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SPARTAN DAILY

More employers looking at SJSU

Report forecasts more jobs as economy rebounds

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The Career Center's jobs development report for the fiscal year 2013-14 disclosed information concerning the amount of students at San Jose State University currently working or have worked while enrolled.

The center compiled statistics from students on the web. They asked students where they worked, how they heard of their job positions and whether they were obtained via the Career Center.

The study found that 60 percent of all enrolled SJSU students are currently working while going to school.

The report indicates that 58.2 percent of all students who participated in the survey obtained any kind of employment, and 77.6 percent of all students who took the survey obtained a paid internship.

Daniel Newell, program manager for workforce and economic development, spent three months compiling the report after it was issued during the middle of this year.

An estimated 2,000 undergraduate students replied to the survey.

"Individuals in Silicon Valley are in a great position, especially those with a bachelor's degree or greater because their unemployment rate is under 4 percent if they're age 25 and above," Newell said.

The report indicates that the South Bay's economy is getting stronger than the rest of the state and country, as California's unemployment fell 1.6 percent compared to this time last year. In Santa Clara County alone the unemployment rate reached 5.4 percent.

"If the trend continues, we will be back in a very healthy economy by the year's end, having completely rebounded from the great recession," Newell added.

Manuel Martinez, a finance analyst for the Latino Business Student Association, said the reports are a good sign of an improved economy. He said employment opportunities are looking much better today than they have in the past six years.

"Compared to my freshman year, it was a lot harder for business majors to find jobs," he said.

Martinez is a senior finance major and said he's "not as discouraged" as he used to be about career prospects. With the economy in an upswing in the area, he sees more employers coming into the university in search of potential workers. More employers are seeking prospective employees through online networking websites such as LinkedIn.

Mahesh Rajan, Ph.D., said the report shows that employment is on the rise and there is reason for optimism. Employment numbers still aren't uniform across the board though. For example, students studying in STEM saw the most hires, yet internships were the most common employment type.

The College of Engineering saw the most hires occur with SJSU's employment services, totaling 38 percent of targeted jobs.

"It definitely is a lot better this year or today than two or three years ago. Businesses are showing

an increase in their hiring prospects," Rajan said.

Rajan said it's a safer bet for companies to hire part timers or interns and transition them into full-time jobs if they fit the bill.

The economy is still crawling

out of the recession and some traditional fields aren't catching up as quickly as other industries, such as solar or medical fields. Global competition is also a factor, he said.

Rajan, a professor at the College of Business, agreed that more

employers are seeking student referrals for jobs.

Whether full-time hiring trends return to levels seen a decade ago remains uncertain.

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Finding research in a cup of tea

Librarians promote alternative to search engines



Samson So | Spartan Daily

Jennifer Dinalo (right), an academic liaison librarian and Amy Strage (left), the assistant and vice president for faculty development, lead a discussion on the importance of information literacy and efficient database researching during the "Tea & Talk" presentation held yesterday in the IRC.

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In a quiet study room filled with the smell of fresh coffee and tea, librarians and other faculty gathered for a "Tea & Talk" presentation to discuss the importance of information literacy at San Jose State.

The conversation among the group revolved around the issue of San Jose State graduate and undergraduate students not using the library research tools to its full potential.

The discussion was spearheaded by Jennifer Dinalo, the academic liaison librarian for multiple science and engineering fields. She found it extremely important for students to be able to recognize, locate, evaluate and use information effectively for projects and research papers.

Several workshops were set up to help students focus on reading and organizing when researching journal articles.

During her presentation, Dinalo referenced several studies that showed issues students have researching.

"Studies from the University of Maryland showed that 90

percent of their freshman biology students felt comfortable using a search engine to find research and that 71 percent of these students don't think that they need to learn to use a database or the library to research," Dinalo said.

The library has been working to reverse that issue by training tutors and advisers to help students think about strategies to research more consistently.

"Students need to know that there are general guidelines that we have before starting research," Dinalo said. "That includes finding certain keywords, developing search strategies and being more aware of the resources around us."

Several of the attendees acknowledged that the library may not be the easiest place to look for information and that incorporating library research in classrooms can be difficult.

Silke Higgins, the academic liaison for several departments, expressed her concern for students learning the necessary researching skills required in future occupations.

"It's important that students know that it is one thing to find

research a database, but it is another thing to effectively read and comprehend it," Higgins said. "There are barriers that are grammatical lexicons in complex articles that turn students off."

That issue was addressed with lectures of how curriculum could be more applicable to real work experience, which would allow students to learn actively.

Ideas of reaching out to students were also addressed with talk of initiating a journal club that allows students to meet regularly to talk about information gathering and informing students.

"I wanted to ask how we can expose people to these workshops and this database," Dinalo said. "How can we get faculty to buy in and promote it because if students don't go to these workshops, they don't know that they don't know these skills."

Most attendees stressed the need for library researching to be more frequent and that SJSU librarians need more creative ways to teach.

Adriana Poo, an instruction and reference librarian, gave her overall thoughts of the pre-

sentation and what she plans on doing to help students research more efficiently.

"The main goal here is to see our students succeed, and we want students to come to these workshops because they can learn something that they can apply," Poo said. "I want to teach them how to apply these skills outside of class and ask the right questions when finding their sources."

Higgins also addressed some of the methods she uses to reach students.

"I've discovered that it works well if I have my students explain concepts to each other because it allows them to show what they're doing and explore together," Higgins said.

Amy Strage, assistant vice president for faculty development, found a colorful way to describe the need for students to stay active in their researching strategies.

"I like to think that sometimes our brains are near our butts, and if we keep sitting down, they just stop working," Strage said.

