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**#UNIVERSITYPOLICE**

# Student spends one night in county lockup

By Nick Ibarra  
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An Open University male student and San Jose State University alumnus was arrested on suspicion of trespassing after 11 p.m. Monday, April 28. He spent the night in Santa Clara County Jail after the University Police Department responded to claims of a homeless man sleeping in the Biology Student Association room in Duncan Hall.

The student, Thanh Le, said he had been in the building after hours many times and he has seen many other students do the same.

He said he has been asked to leave multiple times by UPD but was never arrested.

It was different Monday, according to Le, a graduate engineering student currently enrolled in Engineering 10

through Open University, a program that allows non-SJSU students to take SJSU courses.

"It was apparent that they wanted to arrest me," Le said. "I don't know why. I was just studying."

Le said he felt as though he was being "bullied and harassed" by the two officers prior to his arrest.

Le said he was studying and watching Netflix, not sleeping, when he was approached by the officers.

He said he isn't homeless. He currently lives with his aunt and has never spent the night in a campus building.

Le said when the officers first approached him, they asked if he was an SJSU student. UPD said they had received complaints from five other students that he wasn't a student and that he was a homeless person sleeping in the BSA room.

Le said he told the officers he is a student and offered to log in to his Canvas account, but that the officers were adamant in insisting he was homeless.

He said they began searching his backpack without his consent and one of the officers said his backpack looked like a "homeless bag" after finding Le's driver's license, passport and birth certificate.

Le said he isn't sure why the officers thought he was homeless since his bag, which he described as a computer bag, only contained his laptop, papers and identification documents.

He said he showered that day and was dressed in clean gym clothes.

Le said he didn't have a copy of his student ID on him, but provided the officers with the number from memory.

Le said when the officers radioed in Le's student ID number to check on his status, the officers didn't get a result because they had misquoted his ID number, but the second time they used his correct ID number and were able to identify him as a student.

UPD Sgt. Jenny Gaxiola confirmed Le's arrest on suspicion of trespassing under Penal Code 602(m), a misdemeanor offense.

She said for students to legally be in a building after hours, they need to have an after-hours pass, which can be provided by professors so students can take advantage of labs and other resources.

"If they don't have that, they aren't allowed to be there past 10 p.m., regardless of whether they are a student or not," Gaxiola said.

Gaxiola affirmed that according

to UPD policy, any unauthorized student found in a campus building after hours will be arrested for trespassing.

She couldn't comment on any additional details of Le's arrest because the investigation is ongoing.

After he was placed under arrest, Le spent the night in Santa Clara County Jail with a bail set at \$1,000.

Le has been summoned to appear in court on June 13 to face charges of criminal trespass, a misdemeanor carrying a penalty of up to six months in prison and a fine of up to \$1,000.

Le said this is the first time he has experienced what he described as a civil rights violation by UPD.

"It's misconduct from the people who swore to protect us," Le said.

Nick Ibarra is a *Spartan Daily* contributing writer.



**#SJSUSNAPSHOTS**  
**Music on the park bench**

*A quartet plays during a break between classes*

A string quartet puts a classical spin on main stream songs, led on left by Alan Chen, junior violin performance major, while an audience builds in front of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library Wednesday afternoon.

Brandon Chew | Spartan Daily

**#SJSUGRADUATION**

## Departments struggle to find commencement funds

By Ryan Brown  
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For San Jose State University departments and student organization the process of commencement fundraising can be difficult.

With smaller graduating classes and lower attendance than the university-wide commencement held at Spartan Stadium every year, the cost per person goes up significantly.

The university website reports that 45 independent receptions are set to take place between May 9 and May 25 in varying locations on campus.

In most cases, students must organize funding and plan the smaller department ceremonies themselves.

Some departments appoint committees to handle the duties while others are often handled by existing group organizations.

Lorenzo Tlacaclael, president of the linguistics and language department's student association, said that he and whoever else he can find to help are responsible for planning the LLD's commencement.

"Not a lot of students get involved and it ends up being just a handful of students doing all of the planning for the event," Tlacaclael said. "The entire thing is super stressful and takes up so much time, effort, and energy."

Tlacaclael said that even a small budget of \$1,400 for a graduating class of 30 students has put the student association "in the red."

"Our original plan was to pay for the event with ticket sales, but we haven't sold as many tickets as we thought we were going to," Tlacaclael said. "It could even mean dipping into the association's fees to cover the deficit."

The linguistics and language department isn't the only department struggling to find a way to cover the cost of commencement.

Lauren Wickman, a member of the committee overseeing the health science and recreation graduation ceremony, said her department faced similar issues raising money.

**We had no budget for our graduation so we had to figure out how we were going to allocate the necessary funds**

Lauren Wickman  
health science and recreation graduation ceremony committee member

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**#WHATSNEXT**

## What to do after graduation

*Looking forward to internships, jobs*

By Rebecca Charlton  
Contributing Writer

With an annual tuition of \$8,893 for in-state students at public universities and two out of three students graduating with debt, many seniors may be wondering if their degree is worth the headache, according to an online article for the *New York Times*.

Hillary Resch, a recent San Jose State University communication studies alumna, said that her time was well spent.

"It is such an accomplishment to graduate, and it makes you feel so proud of yourself," she said. "It is nice to see that all your hard work pays off and to know it's worth something."

Working part-time at Stanford Memorial Church while searching for a more permanent job has helped Resch reduce her loans, which will take her approximately four years to pay off.

To Resch, loans are a small price to pay for her valued education.

"My loans don't bother me," she said.

As a new graduate, Resch provides an insight into life after college.

She said that she misses learning and the college atmosphere but appreciates her free

time when not working.

"I love that I can come home after work and not have to worry about homework," Resch said.

This might change if she decides to attend graduate school within the next year.

"Before graduating, I always thought that I would never go back to school and now I can honestly say that I am considering it," she said. "If I can't secure a job within the next year, I will probably go to grad school as a backup plan."

She already has a phone interview secured for a human resources position at Stanford University.

When asked how she landed an interview with the Stanford Human Resources department, she said that she mentioned that she was looking for a job in human resources to everyone she met.

"Networking is another super useful tool, and so far the personal and professional connections that I have made have paid off the most," Resch said. "LinkedIn is my favorite social networking site. It allows me to demonstrate my skills to potential employers and allows companies to find employees based on their skills."

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**The Spartan Daily will return Thursday, August 28. Have a great summer!**

# Department: High costs for department ceremony

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“We had no budget for our graduation so we had to figure out how we were going to allocate the necessary funds,” Wickman said.

In hopes of lowering expenses, the committee planned fundraising events ahead of time, but their efforts didn't help as much as they hoped.

“We held two fundraising events: one at Flames and one at Fahrenheit,” Wickman said. “Unfortunately we only raised a small amount at both.”

Wickman said the lack of proceeds means that each graduate is being charged \$60 to pay for the event.

Tlacaclael said the Linguistics and Language Department Student Association's (LLDSA) ultimate goal is to encourage students to attend commencement by making attendance free for students and family, but that it isn't a viable option.

As it stands now, they're charging \$15 for each ticket, up from \$10 last year, and the LLDSA is afraid that it may hurt ticket sales.

“Fewer students have signed up to be part of the commencement,” said Tlacaclael. “Last year more people came to the event and we sold more than 200 tickets, but this year ticket sales are less than 100.”

The difficulties have caused a number of the LLDSA's student volunteers to consider not holding the event at all.

“We can't spend all of our time and money on this ridiculous commencement ceremony,” Tlacaclael said. “It's such a heavy process for students to be in charge of it, because it takes away from our schoolwork and studying for finals.”

Tlacaclael knows how much the commencement means to many of the students and faculty members in the department.

“Our students haven't participated in the university-wide commencement for a number of years because it's too late, too big, too impersonal and it doesn't connect for them,” Tlacaclael said.

He said that even though raising money for a separate LLD commencement on May 9, rather than May 24, is a long and draining

process, it usually produces a ceremony that everyone can enjoy.

Smaller commencements offer graduates the chance to be recognized individually as they shake hands with deans and faculty members on-stage.

Tlacaclael said a possible solution is for the university to focus more on the individual graduation ceremonies by offering funding to the departments for graduation purposes.

“The university doesn't want to hear that the issue is money, but I think that's exactly what they need to hear,” Tlacaclael said. “Right now, there is no money, so there's no one to help us cover the costs of our commencement.”

Some groups, like the African-American Commencement Committee, (AFACC) have found success reaching outside the university.

AFACC Chair Daniel Harris-Lucas said in addition to holding fundraising events on campus, the committee has taken their fundraising efforts to local businesses in their hometowns.

“There's not a large African-American community in San Jose so we kind of have to reach back to our homes,” Harris-Lucas said. “I'm from Oakland, so a lot of donation letters I sent out were to corporations in Oakland.”

Those efforts, in addition to the \$100 fee members pay to participate, have helped allow free admittance for up to ten guests per person to the African-American Convocation, despite the cost of the event being in the range of \$15,000.

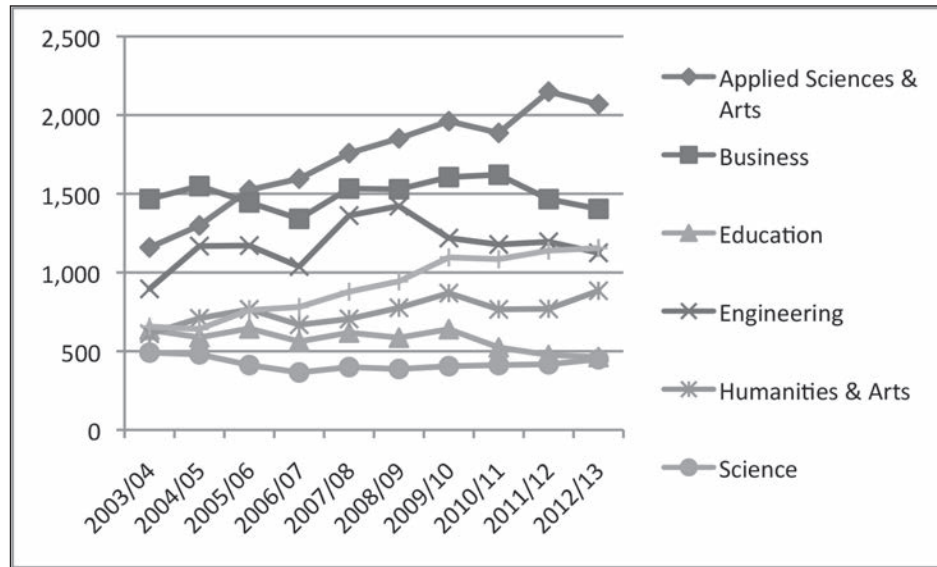
It's a model Tlacaclael hopes the LLDSA can imitate in the future.

