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Student Frustration Elevates Due to Faulty Lifts

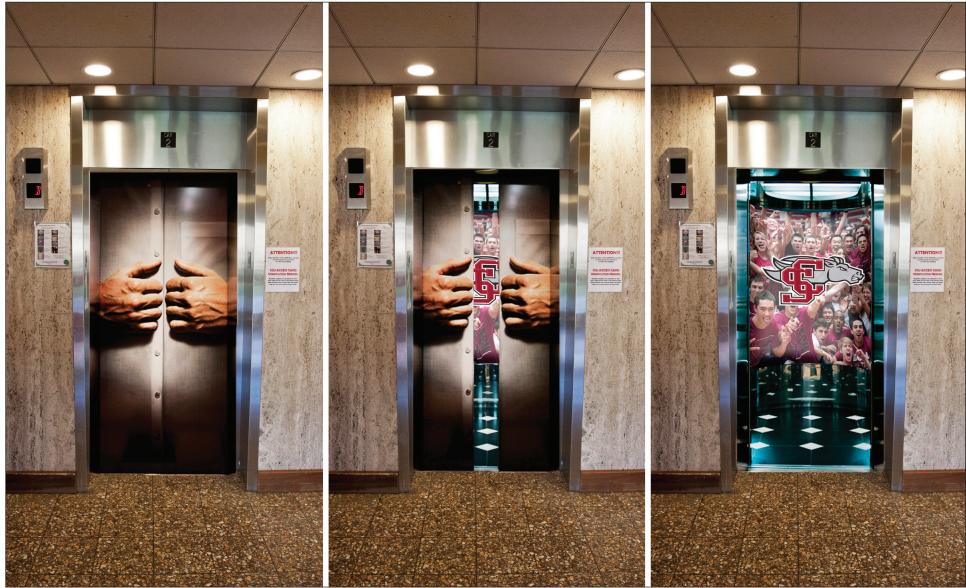


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Every multistory building at Santa Clara, from the recently constructed Graham Residence Hall to the classic Swig Hall, houses at least one elevator. The university's beautiful campus does not leave much to complain about, but defective elevators have consistently frustrated the student body in the past. The types of problems reported by students range from issues such as broken buttons, malfunctioning doors and even a supposed "ghost."

Campus reacts to repeated elevator malfunctions

> Sophie Mattson The Santa Clara

they were and their constant technical problems.

"We called one elevator the ghost elevator because it would go up to random floors and open up without anybody pressing the button," Valenzuela said. "It would sit there with the door open and go down to another floor and do the same thing. Also, a bunch of times out of the year they had to close the whole elevator down on the left side to do maintenance on it because it was not working." said. "I have also heard of a couple people getting stuck in them, and my friend's family got stuck in the elevator when they were moving her in."

According to Mattson, in Sobrato Hall, students who want to go down in the elevator from the second floor, must push the "up" button, but if they want to go up in the elevator they have to push the "down" button. The most infamous of the elevator issues occurred during spring quarter of the 2012-2013 school year, when a Swig Residence Hall elevator fell from the first floor to the basement at around midnight due to an overload of people in the elevator. Sophomore Blair Libby, who lives on the seventh floor of Swig, witnessed the elevator plummet while he was waiting for the elevator on the first floor.

because you cannot open the doors unless you have a prybar."

Nobody was injured in the incident, and both the people trapped inside the downed elevator and those in the basement were able to pry the doors open with their hands.

Director of Housing Building Operations, Mako Ushihara, said that Otis Elevator Company has a technician on campus nearly every day, and is on-call 24 hours a day. Ushihara also said that all elevators on campus are inspected annually by the Elevator, Ride and Tramway Unit per California law. All elevators on the Santa Clara campus are up-to-date on their state-mandated inspections, according to Ushihara. "If an elevator problem is discovered by our service contractor, or an elevator malfunctions for any reason while in service, we work with our service contractor to quickly to correct the problem to get the elevator operating properly," Ushihara said. "Sometimes, if parts are needed to complete the repair of the elevator, it may take a few days to get the elevator back in service. The Housing Office has always and continues to prioritize the upkeep and repair of elevators within housing buildings."

According to Jeffrey Charles, director of Facilities for Santa Clara, Facilities is not allowed to release operating costs regarding elevator repair, nor make a comment regarding the specific elevator difficulties

Santa Clara maintains its visually attractive grounds through the constant upkeep of new buildings, graceful fountains and beautiful gardens. But the university has been plagued with a strange variety of recurring elevator problems for the past few years which, according to students, have been an inconvenience.