Samson So is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Bill Maher will keep his speaking date at UC Berkeley despite furor

By Larry Gordon
McClatchy Tribune

After a weeklong debate about free speech and campus climate, political satirist Bill Maher said he intends to deliver a December commencement address at the University of California, Berkeley despite a controversy surrounding his invitation.

"I want to come, I'm planning to come," the comedian said Friday night on his "Real Time with Bill Maher" cable show.

Some students last week sought to have his invitation rescinded because of his on-air remarks last month that allegedly denigrated Muslims. But citing free speech rights, UC Berkeley Chancellor Nicholas B. Dirks insisted the speech go on as planned.

Maher kept quiet about the situation for a few days.

Then, on Friday's show he delivered a lengthy riff about it, explaining he was delighted to accept the invitation to speak at the midyear commencement Dec. 20.

"They invited me because it was the 50th anniversary of something that is legendary on that campus, the Berkeley Free Speech Movement," he said, referring to influential student protests against rules that limited on-campus activism. "I guess they don't teach irony in college anymore."

A campus student organization that helps choose commencement speakers voted to rescind Maher's invitation.

Its leaders said it took that position not because of Maher's views, but because the debate about his presence would have harmed the celebratory nature of the graduation event.

Dirks then overruled the student group and said the invitation will stand. His statement noted the decision "does not constitute an endorsement" of any of Maher's views, although it supports the television personality's right to express them.

"More broadly, this university has not in the past and will not in the future shy away from hosting speakers who some deem provocative," Dirks' statement said.

Protesters wanted Maher disinvited because of statements he made on his Oct. 6 show they contend portrayed Islam as a violent faith and suggested most Muslims believe anyone who leaves the religion should be executed.

The Middle Eastern, Muslim and South Asian Coalition on campus and other groups started an online petition drive seeking to block the speech, calling Maher's comments racist, divisive and offensive to many students.

UC Berkeley should not "invite an individual who himself perpetuates a dangerous learning environment," the petition said in part.

On Friday's show, Maher insisted he is not a bigot. He said students and others who signed the online petition don't seem to understand the open nature of universities and a democratic society.

"That's how it's done, kids. Whoever told you you only had to hear what didn't upset you?" Maher said.

His only regret, he said, was he feared the speech might prompt a media blitz that could detract from the graduation festivities.

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Nicholas B. Dirks
UC Berkeley Chancellor

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THURS 06	12:30 p.m. 1:15 p.m.	"Eclectic Jazz played by Enigmatic Performers"	Music Concert Hall
THURS 06	2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Bible Discussion	Tommie Smith and John Carlos Statue
TUES 11	All Day	Veterans Day Campus Closed	San Jose State University
THURS 20	3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Law Student Fair	Clark Hall Fish Bowl

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Buckle up: The 2016 presidential campaign is beginning now

By Anita Kumar
McClatchy Tribune

The end of the 2014 mid-term elections can mean only one thing: It's time to launch the 2016 presidential race.

The contest to the White House kicked off Wednesday, two years before voters will decide who succeeds President Barack Obama.

In some ways, the race started months ago, particularly in states — such as Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina — that cast the first votes starting in about 14 months in the contests for the Democratic and Republican presidential nominations.

"This is New Hampshire," said Raymond Buckley, the chairman of the New Hampshire Democratic Party. "People started talking about 2016 in 2000."

A large red, white and blue bus pushing Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination has been signing up supporters across the country for months. Prospective Republican candidates have been trying to one-up each

other while campaigning for candidates in the mid-term elections. And just last week, Ronald Reagan's presidential library announced that it's inviting Republican presidential candidates to a debate in September 2015.

Starting earlier and earlier is the new normal. Barack Obama made his first trek to New Hampshire a few weeks after the 2006 midterms, on his way to the 2008 Democratic nomination.

One thing that's very different this time, though, is the way the two major parties view the field.

Traditionally, Republicans rally to a familiar heir apparent who's run before — Reagan in 1980, George H.W. Bush in 1988, Bob Dole in 1996, John McCain in 2008, Mitt Romney in 2012. Democrats often love a new face — Mike Dukakis in 1988, Bill Clinton in 1992, John Kerry in 2004, Obama in 2008.

This time it's reversed. Clinton, who ran in 2008, dominates the potential Democratic field nationally, as well as in key states. She's

leading by 52 percentage points, according to polls compiled this week by the website RealClearPolitics.

As Clinton puts off a formal decision on running, many of the other potential Democratic candidates — including Vice President Joe Biden, Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and former Sen. Jim Webb of Virginia — are polling in the single digits.

Sheila Charles, an archaeologist in New Hampshire who supported Obama over Clinton in 2008, isn't sure Clinton's huge lead will guarantee the nomination. "There'll be a lot of chatter and debate," she said. "I don't think it's over at all."

The liberal wing of the party is urging Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts to run — there's even a Ready for Warren super political action committee — but she's said repeatedly that she isn't interested.

Ilya Sheyman, the executive director of the MoveOn.org political action committee, said the issue Warren had championed, income equality, which affects programs such as Social Security and college loan debt, should play the most prominent role in the 2016 elections. "How do you build an economy that works for everyone?" he asked.

Unlike Democrats, Republicans have no clear front-runner and plenty of possible candidates, many of whom were jostling for position Wednesday.

There's a plethora of governors — Chris Christie of New Jersey, Bobby Jindal of Louisiana, Scott Walker of Wisconsin, Rick Perry of Texas — and one former governor who's part of a political dynasty, Jeb Bush of Florida, who are interested in the job. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who ran in 2008, may consider another run.

