competition at Mid-Pacific conference, places third

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design report, construction, poster presentation, oral presentation and lab scores.

SJSU took first in two phases, a design report and lab scores of their final water sample and second in the speed of construction and won with an overall score of 81.19 points, beating second place CSU Chico, who scored 74.57.

Gohucio explained the difference between SJSU and the 13 universities involved including UC Berkley, UC Davis, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Tongji University of China.

Where other teams had a class dedicated to the competition, SJSU students had to find time they could devote from their schedules to come together and work toward the win.

This is the end of the line for the team because there is no national competition for the event in place currently. They'll have to prep to repeat as winners at next year's competition, where Gohucio hopes to become project manager.

"I hope to lead the team to victory again

next year," Gohucio said.

The water treatment event was one of the six events in which the 13 universities competed. SJSU finished third overall at the Mid-Pac conference with 42 points, improving on their eighth-place finish from a year ago. Tongji University took first with 64 points.

SJSU finished eighth in the steel bridge, sixth in the concrete canoe, fourth in the geochallenge, eighth in the professional paper and second in water research.

Tony Nunez is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

TORNADO

Rescuers seek survivors from devastating tornado in Arkansas; 16 dead

By Molly Hennessy-Fiske and Michael Muskal

McClatchy Tribune

Rescuers continued to move through parts of Arkansas on Monday seeking survivors of a deadly tornado that tore through the region, killing at least 16 and injuring dozens.

The hardest-hit area was in Vilonia, outside of Little Rock, where officials said 10 people died: eight adults and two children. Six others died in two other Arkansas counties and one person died after a tornado struck Oklahoma before crossing into Kansas on Sunday for a total death toll of 17.

"I wouldn't be surprised if it is one of the most devastating tornadoes we've had," Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe told reporters Monday morning. "Arkansans are resilient and neighbors help neighbors. We're seeing that here."

The governor said that 16 deaths have been confirmed, but he noted that the number could rise as rescuers move through the towns. There is no count for those missing, he noted.

"Rescue efforts are continuing," the governor said. "We have severe damage in Vilonia and Mayflower, but there are rural areas as well. "This is an on-going process. All resources that need to be dispatched will be dispatched."

The tornado that slammed into Vilonia, about 10 miles west of the capital, grew to about half a mile in width. It was among a rash of tornadoes and heavy storms that moved across the nation's center and South on Sunday during the tornado season that typically runs from about mid-March through June.

The National Weather Service on Monday warned that destructive storms, including more tornadoes, damaging winds and very large hail, would continue to strike in parts of Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Louisiana. Storm watches and warnings were posted throughout the area.

There was no immediate estimate of the

ferocity of the tornado that hit Arkansas, but it could hit an EF3, meaning it carried winds of more than 136 mph, Chris Buonanno of the National Weather Service in Little Rock told the Los Angeles Times.

"We're still looking at the damage," and two teams are on the ground as well, he said. He said that early reports showed that there could be a long swath of damage of at least 20 miles through the state. That figure could increase as new data come in, he said.

At a news conference in the Philippines, President Barack Obama sent his condolences and promised the government would help in the recovery.

"Your country will be there to help you recover and rebuild as long as it takes," Obama Beebe said he had talked with federal offi-

cials Monday morning and they were promis-Vilonia was last hit by a tornado three

years ago when at least four people were reported dead. One of the buildings destroyed in 2011 was a school that was rebuilt. On Sunday, the latest

tornado hit the building again, causing exten-

sive damage, officials said. "My heart is heavy this morning as we continue to uncover the devastation of last night's storms," said Sen. Mark Pryor, D-Ark. "We've seen the loss of lives, homes and property, but not the loss of spirit. The people of Arkansas have come together to help our friends and neighbors in need. I stand ready to help those impacted and ensure that our state has the re-

sources it needs to rebuild, recover, and come

back stronger than before. To all those affect-

ed, we're praying for you."

In Kansas, Gov. Sam Brownback will visit Baxter Springs on Monday, which was also hit by a tornado Sunday that damaged or destroyed about 70 homes and up to 25 businesses and injured 34 people, nine requiring hospitalization.

CRIME LOG

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

An officer at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library contacted a subject for being in possession of counterfeit currency. The officer confiscated the bill and took a

10:10 a.m.

An officer was dispatched to the report of a counterfeit bill at the student services center. The officer arrived and contacted the reporting party and collected the bill. There are currently no suspects or witnesses.

4:05 p.m.

Officers were dispatched to a report of a person in medical distress at the Industrial Studies Building. The subject was transported to a local hospital.