While he is unsure what fundraising events the association might hold, he said the group is planning to reach out to alumni and businesses for donations.

Tlacaclael said even though planning the event and covering its costs is frustrating, the opportunity to walk across the stage is something students value.

“The commencement is still a good thing because it helps build our community,” Tlacaclael said. “It ends up being really nice, the faculty likes it and all the families come and enjoy it.”

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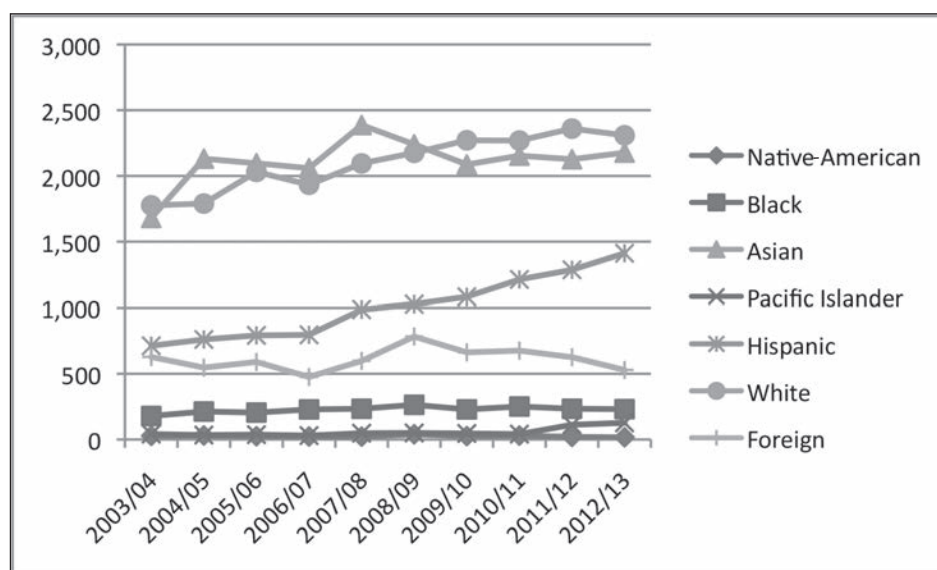
## Trending graduation rates

### Decade of achievement for SJSU

Above: Graduation rates by major in the colleges of Applied Sciences & Arts, Engineering and Humanities & Arts trending upwards over the past decade.

Below: Graduation rates by ethnicity show a rise in Hispanic and Pacific Islander graduates.

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### GO GREEN RACER

# Swarthmore College team in a race to save gasoline

By Tom Avril  
McClatchy Tribune

Its top speed is 35 mph. It has less horsepower than a lawn mower.

Nevertheless, the bright-red, fiberglass-paneled contraption in a Swarthmore College basement is very much a race car—in a race to use as little energy as possible.

The svelte, three-wheeled vehicle is headed to Houston this week to compete among 125 entrants in the Shell Eco-marathon Americas.

Proud of your hybrid's gas-sipping economy? Take a backseat. Some of the cars in the running can achieve thousands — yes, thousands — of miles per gallon of gasoline. In the 2013 contest, Laval University in Quebec took top honors with 3,587 miles per gallon. Swarthmore's machine is somewhat less frugal, at the equivalent of less than 1,300 miles per gallon, though a direct comparison with gasoline engines is tricky since it is powered by a hydrogen fuel cell.

And don't get the idea that these curiosities will be showing up on the Schuylkill Expressway. The Swarthmore car weighs just 137 pounds and is 8 feet long.

"It's a demonstration," said engineering professor Nelson Macken, the project's faculty adviser. "Totally unrealistic."

Still, the race offers an idea of what might be possible on roadways of the future, with sleek, efficient vehicles powered by a variety of fuels. As in the competition, the cars of tomorrow are likely to come in several flavors, depending on where you live in the country and which energy sources are most readily available.

The Eco-marathon field is divided into two main categories. "Urban concept" vehicles are required to look somewhat like contemporary passenger cars, with four wheels and a roof over the driver's head. Creators of prototype vehicles, such as Swarthmore's, have freer rein.

Entrants must complete 10 laps of a 0.6-mile course laid out on the streets of Houston, for a total of six miles. Shell first held the "Americas" edition of the race in 2007; a sister event in Europe dates to 1985.

Swarthmore graduate Eric Verhasselt started building the school's car in 2012, welding the aluminum chassis in the summer before his senior year.

The biggest expense was the \$10,000 fuel cell, which the college already owned, having purchased it for previous projects. Additional money came from the Halpern Family Foundation Engineering Design Fund, plus the college and Shell.

Verhasselt took the car to Houston last year for its first Shell competition, placing third of six hydrogen-powered vehicles.

Junior Neil Macfarland is continuing the effort this year. He helped Verhasselt with the initial design, and now is tweaking and testing the car to maximize its efficiency. (Turns out it runs best at just 15 mph)

Also helping are junior Andrew Grasberger and freshman Persis Ratouis, among others.

Don't forget secret weapon Winnie Ngo, a junior from Oakland, Calif., who will be behind the wheel.

The computer science major weighs just 95 pounds and stands 4 feet, 10 inches, allowing her to fit into the small car with room to spare. The rules require the driver to weigh at least 110 pounds, so Macfarland will have to add some ballast to the vehicle to compensate.

Much better than having the 6-foot-1 Macfarland drive. Since his long limbs do not fit inside the cockpit, he had to remove the car's body panels to take it for a brief spin on campus.

"People were turning and staring," Ngo said.

The hydrogen for Swarthmore's car is stored in a cylindrical tank behind the driver's seat. It generates electricity in the fuel cell, a black box mounted nearby.

The principle of a fuel cell is the reverse of that stock experiment in high school chemistry class, of zapping water with electricity to separate it into hydrogen and oxygen. A fuel cell combines hydrogen and oxygen, yielding water and electricity.

Fuel cell cars have zero tailpipe emissions, though their true level of greenness depends on the type of energy used to produce the hydrogen.

One day last week, Macfarland had a more pressing concern: The car would not start.

"Right now, we're chasing electric gremlins around the car," Macfarland said.

The culprit turned out to be an emergency shutoff switch that had jammed, and Macfarland had it working again in short order.

The three-day competition opened on Friday.

Start your engines! Or fuel cells.

## Universities migrate from classroom to the computer

By Julia Furlan  
McClatchy Tribune

Learning online might be a way of attending class in your pajamas. But for students like Maria Treto-French, it means listening to a lecture while watching your daughter's volleyball game.

"The hardest part was making sure I had Internet access," Treto-French said with a laugh about juggling working full time, earning her graduate degree at Northern Illinois University and hustling between after-school activities of her three children.

Treto-French is part of a growing number of students—7.1 million, according to a January study by the Babson Survey Research Group—who snap open their devices and log on to learn. Babson also reported that about 34 percent, an all-time high, of higher education students take at least one course online.

Here is how most online courses work: Students connect to a website used by the school that allows them access to a variety of class materials, including but not limited to readings, lectures, group project plans and questions for their professor. Most classes are asynchronous—students aren't present or doing work at the exact same time—though techniques and schedules also vary from school to school. Synchronous programs also exist but can be more difficult for students with fluctuating schedules.

When Treto-French attended graduate classes at the School of Business Management, it was almost old hat to her.

In 2011, when Treto-French went back to school, she studied at the largest university in the U.S., the University of Phoenix. Treto-French sailed through in less than three years, getting her degree and a certification for businesspeople overseeing technology in schools—a move that resulted in a promotion.

Like many of the students of online courses, Treto-French said she feels she is achieving not just for herself, but to be an example.

"I didn't want my daughters to see their lives with limitations," she said.