And there's a slew of members of Congress among the possible contenders: Paul and fellow Sens. Ted Cruz of Texas and Marco Rubio of Florida, along with Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, the 2012 vice presidential nominee. Some republicans are urging Mitt Romney, their party's unsuccessful nominee in 2012, who's been a much-sought-after surrogate on the campaign trail this year, to run again.

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Review

Contrasting MFA shows share single gallery

By **Lauren Hernandez**
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Two wildly contrasting MFA shows graced the art department's Gallery 3 on Tuesday — Rick English's "Expecting Different Results" and Nin Filip's "Sacred & Absorbed."

English's and Filip's exhibits are part of the art and art history department's weekly gallery showings on Tuesdays that partially fulfill the requirements for the Masters of Fine Arts degree.

English, a graduate photography major, said his mixed media work was inspired by his girlfriend's kindergarten math chart, which depicted horizontal lines counting by tens all the way to 100.

"She would circle the decade years (as the kids learned them) and it really caught my attention," English said. "I started thinking most of us won't live to be 100, then I thought we're moving through these decades."

Triggered by the idea of aging, English said he spent thirty seconds capturing seven photographs and used them as his jumping off point to venture away from his photography focus into mixed media.

"They are photographs technically, but really they're not," English said. "They're much more painting or multimedia."

English's half of the gallery depicted large canvasses covered in multicolored numbers overlaid on top of each other, some running vertically and others crashing into each other in chaos.

English spent four months manipulating the images in Photoshop by duplicating the numbers, changing the scale and changing the colors, which resulted in a set of transformed images.

He then cut numbers and pasted them onto

canvas, where he incorporated the aging theme by adding layers of paint on top.

"I wound up aging the pieces, soaking them in water, scrubbing them on concrete to get the texture on the paper," English said. "It's just kind of had a life of its own... this whole process has been organic and unplanned."

Diego Hurtado, a junior studio art major, said he thought it was interesting how both artists utilized the gallery space to exhibit two different art forms.

"It's pretty interesting; it's about how humans age and how things age," Hurtado said. "Using numbers like literal age and the paper (was) made old in the same way humans age over the years."

Cynthia Cao, a senior pictorial arts major, said English's piece that depicts an arrangement of numbers running vertically was her favorite mixed media.

"There is something about the verticality that is a little easier to digest," Cao said. "These (other pieces are) sort of look like New York City, neon lights but this one is — maybe it's the color palette — it's calmer."

Nin Filip, a graduate photography major, said his series of 16 photographs was taken in separate photo shoots over the course of nearly a year.

Filip said it took time to gain the trust of his subjects, whom were all female and for the most part, naked and exposed in the photographs.

"We would go to art museums together, look at magazines together, order subscriptions from Europe and have a common understanding in order to go this far," Filip said.

Filip, who started out as a painter before he pursued photography, said he utilized the painting medium as inspiration for composing his photographs.

Review

Tech Museum reveals Body Metrics

By **Jonathan Giddens**
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Body Metrics is the newest permanent exhibit at the Tech Museum of Innovation.

The exhibit is the result of a two-year endeavor finally coming into fruition from a partnership with Kaiser Permanente and Netapp.

It lets people learn about their physical, social and emotional health and reveals how these different concepts are effected by environment, behavior, movement and social interactions.

"The goal of the exhibit is for visitors to explore and practice manipulating important metrics within their own bodies in a fun way," said Amy Pizarro, director of media and community. "The lessons can spark a new momentum, one that makes people feel empowered and motivated to improve their overall health."

The experience is centered around two central components: the sensor kit and the data pool.

The sensor kit is a three-part wearable set, including a customized iPod worn around the neck, a wireless electroencephalographic headset and a muscle and heart-rate sensor attached to an adhesive strip meant to be placed above the trapezius muscle.

"My favorite thing about the exhibit is the technology behind the headpiece," said Samuel Flores, a junior child development major and Tech Museum senior gallery facilitator.

These devices measure, record and display six different metrics — activity level, tension, mental focus, talkativeness, attitude and the number of people nearby.

Guests can review and manipulate their activity throughout the Body Metrics exhibit and the museum on the iPod, according to Pizarro.

Depending on how people want to be mentally engaged during their visit, the iPod will show various areas of the museum to stimulate desired brain activity.

The data pool displays the culmination of experiences users had while exploring the museum.

Guests can lay their iPods down on the 12-foot interactive data pool table, an interactive table that displays photos and statistics of activities throughout the Tech Museum of Innovation, and are indulged by a display of data streams in the form of colorful, circular avatars.

Users can view personal metrics as well as myriad images recorded by the iPod and compare their data to other visitors.

The table also reveals the day's outliers: who was the most social and who was the most active for example.

"Every component of the exhibit from the inspiration to the design was homegrown and created by tech members here at the museum," said Lath Carlson, vice president of exhibits.

From time to time, the Tech Museum will pay to bring in traveling feature exhibits.

Body Metrics is a permanent museum ex-

hibit, guaranteed to stay for at least 10 years.

Because the exhibit is permanent, its functionality will continue to adapt to what it learns about different people and its capabilities will only improve, according to Carlson.

The exhibit is also equipped with stand-alone components that provide enjoyable, enlightening activities for those without sensor kits.

They have a heart sync exercise that poses the challenge of syncing up to six different people's heart rates and breathing patterns.

Users look to achieve calmness and synchrony with each other.

In addition, the exhibit has a body movement exercise that uses large projectors to lead users through three separate activities — pose, balance and bounce.

While facing the pose screen, users are challenged to align their body to the displayed body image screen.

At the balance stage, users are faced with the task of standing on one foot for one minute.

Last of the three is the bounce screen, which simply asks participants to jump up and down continuously for one minute.