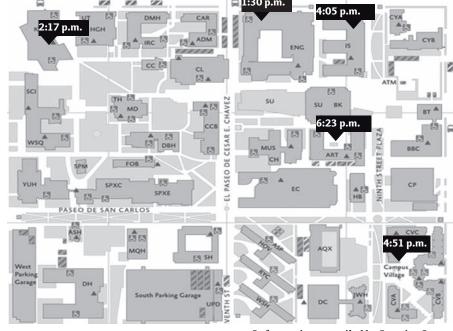
An officer was dispatched to the report of a stolen bicycle at the Engineering Building. The subject reported his bicycle stolen but was unable to provide any suspect information. A report was taken.

6:23 p.m.

Officers were dispatched to a report of petty theft at the Art Buidling. Officers determined an assault and battery occurred on a subject. The subject was unable to provide suspect information.



An officer responded to a report of stolen tools at the Campus Village garage. The officer contacted the victim and took a statement. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.



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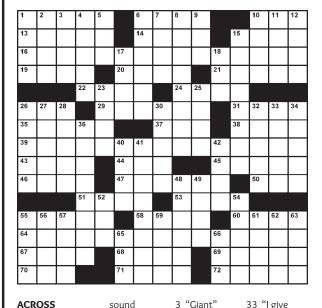
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Racial balancing shouldn't be the sole basis for admissions

Affirmative action, sometimes distinguished as positive discrimination or racial preference, has been shot down as a viable method of encouraging diversity.

The Supreme Court recently ruled in favor of a Michigan constitutional amendment that bans affirmative action in public state universities, endorsing similar measures in other states.

This ban has allegedly caused a drop in the enrollment of black and Hispanic ...admissions students in selective colleges and universities.

The bill has the greatest impact on the black community, who have historically low college enrollment rates.

California's Proposition 209 is a similar bill from 1996 which prohibits state government institutions from considering race, sex or ethnicity in public employment and education.

It was slated for an amendment by the California Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 5, which would remove the provisions related to public post-secondary school.

But the amendment was shot down by advocacy groups from the Asian-American community who claimed it would help some ethnic groups at the expense of others.

Opponents of the bills suggest that women and people of color are oppressed by an educational system dominated by white males, and that affirmative action is a successful counter to preferential selection.

They believe that it destroys the college hopes of minority students.

This argument may be outdated, as recent trends in college admissions often show higher enrollment rates for women and certain minority groups.

Federal affirmative action laws forbid preferential treatment to under-qualified workers and students.

Supporters argue that affirmative action results in rejection based on race and that eliminating it would restore the original intent of the Civil Rights Act, which is the right to not be discriminated against or granted a preference based on race.

They claim that the bill banning affirmative action is inherently race-neutral.

These claims are questionable, as the numbers affected by the changes are unequal among racial groups.

Despite claims that affirmative action harms schools, California schools have seen a significant increase in Latino and Asian stu-



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dents in post-secondary admissions, and modest gains for black students.

There has also been a trend of higher graduation rates, especially within the black community at select schools.

Pew Research reports that only a small percentage of the public reports being directly affected by affirmative action, with whites claiming they've been hurt more than helped and blacks saying that they've been helped.

Without the bill in place, alterna-

tive support for black students is still necessary to remedy low enrollment numbers.

As the Supreme Court noted many years ago in Freeman v. Pitts, racial balancing for its own sake is "patently unconstitutional."

While public institutions directly benefit from having students with diverse interests and backgrounds, targeting specific minorities to fill limited vacancies directly harms those who would otherwise be admit-

ted on their own merits.

Racial balancing alone should not be grounds for admission, despite low numbers from certain minority groups.

College admissions should be offered to those who work hard to prove themselves as worthy applicants, regardless of their

As Proposition 209 has shown by the increase in Latino and Asian students attending college, affirmative action may no longer be as necessary to promote diversity in public schools.

Similar initiatives that target and aid students in impoverished districts and lower performing high schools will continue to do more to promote diversity in public education.

Instead of seeking out minority students during admissions, colleges should invest more energy in partnering and tutoring with schools that are performing poorly, in an attempt to inspire and support teenagers in continuing with school.

It's clear that affirmative action is only meant as a temporary solution to widespread social reforms for the redistribution of wealth and educational equality.

By removing this crutch, public institutions and colleges must instead rely on more challenging measures to see changes in diversity.

Ultimately, it falls on the society as a whole to continue to push for an educated, culturally diverse population.

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Ending affirmative action protects white entitlement

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Diversity exists in our education system for the moment, but not for much longer if the Supreme Court has anything to say about it.