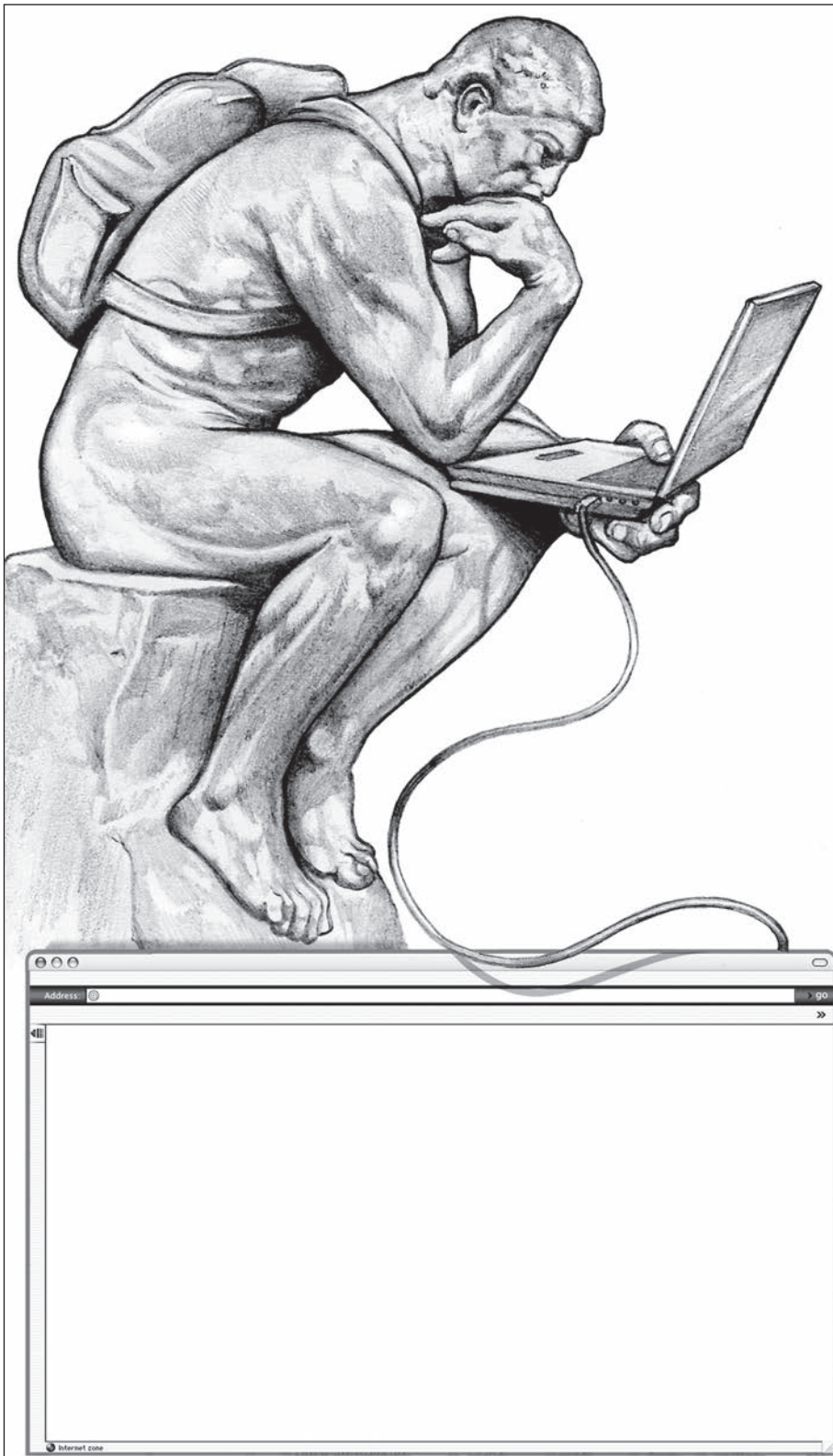


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Some roots of online learning might be in "distance learning," a concept that harks back to 1840, when the Englishman Isaac Pitman created a way for people to learn shorthand through the mail.

Moving forward through time, distance

learning ran parallel to technology: As methods of communication evolved, so did the ability to educate huge numbers of people online.

SEE ONLINE ON PAGE 7

## After: Continuing into the unknown with the relief of completion

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According to an online article for the Washington Post, a study by the Society for Human Resource Management shows that 77 percent of organizations and companies are using social networking sites for recruitment, 94 percent of which are using LinkedIn.

Although she is very excited for her potential job with Stanford, she dreams of working for Google.

Since her uncle currently works there, Resch has some inside knowledge of the company.

"The company culture is what appeals to me," she said. "They treat their employees super well, creating a happy work environment which makes productive and happy workers."

The company has nearly doubled in a span of six years with 20,000 employees in 2008 to 38,000 in 2014.

She checks Google's profile on LinkedIn, as well as other companies, to see what is currently available in her field.

"My friends and I are always on LinkedIn and different websites looking for jobs," she said. "Some of my friends who have graduated are doing well, too."

Her friend, Haley Ertl, a communication studies graduate with a minor in public relations, is starting an internship with a public relations firm in March.

Unlike Resch, Ertl does not have loans to pay off.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, a college graduate with a bachelor's degree makes an average of \$44,970 per year, compared to a high school graduate who averages \$29,950.

Looking back on her time at SJSU, Resch said, "Senior year was my favorite year of college because it was when I realized all the money and late nights...were all worth it in the end."

She encourages students, especially seniors, to hang in there.

"In the scheme of things, having to pay off loans is totally worth it because your education is invaluable," she said.

Rebecca Charlton is a contributing writer.

## CAMPUS VOICES

by Nick Esposito

### How long did it take you to graduate?



**MICHELLE SWANSON**  
graduate history major

"I graduated in December, so four and a half years. I blame it on freshman orientation because they told me to take only 12 units a semester. I got lucky though because it wasn't hard to get classes in the history department."

**PHIL TORRES**  
senior marketing major

"It's taken me five years in total to graduate. I decided to come to San Jose State late and it took me a while to get the classes I needed my freshman year."



**BRIAN JOHNSEN**  
senior hospitality major

"It took me five years to graduate because I switched my major from aerospace engineering to hospitality and it is just a struggle to get classes."

**LISA RODRIGUEZ**  
senior psychology major

"It took me a while to graduate because I transferred from Fresno State to De Anza and then to San Jose State. So in total it took me six years."



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THURS 08	Listening Hour Spring Sing-a-Thing Part III	12:30 p.m. 1:15 p.m.	Music Concert Hall
THURS 12	Associated Students Finals Festival	3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Associated Students Lawn
THURS 13	Listening Hour The Bona Fide 4 in Concert	12:30 p.m. 1:15 p.m.	Music Concert Hall
THURS 14	Sport Club & A.S. Campus Recreation	11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Aquatic Center

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NATIONAL

## Silicon Valley heading toward another tech bubble, some investors say

By Chris O'Brien  
McClatchy Tribune

Venture capital rising to levels not seen since 2001. Companies with no profits going public. Billions of dollars being paid for start-ups.

These and other signs that the tech boom may be taking an irrational turn are leading some notable investors to utter the dreaded word "bubble," waking up the ghosts of an era many in Silicon Valley would prefer to keep buried.

Has Silicon Valley once again lost its collective mind?

Hedge fund manager David Einhorn thinks so. "There is a clear consensus that we are witnessing our second tech bubble in 15 years," he warned in a note to his clients in late April. "What is uncertain is how much further the bubble can expand, and what might pop it."

Venture capitalists and entrepreneurs insist that the Silicon Valley tech economy is not in bubble territory. Yes, they misjudged just how fast the Internet would change the world a decade ago and let things get a little bit out of hand.

But this time, they say, the revolution of mobile and cloud services justifies big, bold bets. And most of the companies going public are profitable, with real businesses that are transforming the way we live.

To some tech insiders, the region's economy is in a "Goldilocks" moment. Not too hot. Not too cold. Enough of a boom to be just right.

Greg Becker, president and chief executive of Silicon Valley Bank, isn't so sure. "There's absolutely a frothiness out there in certain sectors," he said. "With some of these companies, we've never seen growth rates like this before. How much is that growth worth? What's the value? That's what people are trying to get their arms around."

During the dot-com bubble of 1999 and 2000, Silicon Valley believed the Internet was causing such a rapid revolution that there was ample justification for pumping billions of dollars into half-baked startups that went public by the hundreds.

Tech executives insisted there was no bubble — that it was a "new economy" — right up to the moment when their hubris drove the region into an economic abyss.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index fell from 5,046.86 to 1,114.11. Silicon Valley saw 200,000 jobs evaporate overnight. But the bubble grew so large that its bursting also dragged the national economy into recession. Silicon Valley was chastened and saw its credibility shredded.

It's taken almost a decade for the region to regain the trust it squandered, particularly with Wall Street and investors. And the valley is eager to show that it has learned all the right lessons.

But the valley is the valley. And what often makes it an object of fascination — an appetite for risk and a love of big visions — is also what has made it vulnerable to excess at times. Outsiders are now beginning to wonder whether the region is once again setting aside caution in favor of recklessness.

Some of that fear is being stoked by headline-grabbing deals: Facebook buying mobile messaging service WhatsApp for \$19 billion. Google buying Internet-connected thermostat maker Nest for \$3.2 billion. Those valuations seem indefensible by any traditional financial metrics used to assess a company's worth.

If those examples were isolated, the current attitude toward the valley might not have shifted. But the broader numbers seem to indicate that what had been a boom seems to be accelerating.

The Nasdaq composite climbed to 4,357.97 in early March, up from 3,320.76 in June. Its dot-com peak seemed within reach. Stocks like Netflix and Facebook more than doubled in value.

The surge opened wide the window for tech IPOs. So far, there have been 23 tech IPOs in 2014, putting the industry on a pace for 70 or more. That would be the most since 2000 — right before the bust.

"Investors have been attracted to the strong returns of the IPO market, with most interest focused on the fast-growing technology and health care sectors," said

Kathleen Smith, co-founder of investment research firm Renaissance Capital.

And that, in turn, is making venture capitalists giddy. According to the latest MoneyTree report, venture capitalists invested \$9.5 billion in 951 U.S. companies during the first three months of 2014.

According to the report — which is published by PricewaterhouseCoopers, the National Venture Capital Association and Thomson Reuters — that's the biggest sum since the second quarter of 2001, when the dot-com boom was gasping its final, dying breaths.

This increasing frenzy is being felt beyond the cubicles of these companies. Wealth is rolling through the Bay Area. Open houses are drawing mobs of potential buyers and sparking bidding wars. Competition for talent is causing salaries for software engineers and developers to skyrocket.

Unemployment across Silicon Valley is down to 5.5 percent, compared with 6.3 percent nationwide. Average home prices in some parts of the Bay Area soared as much as 30 percent in the past year, according to DataQuick.

"There are very few markets where we consider housing to be overpriced," said Steve Cochrane, managing director of Moody's Analytics. "But this is one of them."

Few in Silicon Valley will concede that all this evidence points to a bubble. But those willing to entertain the argument are eager to point out that if there is a bubble — with additional emphasis on "if" — then it is tiny compared with 1999-2000.

The potential 70 tech IPOs this year is relatively small compared with 369 in 1999 and 261 in 2000.

Even if venture capital keeps its current pace, it would pale in the face of the \$100 billion invested by venture capitalists in 2000. The Nasdaq has still not reached its dot-com peak. And even with the recent flurry of hiring, Silicon Valley has still not recovered all the jobs it lost after the dot-com bust.

And unlike the dot-com bubble days, bigger companies like Microsoft, Cisco System, Oracle and Intel have not seen their stocks become wildly inflated. Indeed, many of these larger players are struggling to find ways to grow, getting no lift from whatever startup craze may or may not exist.

If this all goes downhill again, Silicon Valley executives say the stakes are not as high as before.

"If you look at the amount of venture capital coming in, it is nowhere near what it was during the bubble," said Jon Have-man of Marin Economic Consulting. "To the extent that there is a bubble, it's likely smaller than it was, and it's likely to be much less disruptive."

When it comes to some of the eye-popping deals, Silicon Valley would have you know that what might seem crazy to outsiders is really the result of sober, reasoned analysis. There are certain areas, such as mobile, cloud and data, that are getting so big so fast that they are worthy of daring, outsized bets. If WhatsApp, one of the fastest products to reach 500 million users, does become the mobile social network of the future and ensures Facebook's dominance for decades, it seems worth paying any price.