During all of these activities, the devices are measuring body position, activity and range of motion.

Finally, the exhibit has digital reflection screens, which are large format displays behind half-silvered mirrors that allow visitors to see their reflections laid over graphic representations of their museum visit and activities.

Cassie Corbin, a senior mechanical engineering major and Tech Museum gallery program specialist, said her favorite thing about the exhibit is seeing the data pool actually work because of all the problems that occurred before the exhibit opened.

As Carlson said, the exhibit will only get better the more it learns about people who visit it.

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Kwante Foster reviews his activity from the day on the Body Metrics data pool table.



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Top: Rick English discussed his mixed-media work with Cynthia Cao, senior pictorial arts major, during his MFA show "Expecting Different Results" on Tuesday in the art department's Gallery 3. Below: Nin Filip's photography hangs on the wall in his MFA show "Sacred & Absorbed" on Tuesday in the art department's Gallery 3.

He said his understanding of contemporary art and painting fueled choices to leave out "glamour" from the photographs, but felt there was still beauty in the images.

"Of course I retain a lot of beauty in my work, but there (has) got to be something shocking, something subtle, and not too melodramatic," Filip said.

Filip's work was visually shocking, far from subtle and utilized dramatic lighting.

One photo that caught attendees' attention was what graduate spatial arts major Carly Slade referred to as the "Saran wrap vagina" photograph.

The photograph depicted a fair blonde woman standing in a kitchen with her hands straight against her body wearing high, open-toed black heels, a gray wool blazer and a thin layer of Saran wrap covering her bare nether region.

Slade said she liked the photograph of the exposed Saran-wrapped woman and thought it was beautifully shot.

"(Filip's) work is evocative and it's really a really interesting inside look at these women," Slade said.

Cao said reading Filip's artist statement after viewing his photography changed her perception of his work.

"They looked kind of creepy — they're so dramatic and dark," Cao said. "But when I went back and read the statement, it made a little more sense — sort of telling a story, you're not quite sure if it's



posed that way or if he caught it that way in the moment."

Yanlei Huang, a graduate digital media major, said Filip's photo of a woman naked with her back arched in a murky tub caught her attention.

"She kind of looks like she's choking, but still breathing," Huang said. "You can kind of feel that she's breathing, you're trying to help her."

English's exhibit will be on view until today and Filip's will be on view until Friday in Gallery 3 in the art building.

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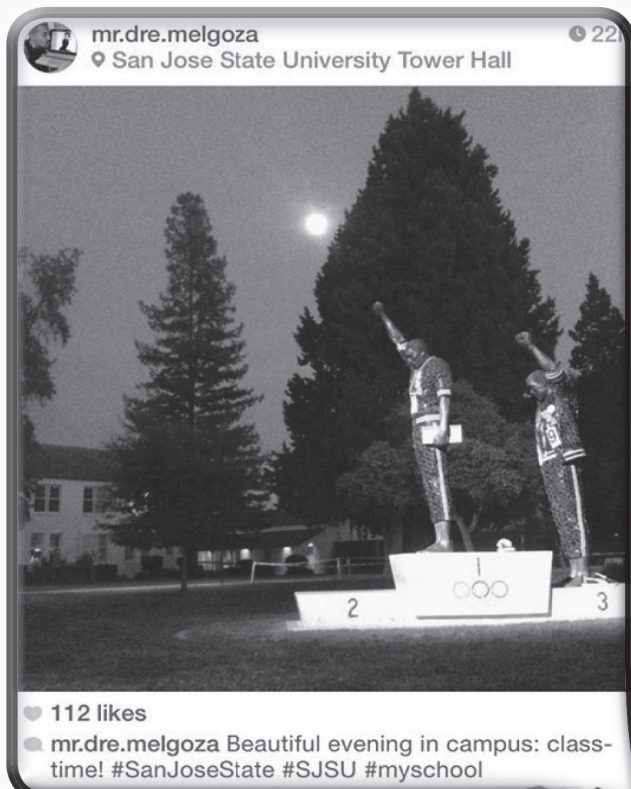
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I'm not going to tell you my life is a special case.

In fact, I'd bet smart money what I'm about to explain will sound familiar to a lot of the students on our campus.

Up until a couple weeks ago, I was taking 15 units of classes, interning eight to 10 hours per week and working 10 to 30 hours a week at my job — all while doing my best to be a supportive partner to the woman I love and trying to have an active social life.

Do the math: I didn't sleep much.

As college students, we are expected to work enough to pay bills, tuition and expenses, but how much time do we really have to spare?

How much do we truly value our time?

Money lost can be earned again and so can many other things, but time can never be bought back.

Each hour of our day is a precious resource.

Some people get so focused on building futures, they lose out on experiencing the present, and others are so desperate to cling to the past they miss the same.

When I was growing up, my parents took me to church where I heard story after story about morality and spiritualism.

One of these stories, which has become far more relevant in the years since I stopped going to church, is one that said not to plan for what will happen a year from now because we cannot know if it will happen.

While I can't say all future planning is a waste, it has become relevant for me to live in this day, in this hour.

No plans I have a year from now are more important than the things I can do right now.

I don't want to change the world in a decade and I don't want to become famous for doing something spectacular in two.

I want to help with problems people are



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struggling with right now.

It is more important I make someone smile, I help someone become more confident right now, than it is I get recognized, rewarded or remembered for it.

I have more free time now than a couple weeks ago since my position was eliminated from the company I worked for, but for me that time isn't for finding a new job or planning

for the future.

This opportunity has given me a greater ability to impact the now — I don't want to waste it.