Dunne Residence Hall, which has five floors, has experienced an array of elevator problems since the 2011-2012 school year.

According to junior Luis Valenzuela, who lived on the fifth floor of Dunne during his freshman year, students seldom used the building's two elevators because of how slow Freshman Katie Rogers, who currently lives on the fifth floor of Dunne, said the "ghost elevator" still stops on random floors and runs throughout the entire night.

Issues are not limited to the Dunne Residence Hall. Sophomore Nicole Mattson, who lived in Campisi Hall her freshman year, recalls the unreliability of the single elevator in the four-floor building.

"There was one time when the elevator doors were missing from the elevator, and it had a sign that said 'sorry elevator broken," Mattson "There were a ton of people in (the elevator), and then it fell and we heard a huge thud," said Libby. "Tons of people were screaming inside of the elevator, and Campus Safety waited for about 30 minutes for the elevator repairmen to come present in the residence halls.

Despite the complaints from students about ongoing problems with elevators on campus, Charles said the elevators perform well and are available for use the majority of the time.

Records show that from Jan. 14, 2013 to Jan. 13, 2014, elevators accross campus were working 99.8 percent of the time and the availability rate of residence hall elevators was 99.7 percent.

"I would say that is pretty impressive," said Charles.

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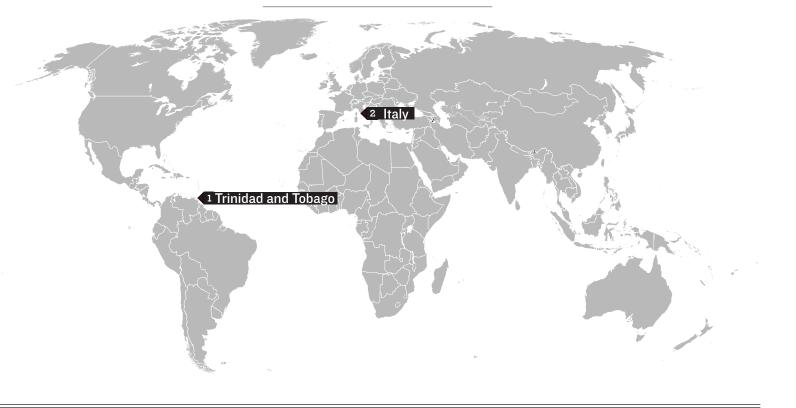
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WORLD ROUNDUP



1. Hunters vow to overturn hunting ban in Trinidad: For decades, the baying of hounds and a cacophony of shotgun blasts echoed across the hinterlands of northern Trinidad, where hunters chased deer, armadillo and agouti, a cat-sized rodent.

But since October, the lands have largely fallen silent, leaving the country's 13,000 licensed hunters fuming and their 26,000 trained hounds idle. Trinidad and Tobago's government, at least on paper, has temporarily transformed the Caribbean nation into a no-trapping, nohunting zone to give overexploited game animals some breathing room and to conduct wildlife surveys.

Conservationists have long argued that the wide-ranging freedoms enjoyed by hunters have depleted the population of wildlife in the twin-island republic, which is home to more than 100 mammals.

Licensed hunters never had bag limits, except for birds, and a flourishing market for "wild meat" for parties meant that almost anything that ran or flew wild was targeted.

From AP Reports.

2. Survivors mark second anniversary of Concordia wreck: Survivors of the Costa Concordia's deadly collision and capsizing marked the second anniversary of the shipwreck with a candlelight march and the wail of sirens Monday on the tiny

Tuscan island where they came to safety. The survivors also honored the

32 people who died in the tragedy with a moment of silence in the courtroom where the luxury liner's captain is on trial for manslaughter. Relatives of the dead threw a

wreath into the sea and attended a

Mass in the island's church, which had welcomed hundreds of passengers on the cold night of Jan. 13, 2012, when Concordia hit a reef near the coastline, took on water and capsized.

"I am here for my sister," said Madeleine Soria Molina of Peru, whose sister Erika Fani Soria Molina was among the crew members killed. "It is a way to be with her again because the death of a member of your family — of a brother or sister — it is hard to get over it."

A From AP Reports.



CAMPUS SAFETY

appeared on the student's phone, was contacted to escort him home.

1/11: A student was reported ill due to excessive alcohol consumption. CSS and SCU EMS responded to the student's room.

Medical Emergency

1/8: A student was reported feeling ill. **1/10:** A student injured his eye while playing lacrosse, without helmet protection, on Bellomy Field. CSS and SCU EMS responded. The student was transported to O'Connor Hospital by a friend.