"Growth is hard to find," said Kevin Landis, chief investment officer of First-hand Capital Management of San Jose, Calif. "Where you can find it, the price goes way up."

Still, just in case, Wall Street has fired a warning shot. In addition to Einhorn's warning of unjustifiable stock valuations, investors have pulled back a bit on tech stocks, and that has cooled off tech IPOs a bit.

During the second week of April, for instance, only 10 of 16 startups with scheduled IPOs went through with them, and seven immediately fell below their IPO price.

"The correction over the last few weeks I think was a healthy thing," Becker said. "It slowed things down a little bit. I think that's good for the long term."



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# Online: Virtual classrooms provide alternative

FROM PAGE 3

Follow the fiber-optic cables to the present day, and learning online has exploded: The largest for-profit university in the U.S., the University of Phoenix, is exclusively online with more than 300,000 students worldwide.

Though there is some pushback about the challenges involved in learning online, huge swaths of people spread out across the world have been able to learn everything from business technology to advanced particle physics because of online courses.

This boom has also meant good news to students who hold online degrees.

The ubiquity of online programs has boosted the value of online diplomas. A Gallup poll released in April showed that 37 percent of Americans believe online degrees are as trustworthy as traditional degrees, up from 30 percent in 2011, the first year Gallup posed the question.

A study by the Pew Research Center showed that 51 percent of college presidents valued online learning equally to courses taken in a classroom.

The general public is more difficult to convince, though – just 29 percent in that same study said they believe online learning imparts the same kind of wisdom.

“Overall it has just opened up a lot of flexibility for people,” said Scott Jaschik, editor and co-founder of InsideHigherEd.com. “One of the biggest-growing groups is students who are enrolled at a campus institution.”

That means that even students paying for real-life face time with professors are opting for the online class model as well.

Jaschik said that especially for professors of MOOCs – Massive Open Online Courses, offered to many thousands of students at once – the classes can stretch a professor’s resources and a university’s campus services to their limit.

“This is a generation of students that expects an email (response),” he said. But that is good news for professors: as tenure-track positions disappear and universities face funding cutbacks, online positions can be ideal for professors teaching at universities across the country to add to their portfolio.

“I know a lot of adjuncts who are thrilled with online education – it can open up a lot of opportunities to them,” Jaschik said.

For Joel Shapiro, an associate dean and professor at Northwestern University, teaching online is a way of engaging students who might be too timid to raise their hands in a traditional classroom setting.

“In a classroom, people sit in the back and don’t talk, and we’re very accustomed to saying ‘Oh, we’re sure they’re listening,’ but we don’t really know,” he said. With the variety of tools available and the many ways for students to engage, he says it’s easier to tell if the lessons are working for a particular student.

“In many ways, I do prefer teaching online because it’s easier to get more information about students,” Shapiro said. “The thing about teaching online that I love is that we have lots of different technologies that are specifically built to engage students and so many ways to appeal to students’ different styles of learning.”

The technology – from chat windows to discussion boards – can serve students that might be unreachable or wary of being put on the spot in a classroom setting, Shapiro said. “In many ways, we haven’t reached that in a traditional environment,” he said.

Professor Patrick Daubenmire has had a similar experience teaching his online classes at Loyola University Chicago, where he is a tenured professor in the chemistry department. “You may call it ‘distance learning,’ but I found that in the online environment, students were much more present and right there,” he said.

Daubenmire said he’s looking forward to teaching his usual Chemistry 101 class online this summer, co-teaching with another professor online.

In a typical lecture hall, Daubenmire said, students are in a large group of 80 to 100 students, while online classes are capped by the university at around 30 students. In Daubenmire’s experience, teaching techniques he enjoys using like small group discussions are easy to integrate online, as well.

“It’s not perfect, but I can assess better the multiple struggling areas (for students) at the same time” as he’s teaching, he said.

“What kind of example am I going to be for my kids?” Treto-French said she asked herself before beginning. “I made a commitment not only to myself but to be a good role model to my daughters. I saw other women in professional roles. I saw them and I said, ‘Why not me?’”

## HYDRATE CALIFORNIA

# Anti-drought bill the talk of the California delegation

By Michael Doyle

McClatchy Tribune

Beneath a placid surface, California lawmakers are furiously churning to keep an anti-drought bill afloat.

They’re counting votes, making tradeoffs and tinkering with language. They’re confronting singular political calculations like: Will a Lake Mead provision for Nevada, home state of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, cause problems with other Democrats upstream in Colorado?

And, no mean feat, they are meeting.

For an hour Wednesday morning, half-a-dozen House Democrats convened privately with Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., to discuss her anti-drought legislation. Tellingly, the Northern California Democrats entered the meeting voicing caution – Rep. Mike

Thompson, D-Calif., echoed others in saying parts of Feinstein’s bill were “problematic” – but they exited smiling.

“It was a great meeting,” Thompson said afterward. “She has made changes that alleviate some of our concerns.”

**We’re on the same boat. She’s really done a remarkable job of bringing people and the agencies together**

**Doris Matsui**  
rep. D-Calif.

Feinstein usually keeps her cards close to the chest, saying Wednesday only that “this was a private meeting and I’d like to keep it at that.” Her third-floor office in

the Hart Senate Office Building, though, has become the go-to spot for California water talks of late.

Earlier this year, House Republicans from the San Joaquin Valley trooped over for an extended private chat with the state’s senior senator. The Republicans, from freshman Rep. David Valadao to House Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy, shepherded an anti-drought bill through the House on largely a party line vote in early February.

The House bill limits part of a landmark 1992 law that directed more water to protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. It removes wild-and-scenic protections from a half mile of the Merced River in order to potentially expand McClure Reservoir, lengthens federal irrigation contracts to 40 years and makes it easier to move water around the state.

The far-reaching House bill can’t get through the Democratic-controlled Senate. The more modest measure introduced by Feinstein and her California colleague, Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer, in turn, won’t satisfy the GOP-controlled House.

Feinstein’s immediate balancing act now is to modify her 28-page bill enough to secure the five Republican Senate votes probably needed to reach the 60-vote threshold for ending a filibuster, all while not alienating Democrats.

Once through the Senate, the legislation will be hammered into its final form in a House and Senate conference committee, though a lot of the deal-making could be done before.

“We’re on the same boat,” Rep. Doris Matsui, D-Calif., said Wednesday. “She’s really done a remarkable job of bringing people

and the agencies together.”

Some of the balancing acts ahead deal with policy, like the Senate bill language increasing Colorado River storage in Lake Mead. Others deal with money. The Senate bill lures some other western lawmakers by boosting drought relief and water project funding. This same potential funding increase, though, turns off GOP fiscal hawks.

Other tactical considerations include whether the bill is better off if it deals only with California, and whether its provisions should be permanent or temporary. Departing the meeting Wednesday, Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., stressed that while “it’s encouraging, we’re not there on all the parts yet,” and other lawmakers agreed, including those who clash with Miller on some specifics.

“We continue to work every day to move it along,” said Rep. Jim Costa, D-Calif.

### STUDENT ORGANIZATION AWARDS

**Excellence in Collaboration:**  
*Peer Health Educators*

**Most Creative Publicity/Marketing Campaign:**  
*Peer Health Educators*

**Outstanding New Program:**  
*Global Student Network–Cultural Dinners Program*

**Outstanding Social Program:**  
*Akbayan-Friendship Games*

**Outstanding Traditional Program:**  
*Delta Sigma Phi–Spartans’ Best Dance Crew*

**Outstanding Educational Program:**  
*Movimiento Estudiantil Chican@ de Aztlán-RAZA Day*

**Outstanding Service Program:**  
*Delta Sigma Phi–Grace Community Center Clothing Drive*

**Most Outstanding Academic & Honorary Organization:**  
*Latino Business Student Association*

**Most Outstanding Cultural & Religious Organization:**  
*Queer & Asian*

**Most Outstanding Special Interest Organization:**  
*AISEEC*

**Advisor of the Year:**  
*Bonnie Sugiyama (Queer & Asian)*

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*Alejandro Sanchez (Delta Sigma Phi)*

**President of the Year:**  
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*Financial Management Association*

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*Alpha Phi*

**Academic Improvement:**  
*Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.*

**Academic Excellence:**  
*Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.*

**Excellence in Membership Development:**  
*Alpha Omicron Pi*

**Excellence in Chapter Management:**

*Alpha Xi Delta*

**Best in Council IFC:**  
*Sigma Chi*

**Best in Council Panhellenic:**  
*Alpha Xi Delta*

**Best in Council USFC:**  
*Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.*

**Fraternity of the Year:**  
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## #SJSUCHICANO

# Chicano commencement thanks students' families

By Josie Chavez  
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Chicano commencement at San Jose State first began as a form of protest according to Chicano Commencement club member Miguel Martinez, a senior advertising major.

In 1968 four Chicano students walked out of the general university graduation ceremony. According to Martinez, they were protesting the under representation of Chicano students at SJSU compared to the Latino make up of the community.

Their protest resulted in the university's refusal to award their degrees, Martinez said.

Martinez said Chicano students have participated in their own commencement in addition to the general university ceremony since the protest took place more than 40 years ago.

"It's not that we want to be separate from the university," Martinez said. "Anyone is welcome to join."

Chicano commencement is a non-profit organization with 57 members and 13 executive board members.

Martinez said Chicano commencement has been held on campus the past few years.

Perez said in previous years Parks, a ranch and a heritage plaza, served as the location for commencement.

Martinez said President Mohammad Qayumi participated in the ceremony two years ago.

Martinez said the president reached out to the organization last Fall.

The change of the commencement's location and the presidents participation in the ceremony was met with controversy, Martinez said.

Benjamin Perez, a graduate student in the Spanish department and Chicano executive board member, said the club had to put the issue to a vote.

Members agreed bringing the Chicano commencement back to campus meant that the organization is "evolving."

The ceremony has indeed evolved into something more than a protest, Martinez said.

Martinez said the ceremony has included food, music and entertainment such as Aztec dances.

The core reason for the Chicano commencement is to acknowledge and appreciate the student families, Martinez said.

The obstacles and adversity Latino students face in obtaining a college degree is a big part of why the Chicano commencement is held, Martinez said.

"It's a thank you for them," Perez said. "So they can see that their struggle has been worth it."