According to a report in 2008 by Eric McLamb on Ecology.com, the Earth weighs more than 5.972 sextillion metric tons (that's 5,972 with 18 zeros times 2,200 pounds).

Even at a weight of 315 pounds, with a great deal of muscle, I'm more than slightly out of my weight class to try to change the world alone.

However, I outweigh an awful lot of people and if I use my time to help individuals improve right now, I can do a lot more with that time.

No matter how much I invest into the future to change the world, I don't think there's a tipping point where it can do more than helping out individuals in their present situations.

How we spend our time shows what we value more than anything else, because time is the one thing we cannot get back.

It is something I am very quick to waste when I don't think I have to be doing something, but I can't give a good reason for why I give so little worth to something so incredibly beyond value.

Wes Moots is a Spartan Daily staff writer. "One Word Wisdom" usually appears every Thursday. Tweet a single word to his Twitter handle with the tag "#OneWordWisdom" and your word could be covered in a future column.

Time is the one thing we cannot get back



Catcalling is in no way a compliment

When I was 10 years old, I remember browsing around a computer electronics store waiting for my family to finish buying products.

I found myself at the magazine section and flipped through the various teenybopper magazines.

Suddenly, a man approached me.

He told me I was one of the most beautiful women he had ever seen and wanted my phone number.

This man was old enough to be my grandfather.

At 10, I was already about to pass the 5-foot-10 mark and I was a little more developed than most 10 year olds.

The incident stayed with me my whole life.

I was consistently approached, catcalled, followed and stared at by men.

I was already self-conscious of my body and it did not help that I also had to deal with sexual comments from men three times my age.

Now that I am older, I am sad to say I have become used to the advancements and comments from men.

Why am I sad?

I am sad because I am not the only woman that has experienced this from a young age.

Catcalling, also referred to as street harassment, is when someone either makes a loud whistle, comment or gesture in a sexual manner toward a person, most commonly a woman, in public.

Stop Street Harassment is an organization dedicated to documenting and ending street harassment toward women.

According to the organization, there have not been a lot of studies done about street harassment.

In 2014, Stop Street Harassment authorized a 2,000-person nationwide survey in the U.S., which found 65 percent of all women had experienced street harassment.

The survey also found that between all women, 23 percent had been sexually touched, 20 percent had been followed and 9 percent had been forced to do something sexual.

Among men, 25 percent were street harassed and a higher percentage of LGBT-identified men than heterosexual men reported.

Their most common form of harassment — about 9 percent — was homophobic or transphobic slurs.

A lot of people, mostly men, have responded by telling women there is nothing wrong with men wanting to compliment women.

They say women are overreacting and are being too sensitive.

A website called hollaback.org recently released a video featuring a woman and her experience with catcalling in New York City.

CNN anchor Fredricka Whitfield invited comedian Amanda Seales and author Steve Santagati to discuss the video.

Santagati's argued he was an expert on



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the topic because he was a man.

He claimed the men in the video lacked class.

It was also objective because the woman in the video was white and getting hit on mostly by men who were black or Latino.

He also said women should leave New York if they don't like the way they are being treated or carry a gun with them.

Whitfield and Seales were obviously annoyed and confused by what he was saying.

Santagati still defended his position, even after Seales mentioned the fact a

woman was recently killed for rejecting a man.

The woman was 27-year-old Mary Spears.

She was gunned down simply because she rejected a man's advances inside a bar in Detroit.

Early this year, 16-year-old Maren Sanchez was killed after she was stabbed by a fellow student at Jonathan Law High School in Milford, Conn. for rejecting him after he asked her to prom.

I remember a time in my life when adults told me not to talk to strangers.

Now men I do not know are telling me to smile.

Even when I do smile and make eye contact, it somehow becomes an invitation for men to make advances toward me.

I have been touched, followed, stared at, had sexual comments made about my body and called a bitch by men I do not know telling me to smile.

I have even been asked, as I stand waiting for the bus, if I wanted a ride home.

Trust me, asking a woman you don't know if she wants a ride home in the middle of the night is usually what happens to someone before they end up on a missing persons ad.

Yet, there are still some people who seem to think women ask to get these "compliments" because they dress up, whether it's in miniskirts, dresses, shorts or having nice lips, as one guy pointed out to me.

My awkward 10-year-old self definitely was not dressed in a mini skirt and heels.

Regardless who they're aimed at, catcalls are objectifying.

They give young girls the idea this kind of language is to be expected, while at the same time validating this behavior for young boys.

If these comments are supposed to be "compliments" in our society's eyes, I am 100 percent sure women would rather not be complimented.

People, such as Santagati, need to get it through their heads if women in large numbers are saying catcalling makes them uncomfortable — it needs to stop.

Harassment from random men is not a way to validate how women look.

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A real life crisis coming into adulthood, life

"I might as well grow comfortable with the idea of being a stripper. Call me Glitter Tits."

That's exactly what I told my mother when she asked what my plans were after graduation.

With all jokes aside, I have an idea of a nice life.

In no way am I implying a stripper job is a failure or doesn't help pay bills, but that's not the ideal career path I want.

I know what I want, where I want to go and what I want to do with my life.

Unfortunately, we do not live in a perfect world.

I constantly joke around with my family and friends saying I will be a stripper or a famous hobo in the near future.

However, my ambitions and aspirations aren't exactly spending my nights homeless or dancing for money.

I enjoy reading Edith Wharton novels, exploring cities, finding nice hiking spots, traveling, editing papers and instigating debates.

In a perfect world, I would graduate this December with a journalism job waiting for me in San Francisco, saved enough to continue my travels to Europe and become financially stable enough

to share an apartment with my friends.

But let's face it, I have to be realistic and distinguish between what I want, need and what will really make me happy.