The Supreme Court recently decided that a Michigan statute barring universities from considering race as part of a student's admission process was constitutional in a 6-2 vote.

on Twitter Michigan's statute mirrors @Beadlebeat California's Prop 209, a bill enacted in 1996 that prevents universities from considering an applicant's race as part of the admissions process.

Justice Kennedy, who delivered the opinion of the Court, said that this issue was about state's rights.

He wrote that the case "is not about the constitutionality, or the merits, of race-conscious admissions policies in higher education."

Pretending for a moment that it is about states' rights, it still doesn't make Michigan's statute right.

"Tyranny of the majority," asserts that the majority will vote in their own interest and ignore the needs of the minority.

Excluding race from the admissions process hurts diversity and mitigates a vital avenue to higher education for many Hispanic, black and Native American students.

The Mercury News reported that the University of California said Prop 209 has already hurt admission numbers for those groups, in an article titled "U.S. Supreme court upholds Michigan anti-affirmative action law, California's Prop-209 stands."

College admissions are increasingly dependent on standardized test scores in a variety of ways.

There are two tangible elements for determining a student's merit: their SAT scores and their high school GPA.

Starting with the ineffectual SAT, the College Board reports

Rights Movement

racial division

happened more than

that after decades of changes, it is still not a good indicator of a student's future college GPA.

Statistically, Hispanic, black and Native American students consistently Still exists. perform worse than white and Asian students.

According to the College Board, white students do best in critical reading and writing while Asians, followed by white students, dominate mathematics.

Minorities have consistently scored worse since the test's inception.

High school GPAs are reflecting a similar result because standardized testing has taken over the classroom.

This hardly means that minorities are less intelligent or less studious and it definitely does not account for students who learned English as a second The high school GPA has always

been a better indicator of college success than the SAT, but its accuracy has been decreasing, according to the College Board.

One possible explanation is money.

Schools and districts with more money and resources can afford to focus specifically on what the tests will cover, resulting in higher test scores for those schools.

But schools without those resources or whose students have different needs do not have that luxury.

There are thousand dollar classes students can take that guarantee good scores on the SAT.

The firms that host these classes brag that between two students who get similar grades the one who takes the class is statisti-

cally guaranteed to score higher on the SAT. Even if we ignore the fact that white people tend to make more money and can afford these classes, do we really want our college admissions to be based solely on who can afford to jump through the stan-

It's sad that the Civil Rights Movement happened more than half a century ago but racial division still exists.

dardized testing hoops?

A recent San Jose Mercury News editorial called affirmative action "yesterday's solution" to racial disparity because Asian Americans have been "disproportionately successful" without affirmative action.

In the same article, the Mercury News admits that black and Latino student populations still struggle to attain higher education.

While STEM careers are hugely important in today's economy, it does little to help students who want to study other disciplines.

The Supreme Court's decision is a reflection of "white It's sad that the Civil anxiety" brought on by the realization that America is becoming a majority-minority country where white people are outnumbered by half a century ago but other races and being white no longer guarantees the

> Some people believe affirmative action allows less qualified minorities to take positions from qualified white students when in reality race is usually only considered between students whose grades, SAT scores, extracurricular activities, essays and letters of recommendation are comparable.

privileges it used to.

All affirmative action does is take away the guarantees from white people who never really deserved those guarantees in

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SPORTS

#WEEKENDRECAP



Terrell Lloyd | SJSU Athletics

SJSU senior Jessica Garcia went 1-for-3 with two runs scored and a walk in a 7-6 win against the University of Nevada on Saturday. Garcia is batting .327 (48-for-147) with seven doubles, nine home runs and 49 RBIs this season for the Spartans.

Spartans close the weekend on a high note

By Brandon Chew @bchewphoto

The San Jose State University softball team defeated the University of Nevada on Saturday, 7-6, and Sunday, 4-2, in the Mountain West Conference.

In Saturday's game, Nevada held a 3-0 lead after three innings. SJSU freshman Jessie Meyer drew a bases-loading walk and junior Kryn Masutani with a hit to left field that brought sophomores Erin Rodriguez and Casey Lester home, making wit 3-2.

In the seventh inning, the Spartans took advatage of Nevada's infield errors and sophomore Casey Watt hit the ball to the second baseman, allowing senior Jessica Garcia to score the winning run.

In game two, a pair of home runs clinched the game for SJSU.

After three scoreless innings, sophomore Alyssa Martinez started the fourth with her first career home run to left center field to put SJSU up 1-0.

Nevada pushed the game into overtime and in the eighth

inning sophomore Jessie Hufstetler, SJSU's top hitter, blasted the ball over the right center field fence to bring sophomore Taylor Purdy and herself home, winning 4-2.