Perez said members elect a "madrina" and "padrino" who act as godparents to the ceremony similarly to traditional ceremonies in Latino cultures.

Esther Padilla, a senior psychology major, said she decided to participate in the Chicano commencement for her family. She agrees the Chicano commencement is more than just a graduation.

Padilla said Chicano commencement holds more significance to her than her department ceremony.

"I feel like it's more cultural. I'm an immigrant. Most of my life was in a different country," she said. "I just wanted it to symbolize part of me, whereas in the department one I'm just a face."

Padilla said she participated in a lot of fundraising events for the Chicano commencement such as "Taco Tuesday" and the frutas sale on campus.

According to Padilla, the most popular fundraisers for the club have been the ones that sell food and beverages.

Padilla said the club must raise \$50,000 to fund the Chicano commencement.

Padilla said if the financial goal is not met, entertainment at the event will be cut.

Perez said there has been a lot of collaboration and support from campus-based and non-campus-based organizations, as well as community businesses.

Peer Connections, the Student Union and several fraternities and sororities have helped Chicano commencement donations and volunteer services.

The ceremony will be held at the Event Center Sunday, May 25th.

Josie Chavez is a *Spartan Daily* staff writer.

## #SJSUAFRICANAMERICAN

# African-American cultural commencement ceremony to be largest since inception

By Josie Chavez  
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African-American Commencement is a cultural celebration.

This semester 80 students will participate in African-American commencement, making it the biggest group thus far, according to Felicia McKee, African-American commencement advisor at San Jose State.

The African-American commencement committee is a student organization.

"It's not to be exclusive," McKee said. "Anyone can participate in it."

McKee said that aside from the usual keynote, student and faculty speakers, there are unique elements found in an African-American commencement ceremony.

Students typically enter the ceremony dancing to music such as jazz or R&B, McKee said.

McKee said the ceremony consists of prayer — something not typical for ceremonies.

"You don't usually have prayer in a public institution, but in the African-American community that is very important," McKee said.

The ceremony also features alumni speakers who welcome graduating students and "encompass who Spartans are in the African-American community," McKee said.

McKee said the ceremony changes depending on the input of student members.

Last year's ceremony consisted of introductory videos that were played in the beginning of the ceremony where students thanked families and friends, McKee said.

For this semester's ceremony, students have elected to feature faculty and staff who have inspired or aided them throughout their academic career, McKee said.

Tierney Yates, a graduating senior political science major and club treasurer, has always been involved in the African-American community on campus.

Yates said she decided to participate in commencement for African-American students in addition to her regular department ceremony.

"I have contributed heavily to the African-American community on campus. It would be disheartening if I did not participate," Yates said.

Yates said that the ceremony is a "celebration of black excellence."

"We are not holding this ceremony to separate ourselves from the SJSU community. We are doing this to celebrate the achievements of African-American and African students," Yates said. "Being three percent of the university population, it is imperative that we celebrate our achievements not only at the department commencements but also the African-American commencement."

African-American commencement will be held in Morris Dailey Hall on May 23rd.  
Josie Chavez is a *Spartan Daily* staff writer.

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graduating senior political science major and club treasurer

## NATIONAL

# White House to announce measures to combat sexual assault on campus

By Timothy M. Phelps  
McClatchy Tribune

The White House will announce new measures Tuesday to deal with campus sexual assault, an issue that in recent years has inflamed college campuses from Yale to the University of California, Berkeley.

The recommendations from a task force of federal officials headed by Vice President Joe Biden include publicizing enforcement data, issuing guidelines about confidentiality, and requiring colleges and universities to survey students on their experiences with sexual assault.

Three senior White House officials, who briefed the media in advance of the announcement, said that 1 in 5 women is sexually assaulted while in college, usually in the first two years and usually by someone she knows. The Obama administration, they said, is committed to ending that violence.

"Colleges and universities need to face the facts about sexual assault," Biden said in a statement Monday night. "No more turning a blind eye or pretending it doesn't exist... And we need to bring the perpetrators to justice."

The actions, to be officially announced Tuesday afternoon at the White House, include:

Colleges and universities will be asked to survey students next year to determine the prevalence of sexual assault on campus and may be required to conduct such a survey in 2016.

A website, NotAlone.gov, will be unveiled to make each school's enforcement data public, and to publish information about student rights and resources.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will release recommendations on how to prevent sexual violence, particularly on how to get bystanders to step in when students are at risk of assault.

The federal government will also address the touchy issue of confidentiality. Often victims ask that their names not be revealed to their attackers or the police, putting campus authorities in a bind in conducting investigations. The government will clarify that students can talk to certain guidance counselors in confidence and will issue guidelines on how to deal

with confidentiality in resolving reports of violence.

Schools will be asked to improve their investigative and adjudicative procedures under guidance from the Justice Department.

New guidance will be issued making clear that questions about a victim's sexual history should not be permitted during school hearings and that a previous sexual relationship does not imply consent.

President Barack Obama appointed the task force in January with a mandate to report back in 90 days. The Departments of Justice, Defense, Education, and Health and Human Services participated.

Campus authorities are often the first to investigate allegations of sexual assaults between students. Federal law requires detailed reporting of campus crime statistics and security problems, and also mandates extensive prevention and awareness programs.

Three years ago, the Obama administration notified college administrators that it believed sexual assault had become "epidemic" on campus. The Department of Education, which oversees the federal regulations, told administrators that they needed to tighten their procedures and increase preventive measures.

The new attention to the issue sparked an outcry from students and former students. They recounted stories of college administrators who they said had not taken their reports of being assaulted seriously and alleged that sex crimes were not being adequately reported.

Numerous legal complaints have been filed with the Department of Education, including UC Berkeley, Yale and Columbia. In Los Angeles, students at the University of Southern California and Occidental College have filed complaints.

Administrators, for their part, have said that dealing with campus sexual assaults can be extremely complicated, often involving students who know each other and have been drinking. Sometimes, they said, there are no witnesses and the victim wants to remain anonymous.

But outraged students connected across the nation by social media and backed by women's groups have founded a powerful movement that has had a receptive hearing by the Obama administration.

**Colleges and university need to face the facts about sexual assault**

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## Sriracha maker turning up heat on city

By Frank Shyong  
McClatchy Tribune

Avonne Penaflor and Anna Lim entered the doors of the Sriracha factory in Irwindale, Calif., took a deep breath and started to giggle.

They had caught wind of an odor that has allegedly inflamed respiratory conditions, launched lawsuits and made legions of fans hungry.

"It's very nice, actually," said Lim, 38, of Azusa.

Huy Fong Foods, the creator of Sriracha hot sauce, has been closed to the public for more than 30 years, fearing that competitors would steal trade secrets. But after months of Irwindale residents and city officials accusing the sauce maker of flooding their city with an offensive spicy odor, the notoriously private company has thrown open its doors.

Over the last few weeks, reporters, curious residents and foodies have streamed into the factory to take a tour that ends with a free miniature bottle of the Asian hot sauce, as well as a request to fill out a smell survey.

"We want people to come and see for themselves," said Sriracha creator David Tran. "Is this smell harmful?"

As relations with Irwindale deteriorate, Huy Fong officials have turned to public opinion to help their case, hiring a public relations firm last week and finally assuming control of their Facebook page, which has more than 270,000 likes.

City officials see an uncooperative, defiant company that has dragged its feet in finding a solution. Last year the city asked a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge to halt odor-causing operations at the factory.

After the judge granted the city's request for a preliminary injunction, Tran displayed a green banner in front of the factory with the slogan: "No tear gas made here."

Huy Fong executives say they've felt bullied and disrespected. They accused the city of taking an anti-business stance and rushing them toward a solution they can't be certain will work.

The battle was supposed to come to a head Wednesday, when the City Council considered declaring the Sriracha factory a public nuisance. But after a boisterous public hearing, the council decided to give the factory more time to come up with a solution. In a rare move, officials with the South Coast Air Quality Management District offered to mediate the conflict and offer technical expertise.

But there is still a basic disagreement, even among the experts, about whether the smell coming from the factory is harmful.

South Coast Air Quality Management District officials said that by Wednesday morning, they had received a total of 61 complaints about the Sriracha plant. But at least 10 came after the plant stopped grinding chiles in December, said spokesman Sam Atwood, and four households out of 18 total accounted for about two-thirds of the complaints. There haven't been enough complaints for the AQMD to issue a notice of violation, Atwood said, though the agency admittedly sets a high bar for such a violation.

Some of the most vigorous complaints have come from Irwindale City Councilman Hector Ortiz's son, according to court records. Manuel Ortiz did not return calls seeking comment, and Hector Ortiz de-



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A bottle of spicy Sriracha sauce college students enjoy on a variety of foods.

clined to comment. Dena Zepeda, a 56-year-old woman who lives down the street from the mayor, has also lodged multiple complaints with AQMD, saying her glands are swollen.

Irwindale officials say they've gotten complaints from more than enough households to justify taking action.

"We continue to receive ongoing complaints, and we will pursue the action as long as someone's complaining," said City Attorney Fred Galante.

But the relatively low number of complaints, as well as their sources, have sparked public speculation about whether the problem has been blown out of proportion.

"I honestly don't think there is a smell problem," said Enrique Islas, 29, who works at the factory and lives across the street. "None of my neighbors have complained, either. I don't get it."

Paul Rosenfeld, an environmental chemist with Santa Monica consulting firm SWAPE, said that odors can exhibit tricky behavior and affect people in different ways. Smells can rise into the air, descend without warning and intensify depending on the time of day, said Rosenfeld, whom the city has hired to consult on the smell.

That could explain why some people are affected and some are not. Those with asthma and other respiratory conditions, for example, may experience irritation, while others may catch a whiff and discover a sudden craving for dumplings.

Rosenfeld, whose firm was rejected by Huy Fong Foods for the consultation, said Sriracha sauce production can release a variety of harmful odors. Garlic contains sulfur, peppers contain capsaicin, and the vinegar used in the sauce can release acidic vapors. He conducted a study on multiple days that sampled odors in 21 different locations, and found that harmful levels did exist.

If inspectors don't take samples during the evening and in the morning, "the AQMD will miss it every time," Rosenfeld said.

Atwood said Rosenfeld's sampling method was subjective because it relied on smell detectors instead of air sampling.