But the whole "what makes you really happy" question is still somewhat unanswered.

Sometimes I feel like I'm going through a quarter-life crisis.



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I, like many others my age, question everything I do.

Am I making the right choice?

Will this be short term or long term?

How will this benefit me?

Should I just give up now? Or should I try one more time?

I would have never thought as a 21 year old I would be worrying about paying bills, figuring out my life, looking for a career, while working full time as a full-time student.

I contemplate whether I will end up alone or be a crazy dog owner as I edit stories at 2 a.m., read a few chapters and write a paper.

When I think back to how I planned my life, I have scarcely stayed on task — with a few changes.

I told myself I would graduate college, have a job to take care of myself, travel when possible and start thinking of having a family by the time I'm 25.

I never imagined graduating college with no debt and within three and a half years.

I never pictured being able to pay for my own trip to Dubai, Oman and Colombia — without help from anyone.

If anyone would have told me I would be graduating in this time frame and be able to travel without family while working 20 to 30 hours a week, I would have told them they must be on something.

Yet here I am. It's unbelievable how far the desire to succeed and having confidence in yourself can take you.

I am human.

I constantly doubt myself.

But just because I find myself somewhat lost doesn't mean I will stop trying.

But at the same time, it doesn't mean I'll stop playing with a side name — just to have fun seeing my mom's reaction.

Sol Granados is the Spartan Daily Executive Producer.

It's unbelievable how far the desire to succeed and having confidence in yourself can take you

Did you know? San Jose Edition

1. Roughly 35 percent of venture capital funds invested into American companies end up in San Jose.
2. San Jose is thought to be California's oldest settlement, founded in 1777 as a farming community.
3. "The Wave" was invented by former San Jose State cheerleader Krazy George Henderson.
4. The Monopoly board in Guadalupe River Park is 30 square feet, making it the largest Monopoly board in the world.
5. San Jose State University's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library is the largest public library west of the Mississippi.
6. According to Zoosk, San Jose is the second worst place for dating in the country, behind Raleigh, N.C. since residents are extremely picky with regards to who they spend time with.
7. Looking at curse words used in online reviews, San Jose was determined to be the 11th rudest city in the entire world.

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Citizen journalists go the extra mile where Western media can't

American media, for all its self-praise, objectivity and mass news coverage, remains in the corporate reigns directed at selective coverage.

Tune in to any modern 24-hour news channel and a good amount of broadcast time is focused on fluff that falls short of real news.

In September, the biggest climate change march occurred in the heart of Manhattan.

USA Today said in one of its articles that over 300,000 people showed up and the activist's march was even joined by high ranking members of the United Nations such as Ban Ki Moon.

So when a huge protest erupts in one of the World's capitol, TV news largely ignored it.

In Mexico, thousands of people are protesting government corruption and its failure to locate missing students who were kidnapped.

The 43 students were in school to become teachers and were attending school in Iguala, a city located southeast of Mexico City.

Reports say the students were on buses when they were stopped by police and apprehended.

At some point the students and the police clashed, shots were fired and statements from apprehended government officials said the police then handed off the detained students to gang organizations.

The students were last seen on Sept. 21. And coverage still isn't wide enough.

The town's mayor and his wife were then accused of being ring leaders behind the student's kidnapping with charges of corruption and aiding criminals.

They disappeared once government investigators stepped in and were finally caught in a working class neighborhood in Mexico D.F., also known as Mexico City.

The bodies of the students have yet to be found. No one knows what happened to the missing students although federal investigators are investigating.

Mexico's problem is deeply rooted. On the surface its government is a federal system modeled after an American federalist idea during the 1800s.

Revolts and widespread corruption crippled the ailing government until the 90s when it switched from a single party government.

A bail out in the 90s allowed the return



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of a multi-party elective government in 1930.

But expatriated Mexicans in the U.S. are rallying behind the idea the federal government in Mexico is not doing enough.

Citizen journalists in the country are going the extra mile, more than the institutional brick-and-mortar organizations.

Social media is fueling the fire that says the nation, not the country or the government, needs to do more to save the people.

Not so much the students, but these writers are the catalyst.

A friend of mine who is following the situation in his native country said the government dragged its heels to confront

the situation after mass public outcry.

He says it's the latest case of oppression and brutality by the corruption born and bred and pointed to other cases

of massacres conducted by government entities.

It's not just the government, it's both the crime syndicates and the government causing mayhem.

The latest massacre happened in late October at Tlatlaya after Mexican soldiers opened fire on civilians.

The country's army said the victims were gang members, but eyewitnesses said otherwise.

It's because of this failure and the lackluster coverage from the big media giants in the U.S. why netizen journalism took over as the best source of information in Mexico.

Using aliases or sometimes even vague handles, more citizens are picking up the slack where the media experts can't go in or sometimes just won't.

They risk their lives even though cartels, who blanket entire areas with media blackouts, dictate what the traditional press can and can't publish and hunt them down.

One prominent and anonymous citizen journalist on Twitter was eventually found by a crime syndicate and executed.

They represent the best of what humanity has the potential of being, all while risking their lives to expose the injustices of this world.

How many of us think we could do the same?

Abraham Rodriguez is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Netizen journalism has taken over as the best source of information in Mexico

Letters to the Editor

Dear Spartan Daily,

In a recent and rather brilliant opinion piece ("President Qayoumi: misunderstood genius" available at www.qayoumithoughts.net) the author notes, anonymously I might add, that our current president (at the time of writing) has been treated unfairly and—moreover, unkindly.

I could not agree more. As a leading light in the emerging field of neo-bio-analytic-data-software-informatics, in my view it is time we gave our somewhat beleaguered president another chance to prove that he is in fact fit to run "the university of choice." I know that this is not a popular opinion among faculty.