BASEBALL

On Saturday, SJSU won a back-and-forth fight against San Diego State with a 9-5 victory.

The game had four lead changes with SJSU breaking a 5-5 tie in the ninth inning.

"We gave them lots of opportunities throughout the game and then we put the pressure on them in the end," said Head Coach Dave Nakama.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Spartan's chance at a title came down to one shot on Saturday as the team finished with a 21-over-par (309) in the final round of the 2014 Mountain West Championship.

SJSU finished second with a 40-over-par (903), one shot behind champion New Mexico (902).

The Spartans finished second at the conference championship for the second consecutive season. SJSU shot a 309, while New Mexico recorded a 312 in the final round.

"We have been on the right side of a one-shot finish in the past," Head Coach John Dormann told SJSU Athletics. "It is painful, and I am sure each player will think about a shot or two that they could have made to be the difference in the final result."

"However, we putted very poorly at the championship," he said. "We had far too many three putts and not enough birdie chances converted. We have to improve our overall short games before next season."

SJSU sophomore Regan De Guzman finished fourth individually at four-over-par (220) after shooting a team-best 75 in the final round. She was honored after the round by being named a first-team All-Mountain West honoree.

MEN'S GOLF

SJSU was one of four teams to post a subpar round on the final day of the 2014 Mountain West Men's Golf Championship and leaped over three teams in the final 18 holes to finish in seventh place.

The Spartans had 25 more shots on Sunday than on Saturday and finished the championship with a 1-under-par (283) in the final round and a 54-hole total of 31-over-par (883).

"We came close to playing really well today," said Head Coach John Kennaday to SJSU Athletics.

"This was a nice finishing round in an otherwise disappointing championship," he said. "I'm proud of the way we responded in the today's round."

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Freshman Lalinda Maokhamphiou took 10 seconds off her best 3000-meter steeplechase time at the Brutus Hamilton Open on Friday afternoon.

"Lalinda had a really nice race," Head Coach Brad Wick said. "She took a good chunk off her previous race and I would expect her to take some more off the next time out."

WATER POLO

For the second time this season, SJSU scored nine times against the University of Southern California in a women's water water polo match but fell 21-9 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) Tournament's fifth-place game.

USC overcame a two-goal deficit in the first half and hung on for a 10-9 victory in the first meeting with SJSU. This time, the Trojans (24-3) broke away from an early 2-2 first-quarter tie with six of the next seven scores in the match for a commanding 8-3 lead. The Spartans (20-13) never got closer than four goals the rest of the way.

"We were trying to run our offense, but they did a great job of making it difficult for us. They put a lot of pressure on us defensively and we didn't get a lot of quality shots," said Assistant Coach Doug Robinson to SJSU Athletics, who filled in for Interim Head Coach Johnny Bega, who was present for the birth of his first child.

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Spartans sign JC transfer

Staff Report @SpartanDailv

Head Coach John Kennaday said on Monday that Michael Grenz, winner of the 2011 Northern California Golf Association Junior Championship, signed a National Letter of Intent to play men's golf for San José State University starting in the 2014-15 school year.

"Michael will bring leadership and maturity to our program," Kennaday said. "He has played high level golf and should provide an immediate impact."

Grenz, who has attended and competed for South Mountain Community College in Phoenix, Ariz. for the past two years, grew up in Elk Grove, Calif. and attended Pleasant Grove High School.

In 2013, Grenz was a member of South Mountain's National Junior College Athletic Association Men's Golf National Championship team and in 2014 his 72.88 stroke average is the 14th highest among junior college players in the nation, according to Golfstat.com.

Grenz joins Bradley Keyer, who signed a National Letter of Intent in November, in the Spartan's 2014-15 signing class.

Information compiled from SJSU Athletics.

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De Guzman heading to Regionals

Staff Report

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SJSU sophomore Regan De Guzman of the San Jose State University women's golf team was selected to play as an individual at the 2014 NCAA Women's Golf West Regional May 8 to 10 at the Tumble Creek Club at Suncadia Resort in Cle Elum, Wash.

De Guzman led the Spartans in stroke average this season with 73.65 per round and was named a first-team All-Mountain West honoree. She finished fourth at the 2014 Mountain West Championship and fourth in two other tournaments this season.

De Guzman shot four rounds under par this year including a 5-under-par (67) in the Silverado Showdown in mid-April. She is one of six individuals playing at the West Regional along with 24 teams who qualified for the event.

The top two players after the three rounds, not on an advancing team, qualify for the 2014 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships May 20 to 23 at the Tulsa Country Club in Tulsa, Okla.

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