"Air sampling and lab analysis is required," Atwood said. "It's more objective."

### Dates to remember while the Spartan Daily is on vacation

**MAY**

**MAY 13** Teacher Evaluations due on MySJSU @ 11:59 p.m.

**MAY 21** Last day of finals

**MAY 22** Make up final date

**MAY 24** Commencement @ Spartan Stadium 9 a.m.

**MAY 26** Memorial Day

**JUNE**

**JUNE 02** Summer Session starts

**JUNE 03** First day to sign up for Fall 2014 classes

**JUNE 10** First freshman orientation

**JULY**

**JULY 04** Independence Day

**JULY 30** Last freshman orientation

**AUGUST**

**AUG 08** Last day of Summer Session

**AUG 17** Last day to sign up for Fall 2014 classes

**AUG 25** First day of Fall 2014 classes

**AUG 28** First issue of the Spartan Daily for Fall 2014

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#SJSUGRADPARTY

## No standard way to celebrate commencement

By **Ryan Brown**  
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When it comes to celebrating graduation, there are many of options for San Jose State University students.

Some college graduates might hit the bars after commencement while other recent graduates said they would prefer quiet, celebratory dinners and house parties with their friends and family.

Some students have the opportunity to celebrate twice since most departments hold separate convocations in addition to the university-wide commencement held at Spartan Stadium every year.

While some students celebrate with their families by going out to eat or holding parties at home, students such as Sagar Shind, a software engineering graduate student, don't have that option.

Because most of his family is in India, Shind said he's celebrating with friends.

"I'm part of salsa club so I'll definitely be celebrating with my team," Shind said. "These guys are world champions so it's going to be so much fun."

Some graduates have found creative ways to celebrate.

Phill Benson, a senior marketing major, said his gift to himself will probably be trying to put a band together.

"I've been waiting a while to get my own thing together," Benson said. "I actually play guitar myself and sing, so I'm actually looking forward to getting that going."

Benson said he also hopes to travel to Spain and "work (his) way East."

Meylien Hang, a senior psychology major, also plans to travel.

Before stopping to party with friends in Hollywood, she said she's going to Costa Rica.

"I plan on going to Costa Rica with a friend that I made about a month ago," Hang said. "We have some plans to go to Costa Rica and hang out there before I have to come back, take some tests and go to graduate school."

Aujonique Dismukes, a senior justice studies major, said she's going to enjoy a night out with friends before going back home to celebrate with family in Sacramento.

"We're going to hang out," Dismukes said. "We're doing black grad, and we'll probably end up partying all night."

On the day of commencement, hospitality

major Kiyomi Doty said she's going to start the party at breakfast, along with a number of other graduates.

**We're doing black grad, and we'll probably end up partying all night**

**Aujonique Dismukes justice studies senior**

"Before the ceremony, I'll probably be going to 'Kegs & Eggs' [at San Jose Bar & Grill] and probably have my family come with me too," Doty said.

Doty said the event, which begins at 6 a.m., has become synonymous with graduating at SJSU.

"It's a tradition," Doty said. "It just seems really fun imagining everybody with their cap and gown all going over to the commencement."

Kegs & Eggs is just part of Doty's partying plans. She said she also wants to "rage" in her hometown of Berkeley with UC Berkeley graduates.

Arief Nazarian, a business administration marketing major, said he'd prefer a more relaxing celebration.

"I think we're definitely going to hit the lake," Nazarian said. "I love jet-skiing, so we'll do some sort of celebration there, invite some friends over, and I'm really excited to graduate."

Whitney Perry, an international business major, said she's going to have a couple small get-togethers with friends and family.

"Nothing too special, hanging out with a couple of friends and then seeing family from out of town," Perry said. "I have a pretty small family, so it's going to be my mom, aunt, uncle, nothing more than that."

Ryan Brown is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

#SUMMERCONCERTS

## Sounds like summer: 2014 local concerts

By **Daniel Lipson**  
@Nyancloud

The semester is wrapping up, but there's plenty going on for anyone staying in the area over the break.

Great shows are only a few blocks away. For those willing to take a short trip north, the Shoreline Amphitheater is the place to be with tons of great festivals all summer long.

**Blank Club:**

*The Faction, Mistaken Identity & Bastard Makers – Saturday, May 10*

The Faction, Mistaken Identity & Bastard Makers return to the Blank Club for a night of hardcore punk and psycho-billy.

The Faction are best known for professional skateboarding legend Steve Caballero, who plays guitar and bass for the band, and are known for their mantra "music for skaters by skaters."

The band was formed in San Jose in the early 1980s in between skateboard sessions at Caballero's home.

**SJSU Event Center:**

*David Guetta – Friday, May 16*

Cap off the semester with French House DJ David Guetta. Guetta, originating from the 1990s European nightclub scene, has become a mainstream figure in the international club and hip hop scene, working with artists such as Katy Perry, Rihanna, Skrillex, Usher, Timbaland, and many other top-40s artists.

*Panic! at the Disco and Walk the Moon – August 28*

For a completely different, dance-inducing experience check out Panic! at the Disco. Las Vegas natives forming the three-piece rock band, Panic! At the Disco, have combined electronica, dance and punk brilliantly. The band is renowned for their flamboyant circus-like stage show, featuring dancers, contortionists and the trio performing covers such as "Killer Queen" by Queen and "Eleanor Rigby" by The Beatles.

**SAP Center:**

*Lady Gaga – Tuesday, June 3*

As the Mother Monster of modern pop music, Lady Gaga's over-the-top persona has figured just as prominently as her music in elevating her to icon status. For her highly conceptual third album, "ARTPOP," the ever-theatrical Gaga explores the notion that she can't exist without the adoration of her fans.

From the 1980s-inspired techno-pop of lead single "Applause," to the chugging electro of "Do What U Want (feat. R. Kelly)," it's clear Gaga has a knack for reinventing herself without losing her anthemic songwriting sensibilities.

*Queen & Adam Lambert – July 1*

Brian May, Roger Taylor and Adam Lambert will come together for the first time in San Jose at SAP Center on Tuesday, July 1. The threesome first shared the stage during American Idol in May 2009 for a performance of "We Are The Champions."

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The Faction, Mistaken Identity and Bastard Makers @ The Blank Club	Saturday, May 10 8:00 p.m.
David Guetta @ SJSU Event Center	Friday, May 16 7:00 p.m.
Live105's BFD @ Shoreline Amphitheater	Sunday, June 1 11:45 a.m.
Lady Gaga @ SAP Center	Tuesday, June 3 7:30 p.m.
Vans Warped Tour @ Shoreline Amphitheater	Saturday, June 21 11:00 a.m.
Queen & Adam Lambert @SAP Center	Tuesday, July 1 7:30 p.m.
Cher @ SAP Center	Wednesday, July 2 7:30 p.m.
Rockstar Energy Drink Presents the Mayhem Festival Tour @ Shoreline Amphitheater	Sunday, July 6 1:00 p.m.
107.7 The Bone presents Bone Bash XV @ Shoreline Amphitheatre	Saturday, August 2 7:00 p.m.
Justin Timberlake @ SAP Center	Monday, August 11 8:00 p.m.
Bruno Mars @ SAP Center	Friday, August 15 7:00 p. m.
Panic! at the Disco and Walk the Moon @SJSU Event Center	Thursday, August 28 7:30 p.m.
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## Kip Moore looks for lessons on tour with Tim McGraw

By Joshua Teehee  
McClatchy Tribune

Kip Moore is looking at a hectic couple of days. He's in the midst of three days of rehearsals in prep for a 30-plus date run of shows as one of the opening acts on Tim McGraw's "Sundown Heaven Town" tour, which kicks off Thursday night in Fresno. Cassadee Pope is the other opening act.

At the same time, he's putting the finishing touches on his sophomore album, the follow-up to his debut "Up All Night." The full album won't be released until September, but the final cuts were due this week and Moore suspected there would be tweaks coming until the last minute.

"I keep writing. That's my problem," says Moore, who released "Dirt Road," the first single from the album, in April.

The Georgia-born singer is a country up-and-comer. He helped usher in the current generation of truck-loving country artists with the success of his first single "Somethin' Bout a Truck" in 2012. It was No. 1 on the Billboard hot country chart.

Still, Moore is a relative newcomer in an increasingly populated field of artists and knows that longevity really lies with the fans.

"If you can build a true, solid fan base, you have a chance," Moore says.

He isn't exactly sure what combination of things it takes to get there, and he's hoping to glean some insight from McGraw.

"I am eager to learn something from this tour," he says.

McGraw was one of the guys — along with Johnny Cash — that got Moore into country music. Before that, he listened to rock bands like Bob Seger and Bruce Springsteen because they

were his father's favorites.

"I'm always trying to find out what made me fall in love with an artist," Moore says.

It's the thing he thinks about most when listening to the bands that influenced him. McGraw has a way of working a song's melody, of using the phrasing of the lyrics to pull an emotional response from the listener. He makes you believe the words.

"He's a master at that," Moore says.

That kind of honesty is something Moore looks to in his own work, and it is evident on the new album.

**I'm always trying to find out what made me fall in love with an artist**

**Kip Moore**  
country music artist

"This new record is 100 percent vulnerability, just lying myself out on the table," he says.

"Dirt Road," for example, tells the story of teenage rebellion, of wrapping your head around the hell-fire and damnation talk that is so often part of growing up in a Southern, Baptist town. While Moore stops short of calling the song autobiographical, his mother played organ in a Baptist church and he truly understands the sentiment.

## Concerts: Cher, Justin Timberlake, Bruno Mars to come to San Jose

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Lambert is currently writing and recording for his third album which will be released this year.

With a career spanning over 40 years, Queen's legacy speaks for itself.

*Cher — Wednesday, July 2*

Cher has just announced Cyndi Lauper as support for her "Dressed To Kill Tour." Cher is promoting her twenty-sixth album. The 67-year-old pop diva continues to wow audiences and critics with a timeless, Vegas-styled production filled with glamorous costumes and set pieces.

*Justin Timberlake — Monday August 11*

Wrapping up his second of three trips across the United States on his year-long 20/20 Experience world tour, Justin Timberlake is visiting San Jose's SAP Center for a night of R&B and dancing, showcasing thirty songs from his third and fourth albums.