What a cynical bunch they are! But for too long on this campus faculty have adopted the attitude that what they say matters.

When will they learn that it does not?

Their students seem to know this instinctively and administrators and executives were once students, were they not? The man needs our support not our disapproval. His is a thankless job and one that clearly is too much for him.

To drive the point home, I had the great misfortune to attend the SJSU annual authors event the other afternoon and I noticed that the president was in attendance. Or rather, his body was but not his mind.

During his opening remarks he seemed to drift mid sentence into a world of reverie from which he obviously did not wish to return.

And when he had concluded reading from his notes, to thunderous applause (I was on my feet I can tell you) and had managed to secure a chair upon which to sit close to the exit after only a few moments he was seen leaning in a perilous fashion his eyelids flickering in an effort to stay awake.

Only the presence of one of the librarian staff, who applied herself as a physical barrier, saved our glorious leader from toppling onto the carpet. And who can blame him? Isn't it obvious that the man is overworked?

Why expose him to the soporific effects of academic discussion? It is time to put an end to this ridiculous charade! If our president is to avoid further humiliation brought about by overwork, he clearly needs oxygen.

I, therefore, pledge my tiny CFA to raise money for a portable oxygen tank that he could have wheeled behind him by a different member of his cabinet, possibly on the basis of strict rotation in order to ensure fairness.

It's time we turned a corner. It's time for some fresh air.

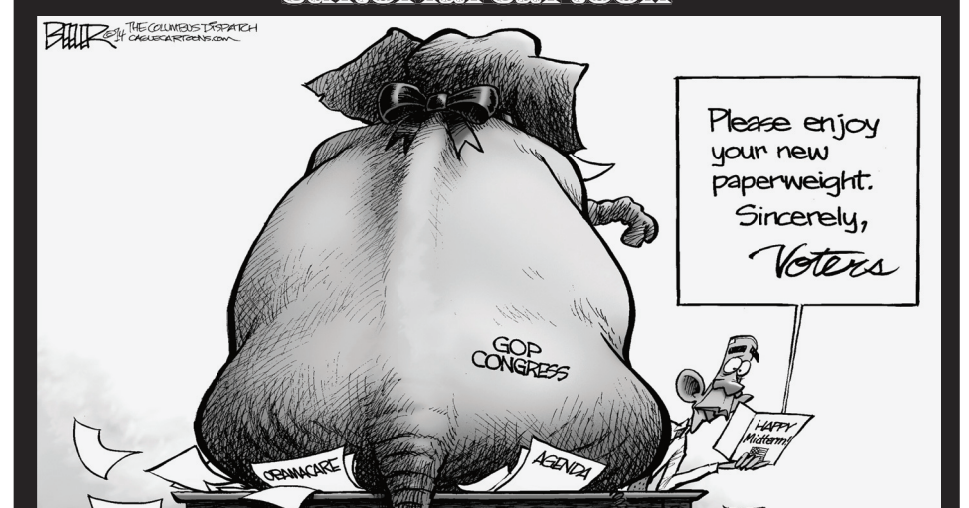
Yours,

Professor Spartan Redux (anonymous)

P.S. I resent the accusation that the fact that I am up for tenure this year has anything to do with the opinions expressed in this letter to the editor.

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editorial cartoon



San Jose State (3-5) @ Fresno State (3-6)

Spartans need win to stay alive for postseason

By Brian Stanley
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On the shortest road trip of the season, the San Jose State Spartans travel to the San Joaquin Valley to battle long-time rivals Fresno State Bulldogs on Saturday.

After back-to-back losses, the Spartans (3-5, 2-2) can keep their postseason hopes alive with a win over the Bulldogs.

"The best way to soothe the pain and suffering from a tough game is to come back and win a football game," said Spartans head coach Ron Caragher.

San Jose State is currently a half game behind the University of Nevada Wolf Pack and San Diego State Aztecs in the West Division standings of the Mountain West Conference.

As defending Mountain West champions, Fresno State (3-6, 2-3) is in the midst of a three-game skid after a tough loss to the University of Wyoming last week.

Three of the Bulldogs' six losses this season came against the University of Southern California, the University of Utah and the University of Nebraska.

A San Jose State win would all but eliminate Fresno State from the postseason.

The Spartans are also looking for the return of key players after sustained injuries.

After sitting out last week against Colorado State University with a shoulder injury, sophomore linebacker Christian Tago returns to the Spartans lineup to face the Bulldogs.

"It was tough to be without him in the game on Saturday, but he's doing well," Caragher said.

Tago was the team's leading tackler before sitting out against CSU with 65 total tackles.

"I'm feeling back to normal," Tago said. "I'm excited to get back out with the guys on Saturday."

Also missing in action for the Spartans last week against the Rams was redshirt sophomore tight end Billy Freeman.

Freeman is still recovering from a left ankle injury and his status remains uncertain for Saturday's game.

Caragher said Freeman will be evaluated on a day-to-day basis with a decision being made before the game.

Freeman's injury occurred late in the 21-



Courtesy of SJSU Athletics

San Jose State sophomore running back Thomas Tucker runs toward the end zone for a 7-yard touchdown in the third quarter of last season's upset 62-52 victory over the Fresno State Bulldogs. Tucker finished with a game-high 65 yards and one rushing touchdown.

10 loss to Nevada on Sept. 27 and has been lingering since.

"It's been a tough year for Billy Freeman," Caragher said. "He's such a talented tight end, receiver, athlete."

Replacing Freeman as a starter at tight end last week in the loss to CSU, redshirt freshman Andrew Vollert is the projected starter this week against Fresno State on San Jose State's depth chart.