*Bruno Mars -- Friday August 15*

After recently performing for the Superbowl XLVII half-time show, Bruno Mars will be in San Jose promoting his second album, "Unorthodox Jukebox," on his Moonshine Jungle tour. Bruno Mars is widely acclaimed for his showmanship on stage as he demonstrated during the Superbowl when he played the drums to perform with the Red Hot Chili Peppers. Prepare for a night of pop music with a retro flair.

*Daniel Lipson is a Spartan Daily staff writer.*

## Hall & Oates have to choose from their many hits

By Kevin C. Johnson  
McClatchy Tribune

John Oates of legendary pop duo Hall & Oates isn't shy to admit his group's induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame was way overdue.

The duo had been eligible for induction since 1997.

"It wasn't like Daryl (Hall) and I were losing sleep over this," Oates says. "It was what it was, and I learned in life you can't worry about stuff you can't do anything about. A small group of guys get in a room and make decisions based on their personal tastes.

"It has nothing to do with anything."

Oates, who has traditionally handled guitar, backing vocals and songwriting with Hall, points out many artists who have had tremendous influence on American popular music who haven't been inducted yet.

"You can't get involved with the political stuff," he says, especially after realizing that the duo was the only act to be inducted from Philadelphia. "That's crazy. Philadelphia has an unbelievable music tradition going back to the early days. All I can say is it's not very representative of reality."

That said, he still is happy with last month's recognition, and he was especially happy when the induction ceremony was over.

"My favorite part of the night was leaving — getting in the car and getting out

of there," he says. "It was a long, long night — ridiculously long night. And we sat there. Everybody gets their due and deserves their moment, but the speeches went on and on. Me and Daryl got up there, and our speech didn't last five minutes."

The soulful duo has the nice problem of having too many hits to choose from in concert, including "Sara Smile," "One on One," "Private Eyes," "You Make My Dreams," "Kiss on My List" and, of course, "I Can't Go For That (No Can Do)."

And there's Oates' personal favorite, "She's Gone." He says that song is always at the top of his list.

"It's a song we wrote together in the early '70s, and we play it every night and it still sounds good," he says. "Something about that song brings it all together. The show's not complete without doing that."

The two are proud that their hits have stood the test of time, though they reinvent them in subtle ways in concert.

"The songs have evolved," Oates says. "There's a lot of stuff going on in there that's not like the record. But there's certain key elements you keep in there. We take 'Sara Smile' and do something at the end where we stretch. 'No Can Do' has become a jam session. We let the musicians stretch do things like that to keep it contemporary."

They switch up some of their lesser-known songs so "a show in St. Louis may be different from the show in Cincinnati, though not a lot. It keeps us on our toes."

But they're hedonistic beasts, living to make their legends with a frat that claims it invented the toga party, beer pong and the like.

Telling them to "keep it down" will never work.

And despite the "invite the old people in" flattery, despite Mac's taste for the magic mushrooms, booze and other substances the Deltas have in mass quantities, this means war.

The random laughs are sprinkled throughout this Rogenesque comedy - the shock-value profanity that the parents use in front of the toddler, the college dean (Lisa Kudrow) who will only do something about the fraternity's behavior when they make "headlines."

I love the stuff about the older couple straining to still seem "cool" to these kids who have no regard for anybody who isn't at their frat house, partying like it's 1979. The fun is supposed to build from the elaborate plots the marrieds and the bros engage in to foil each other.

Only, it doesn't.

Whoever the screenwriters, the Judd Apatow-trained Rogan makes sure there are a dizzying array of killer one-liners, such as Mac's reaction to the first time he sees Teddy shirtless.

"He's like something a gay guy designed in a laboratory!"

Byrne, as she proved in "Bridesmaids" and "Get Him to the Greek," can hang with the bad boys in terms of laying it all out there and cursing like a sailor.

But for such a short comedy, "Neighbors" drags.

## 'Neighbors' has an 'Animal House'-sized 'Hangover'

By Roger Moore  
McClatchy Tribune

"Neighbors" is an "Animal House" for "The Hangover" era, a frat-boy comedy that pushes the rude and raunchy envelope into daring and dirty new territory. Hilariously coarse, reasonably shrewd and clumsily sentimental, there's no reason it won't earn a billion and inspire a whole new generation of party-hearty "bros" to go Greek when they go to college.

The hook here is not just the appeal of this band of brothers - drinking, dope-smoking, hard-living loveboys - to their peers.

They're also the sorts of guys Mac and Kelly used to be and wish they still were.

But Mac (Seth Rogen) has an office job that is pure drudgery. Kelly (Rose Byrne) is staying at home with Stella, their newborn.

They have to lie to convince themselves that the obvious hasn't come true: "Just because we have a house and a baby doesn't mean we're old people."

They strain to keep their old lives - sharing the occasional joint, spontaneous sex (in front of the baby), club hopping.

"We can have fun AND a baby! Baby's first Rave!"

The trouble is, they can't.

And having the up-all-night kids of Delta Psi Beta move in next door just rubs their noses in it.

The kids, led by Teddy (Zac Efron) and Pete (Dave Franco), may feign neighborliness and high fraternity ideals.

Some of those songs include "Las Vegas Turnaround," "When the Morning Comes," "It's a Laugh," "Alone Too Long" and "How Does It Feel to Be Back."

What won't make the cut is their respective solo work, which includes Oates' latest album "Good Road to Follow."

"We both have solo careers, and we keep the solo projects completely separate and I think that's a good thing," he says. "I do solo shows all the time, and we have plenty of outlets for our individual stuff. But when we get together it's all Hall & Oates."

Oates' latest album features a collaboration with Vince Gill, Ryan Tedder of One Republic, Bekka Bramlett, Hot Chelle Rae and others.

"I wanted to make some original music," he says. "I hadn't done it in quite a while. I had some great ideas and wanted to reach out to people I knew I wanted to work with and people I didn't know and wanted to work with."

He started releasing songs digitally as singles, leading to the full album. "The thought of an album was an afterthought," he says.

"Good Road to Follow" is broken down into three EPs with five songs on each.

"You'll hear elements that will remind you of Hall & Oates, but I've been exploring my roots prior to meeting Daryl," he says of sounds that include folk, blues and early rock 'n' roll."



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**San Jose State University Confessions**  
April 30 · Edited

#6936 "You know finals are coming when you see people looking for motivational quotes."

**San Jose State University Confessions**  
April 30

#6941 "If you're not wearing pink today you can't sit with us."



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  - 5 Ink's color, to Browning
  - 9 Milking-machine attachment
  - 14 Early-bird special, e.g.
  - 15 Cape Canaveral cancellation
  - 16 Least favorite pet?
  - 17 Group that includes the gluteus maximus "Whoop-ee!"
  - 21 A beagle's prominent feature
  - 22 Landlord's income
  - 23 Cleaned one's plate
  - 24 Car grille protector
  - 26 Palm fruit
  - 28 Agra garment
  - 30 Great Dane it's not
  - 34 Salt of the sea?
  - 37 Like a certain wolf or eagle
  - 39 Princess'
  - 40 Attractive quality
  - 44 Clear a cribbage board
  - 45 Aquatic organism
  - 46 Sauce type
  - 47 Ready to go
  - 49 Type of excuse or duck
  - 51 Hard to comprehend
  - 53 Tyrannosaurus
  - 54 Kind of rally
  - 57 Two-part Biblical boat
  - 62 Dora the Explorer, e.g.
  - 64 Pay for merely showing up
  - 67 Back of a boat
  - 68 Without equal
  - 69 Vague quantity
  - 70 Merry-go-round figure, to a child (Var.)
  - 71 Logan postings
  - 72 Lid swelling
- DOWN**
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  - 2 Contradict, as testimony
  - 3 Group of officers
  - 4 Speak after one too many
  - 5 Hold spellbound
  - 6 Ghost's word
  - 7 Cruel person
  - 8 One difficult to locate
  - 9 Bullish times
  - 10 Broken-down
  - 11 Editing mark
  - 12 Odd opposite
  - 13 Quiet relaxation party
  - 18 Alternatives to buses
  - 19 River to the Caspian Sea
  - 25 Kind of therapy
  - 27 British art gallery name
  - 29 Excluding nothing
  - 31 Honored guest's site
  - 32 Approximately
  - 33 Like meat past its prime
  - 34 Tightly-strung
  - 35 Diarist Frank
  - 36 Ready for harvest
  - 38 Samantha of "Doctor Dolittle"
  - 41 Busybodies
  - 42 Tropical malady
  - 43 Anonymous
  - 48 Anjou or Bartlett
  - 50 Cause for cramming
  - 52 Talk excessively
  - 54 Wine option
  - 55 Hostile party
  - 56 Endorser, of a sort
  - 57 100-yard contest
  - 58 As many as
  - 59 Imitative sort
  - 61 Boat speed unit
  - 63 Mix, as a salad
  - 65 Whatever amount
  - 66 Book balancer



## Phenomenally Feminist

### Sex discrimination is a civil rights issue

It goes without saying there is a problem with rape on college campuses.

On May 1, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights released a list of the higher education institutions under investigation for possible violations of a federal law regarding the handling of sexual violence and harassment complaints.

The University of California Berkeley and the University of Southern California were both on the list of schools under investigation.

Harvard (its college and law school), Princeton University and



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Dartmouth College also made the list.

The federal law in question is Title IX.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Title IX is a portion of the Education Amendments of 1972.

It states "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

Under federal law, sexual violence refers to physical sexual acts perpe-

trated against a person's will or which occur when a person is incapable of giving consent – including rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, sexual abuse and sexual coercion.

Schools like Berkeley should be forced to change how they respond to any discrimination case, especially colleges that profit off of students and leave them in debt with no guarantee of a job.

The law also includes discrimination against transgendered people as well.

Many people have spoken in praise of this new ruling, including feminist writer and long-time gender activist Stephanie Gilmore.

She was quoted in an online article titled "Transgender Students Just Got New Rights, Thanks to the Federal Government," written by Jill Parker of TakePart saying, "We now have legal protection for people of all sexes and genders, and a legal awareness that the cul-

tural norm of 'male' and 'female' do not apply to everyone."

In a recent study by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network found that 80 percent of transgender students feel unsafe at school because of their gender identity.

Gender identity is a person's internal sense of being a man or a woman, which might not match what society views as traditional.

President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden recently teamed up with celebrities like Steve Carell and Daniel Craig to bring awareness to violence against women through public service videos.

The White House also has a website, titled "1 is 2 Many," which shows videos, offers statistics and resources for those in troubled relationships.

This Spring semester, I took a women's studies class.

I learned about many problems and obstacles women have faced in the past and are still facing today, including rape and domestic violence.

"Raise your hand if you anyone who has been sexually assaulted," my professor asked the class one day.

Over 85 percent of the class raised their hands.

Rape has always been a very controversial topic and whenever I bring it up in conversations, people tend to freeze up or brush me off as

being yet another radical feminist.

This pisses me off because it again shows how rape culture is becoming normal in society and a subject that people do not really understand.

According to the Center for Disease Control, one in five women and one in 71 men in the U.S. have been raped at some time in their lives.

Of course men can be raped and women can be rapists.

But, one of five translates to over 21 million and one in seventy translates to less than two million.

This number doesn't represent all men that are raped because in a society that pushes boys to be masculine, it is not surprising that they are less likely to report it.

Feminists have fought against myths about rape, including the fact that people believe that it is the victim's fault because she welcomed it in some way.

This conversation needs to happen about men as well.

Portraying sexual violence against men as taboo prevents justice and adds to the shame they should not have to feel.

But the conversation about male rape victims should not overshadow the one about women, which is clearly the epidemic.

Jerica Lowman is a *Spartan Daily* staff writer. "Phenomenally Feminist" usually appears the first and third Thursday of the month.

### Student evaluations are a complete waste of time

By Andrew Bennett  
Contributing Writer

I'll be honest – I'm impressed with what administrators have done recently with the Student Opinion of Teaching Effectiveness (SOTE).

Having them online is a good thing. Not only does it save class time, but paper as well.

Yes, the whole not-getting-your-grades-early thing is kind of a drag because one still feels punished. It's not like it's that hard to deal with.

The problem with the evaluations isn't the method of assessment, but our perception of the overall usefulness.

I don't care, and I know a lot of other students don't care either.

The SOTE is a waste because if someone had something to complain about, they shouldn't wait until the end of the semester.

This is college, if you want to say something, say it.

Teachers don't get the evaluations right away anyway.

Formative assessment is the process of collecting qualitative data on student learning, so the teacher can modify the course to better aid students.

The SOTE seems completely useless. A professor I asked said they did not get the Fall evaluations back until early March.

Talk about perfect timing.

The Spring evaluations are a little better, with teachers getting them back in the summer.

All of that assessment means the Fall curriculum would get modified, but not so much the Spring.

However, students don't benefit from the assessments.

The SOTE don't make us feel heard. Isn't that the whole point?

It's the reason why people don't vote, we feel like we have no power to affect outcomes.

Be honest, how many of you can proudly say "I got that teacher fired because of my scathing SOTE review?" or, "Wow that professor was different this semester; it must be the good old SOTE doing its thing!"

I've had classes where we've conspired to write a poor review of a professor.

We talked about it for weeks leading up to the date and when the day of reckoning came, we did what had to be done and walked out with sly

grins. We all thought "we nailed him," justice was not served for me, as I know it was probably not served for you either if you've been in my shoes.

I'm sure the good teachers will read and learn from their evaluations, and I'm sure some students have given valuable feedback.

But it's the culture as a whole that is the problem. As one student among 30,000 I don't feel very powerful.

Doing the evaluations goes through the SJSU bureaucracy that we all love so very much.

I think all professors should do their own mid-semester evaluations, so they can make changes accordingly.

The same professor said less than half of the evaluations turned in have something written.

There is value in the SOTE, but the student body doesn't see it.

If they really want us to do it, they should give us a good reward.

I think a sticker that says "ISOTEd" would suffice.

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### Put down the phone and 'Look Up'

By Hannah Moore  
Contributing Writer

If a tinge of guilt about being hooked on social media has not recently hit you, the latest viral YouTube video "Look Up" will change that.

This five-minute spoken word takes a hard-hitting look at the isolating, insecurity-provoking effects of living in an "online generation."

"Look Up" has more than 23 million views so far.

Written, performed and directed by Gary Turk, the video dares to address the elephant in the room: the reality-distorting power that spending too much time on social media can have.

"A world of self-interest, self-image, self-promotion, where we all share our best bits but leave out the emotion," Turk said.

While Turk makes valid points about social media use interfering with real-world engagement and humbly includes himself as one of those who get addicted to the screen, I think his expectations for instant and mass societal "wake up" are too high.

Most of the smartphones, tablets and social media people know today are generally less than five to 10 years old.

Facebook was founded in 2004, the iPhone was introduced in 2007 and the first iPad did not debut until 2010.

It is not surprising that people do not always use this technology with effective discipline.

With a smartphone, one has a computer in their pocket. This provides endless opportunities to interact, connect, share and receive information every second of the day.

Social media affects our professional and personal lives in countless ways, whether we want it to or not.

When it comes to this technology, we are learning as we go by trial and error, and still working to master the balance between the Internet world and the real world.

It is another dimension – a new, information-overloaded dimension – onto the "work-life balance" that affects most adults.

This is why some lines in the poem such as "we're a generation of idiots, smart phones and dumb people" are not exactly correct.

Although society could stand to take more breaks from technology, struggling to have a healthy relationship with social media does not make someone dumb.

It simply shows we are still learning how to healthily incorporate technology into our lives.

We cannot control society and make everyone change their relationships with technology, but we can control ourselves.

The solution may be to take Mahatma Gandhi's advice and "be the change you wish to see in the world."

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Men's basketball Head Coach Dave Wojcik talks to his team during a timeout this past season. Recently, Wojcik signed four recruits despite being banned from postseason play for the 2014-2015 season.

## SJSU men's basketball signs recruits despite postseason ban

By Yasmine Mahmoud  
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The San Jose State men's basketball team has signed four recruits for the 2014-2015 season, despite sanctions being given to the team for next season.

"Obviously I want to recruit good players, but I also want to recruit good people," said men's basketball Head Coach Dave Wojcik. "Good players want to play with good players, but good people want to be around good people."

The four new recruits are Danny Mahoney, from Junipero Serra High School in San Mateo, Darryl

Gaynor Jr., from Durango High School in Las Vegas, Ryan Singer from Massanutten Military Academy in Virginia and Ivo Basor from Monterey Peninsula College.

According to a Prep2Prep article, Mahoney averaged 18.4 points, 5.1 assists, 4.9 rebounds, 1.6 steals per game and made first-team All-WCAL.

"I went down to San Jose State on a visit and I met the guys and I met the coaches and I really liked them," Mahoney said. "I could really see my relationship with them being a really positive one over the four years."

Mahoney said he also considered Gonzaga University in Washington and Boise State University in Idaho before deciding on San Jose State.

"I think that I'll bring a winning attitude to the team," Mahoney said. "What really matters at the end of the day is whether there's a 'W' or an 'L' so I think that I'll bring a lot of wins to San Jose State."

Another factor for choosing SJSU was its proximity to home, Mahoney said.

"It'll be a little sad leaving Serra...but it'll also be really exciting starting a new chapter of life," Mahoney said.

Gaynor averaged 24.9 points per game, 6.5 rebounds per game and 3.0 assists per game, as reported by the SJSU Athletics website.

"I think I made the right decision, I know I did," Gaynor said. "I'm close to home, to my family...the team is really great."

Gaynor expects to see great team chemistry for the upcoming season with the Spartans.

"I feel like I can learn more," Gaynor said. "They're really big on education this year and I feel like if I ever need any help I can get that."

Singer averaged 10.2 points, 8.0 rebounds, 3.6 blocks and 3.0 assists per game, as stated on the SJSU Athletics website.

"I'm very excited to come into a great basketball program and have a bunch of opportunities ahead of me," Singer said.

Singer also had interest in other schools but visited San Jose State and felt it was a good fit.

"I liked the coach and the players," Singer said. "I got a great feel for family, that's what I'm looking for."

In the 2012-2013 season at Monterey Peninsula College, Basor averaged 4.7 points per game, 76 total rebounds, 32 total blocks and 11 assists for the whole season, according to the California Community College Athletic Association's website.

"I'm definitely excited," Basor said. "On my visit with coach Wojcik, he made it really clear that his program is all student-athletes and academics comes first.

I thought that was huge for me because a lot of coaches and programs don't put emphasis on the school part and coach Wojcik made it clear right off the bat that we're students before athletes."

There are 13 scholarships offered annually. Currently there are two more available scholarships.

"We could have two more guys in our recruiting class for this season," Wojcik said.

Wojcik said two of the four incoming recruits, Gaynor and Singer, are going to be on full-scholarship while the others, Mahoney and Basor, are walk-ons who will pay tuition to go to SJSU.

Wojcik said walk-ons have potential to earn basketball scholarships later on in their academic careers.

"The guys we have in our program who we signed last year and now this year are good character kids," Wojcik said.

The university has until the end of the National Letter of Intent signing period, ending May 21, to find more official recruits.

The letters legally bind the players to the team; but after the deadline schools can still recruit.

"We've had some guys come on official visits already," Wojcik said. "We're just waiting to see if they choose us."

Due to sanctions, the team cannot participate in any postseason play including the 2015 Mountain West Championship according to the men's basketball website.

"It's going to make us stronger," Wojcik said about

the NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR) sanction. "You have to have adversity to get success."

Wojcik said the family aspect for the team is very important.

"That's the philosophy of it...we want to try and make it a family, and make guys feel comfortable here," Wojcik said.

The ban on postseason play was placed through the APR sanction based on low academic performance from the 2012-2013 season, before Wojcik and his staff came to San Jose State.

"I met with every player and met and talked with every parent," Wojcik said. "Every player's like 'coach we believe in you,' which is where I think the family side comes in."

Wojcik said the grade point average for the men's basketball team has increased to a 2.96, the highest in recent recordings.

"I'm pretty pleased with where we are academically," Wojcik said. "It's also a tribute to our academic advisers."

The halt on play applies to the 2014-2015 season.

"My approach with this thing was to hit it head on," Wojcik said. "I want our recruits to know that we do have this ban...I think they appreciate the honesty," he said.

Wojcik said the basketball department is looking to improve and increase student involvement in the upcoming seasons.

"At the end of the day, our team is our students' team," Wojcik said.

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