"He played 60 some snaps on Saturday in the game and filling in admirably for Billy, who leaves big shoes because Billy brings a lot to the table," Caragher said.

Vollert said it was a learning experience and he's grown up a lot from it, yet is still having fun.

Caragher said with Vollert being 6 foot 5, he has the height and arm span that allows a wide catching range.

"The vertical stretch down the field that (Vollert) provides is really a pretty good weapon for us and our offense," Caragher said.

Vollert has played in seven of the eight games so far this season, gaining 182 yards on 14 receptions.

"It's nice to get out there and make plays and it's all thanks to Joe Gray," Vollert said. "He puts the ball right where it needs to be."

Fresno State has been trying to fill the quarterback position since the departure of Derek Carr to the Oakland Raiders after last season.

The Bulldogs have seen three different quarterbacks get shuffled through the position this season.

Junior quarterback Brian Burrell was awarded the starting job to begin the season and led the offense through the first eight games.

Senior transfer from Duke University,

Brandon Connette played against USC, Utah, Southern Utah and New Mexico in a relief role at quarterback.

Freshman Zack Greenlee also played against Southern Utah before getting the starting nod to take control of the offense in the loss to Wyoming last week.

"They've got some guys who've got some ability," Caragher said. "It's that balance of gaining confidence and having that chemistry with the receivers."

The Spartans are unclear which quarterback they will face against, with either Greenlee or Burrell opening the game for the Bulldogs.

Kickoff for Saturday's matchup will be at 7:30 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium in Fresno.

The game will be televised on the CBS Sports Network and broadcasted on KLIV 1590-AM radio.

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Spartan swimmers, divers stroke to early success

By Samson So
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Junior freestyle and backstroke swimmer of the San Jose State women's swimming and diving team, Riley Spitsler, abruptly stuck her head in the gutters during a small break to vomit.

"I just had a little too much coffee before practice," Spitsler said seconds before she pushed off the wall to get through the rest of the team's main set.

Although it's disgusting, the team has a quick laugh and moves on to focus on the practice agenda.

With 12 practices a week, the team works hard regardless of the weather or indigestion.

The team has morning practices every day from Monday to Saturday.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday are also "doubles," where the team has afternoon practices.

The team also has weight training and CrossFit exercises three times a week.

While the team generally swims on average 10,000 yards (5 1/2 miles), Spitsler's distance swim workouts, which run for two hours each, can reach a total of 12,000 to 16,000 yards or seven to nine miles a day.

Spitsler spoke of some aspects she worked on during those longer practices, which resulted in her winning the 500 free and the 1,000 free in the Spartans duel meet against UC Davis.

Fellow freshman Morgan McCormick won the 100 and 200 backstroke in the meet along with a win in the 200 individual medley, earning her Mountain West Swimmer of the Week.

"For practice today, we did a whole bunch of 200 yard (8 laps) sprints in a row, so it's all about keeping our endurance up and making sure our turns and our kicks are going well," Spitsler said. "Personally, I've been trying to work on keeping my head down and whipping my legs around faster during my flip turns."

Pacing along the edge of the pool, head swim coach Sage Hopkins shouts out the day's swim sets and specific set times for each swimmer.

While he's calm and cool around the pool, his expectations are high for the team's season.

"The number one expectation is that they're going to be the best athlete they can be on a daily basis," Hopkins said. "Our next meet will feature some teams on a national level competition and it will help us find out where we are at this point."

Assistant coach Taylor Curado enjoys watching Hopkins coach and is willing to work with any swimmer, even if it is a tough challenge.

"Sage's coaching style is very unique in that he loves coaching swimmers who have potential, but aren't heavily recruited and turn them

into much better swimmers," Curado said.

The team's resolve during practices led to a strong showing in its early season, as the Spartans roll into their upcoming Arena Invitational with a 3-0 record.

Tearing through teams like Fresno State, UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz and Simon Fraser in its first three meets, the team awaits tougher competition, such as USC, UCLA, UC Santa Barbara and University of Pacific, at tomorrow's invitational.

On the other side of the pool, freshman diver Cari Reiswig, talked of how she was improving in her diving events.

Reiswig recently earned Mountain West awards for setting a new school record on the 1-meter springboard with a score of 296.48.

"Coming into college diving, I didn't know how to spot and learning that has helped with my consistency," Reiswig said.

According to Reiswig, spotting is practiced by divers to learn when and where to start or stop their twists, spins and rotations.

Being a new member of the team, Reiswig also spoke of how she's adjusted to competing at a collegiate level.

"I get a little nervous during big events and I've tried to shake out more before my events so I'm not so tense," Reiswig said.

Spitsler said the team has helped her throughout the season.

"Looking at this year's group compared to last year's, it's definitely a tighter knit group who are more supportive of each other," Spitsler said.

Hopkins re-emphasized the level of competition the team brings — a level that both swimmers and divers need to familiarize.

"I'm very lucky to work with such a focused group, and they have a level of intensity that they expect of themselves and for one another," Hopkins said. "My role is more to guide them and they're the ones who will get it done."

The San Jose State women's swimming and diving team looks to continue its success at the three-day Arena Invitational on Nov. 20-22.

Samson So is a *Spartan Daily* staff writer.



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Top: Spartan senior swimmer Shannon Slaughter flies through the water during practice on Monday at the Aquatics Center. Middle: San Jose State Spartan swimmers take a water break following laps during practice on Monday at the Aquatics Center.

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Spartan senior swimmer Shannon Slaughter cuts and drives through the water during her breaststroke sets at Monday's practice at San Jose State's Aquatics Center.