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• Submissions must include major and year of graduation and/or job title, relation to the university and a phone number for verification.

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Alcohol Violation

an e-cigarette. CSS responded.

Alarm Activation

1/10: A student was found in possession of alcoholic beverages, marijuana and paraphernalia in his room. Items found were confiscated and disposed of.

1/8: The smoke detector in a Swig Hall resi-

dent's room was activated by a student smoking

Alcohol Related Medical

Emergency

1/9: A student was found intoxicated outside of Benson Memorial Center. SCU EMS was contacted and responded. SCPD was contacted and responded due to the student's aggressive behavior toward EMS staff. The student left on foot to his home before SCPD arrival.

1/9: A student was found intoxicated and unconscious in the shrubbery area outside of Benson Memorial Center. SCU EMS was contacted and responded. The student was escorted back to his room.

1/10: A student was found intoxicated and sleeping on chairs in the lobby of the Benson Memorial Center. He was unable to provide answers coherently to CSS. A friend, whose name

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Disturbance

1/10: A student was admonished for shouting "Wake up Swig" outside of McLaughlin Hall late at night.

Drug Violation

1/10: A student was found in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia in his room. Items found were confiscated and disposed of.

Found Property

1/10: A set of keys was found and turned in to the CSS office.

Informational Report

1/11: A student reported an unknown female attempting to gain entry into her room while she was trying to sleep. CSS responded to document the incident and to conduct a further investigation.

1/11: A student reported a possible sexual assault at an off-campus location.

1/11: A student reported having flu-like symptoms. CSS and SCU EMS responded.

1/11: A student reported having a rash while playing soccer, and lost consciousness while being evaluated by SCU EMS. SJFD and paramedics were contacted and responded. The stutdent declined further medical assistance and made arragements to have his parents transport him to a hospital.

Non-Injury Traffic Accident

1/11: A non-affiliate's vehicle was observed driving over a curb in the Benson lot and getting stuck. A tow truck was contacted and responded to remove the vehicle.

Sexual Assault Report

1/11: A student reported a possible sexual assault at an off-campus party. Investigation started and SCPD advised.

From Campus Safety reports. Email news@ thesantaclara.org.

On-Campus Business Continues to Thrive

Students offered complimentary food distribution

Naushaba Khan THE SANTA CLARA

In honor of the three-year anniversary of Bronco Delivery, Bronco Student Services is joining hands with Bon Appetit to provide one night of free Bronco Delivery to Santa Clara today from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

"The service has grown tremendously since its start three years ago," said Arthur Gallanter, co-owner of Bronco Student Services. "Last year, Bronco Delivery averaged over 200 orders delivered per night and expanded to every residence hall as well as off campus."

Gallanter said that when he and his co-partner Anthony Prieto first founded Bronco Delivery, the system provided a completely different customer experience than it does now. Deliveries were made only to a few dorms on campus via bikes.

"As each quarter passed, we improved the service and made it more efficient," said Gallanter. "The experience students have now is much better. We use an electric cart, deliver to all dorms and even off campus."

The service continues to expand and upgrade to this day.

"When I order Bronco Delivery,

I know that it will be at my room in 45 minutes or less," said sophomore Dominique Terry.. "Walking to Benson (Memorial Center) from Casa Italiana takes ages. With the option to pay for food with meal points, I believe subscribing to Bronco Delivery is a no-brainer. I look forward to Thursday's free-delivery day."

As of fall 2013, Bronco Delivery made the switch from delivery fees to a \$39-quarterly subscription to help frequent buyers save money. Bronco Delivery currently has over 200 subscribers.

Gallanter thinks providing free delivery for one night to celebrate Bronco Student Service's work is a perfect way to thank the very loyal student-customer base in addition to providing other students with the opportunity to experience the convenience and benefits of Bronco Delivery.

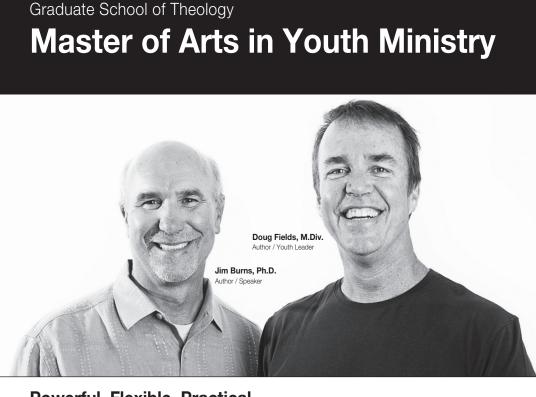
"I have been considering getting a subscription for Bronco Delivery, and I am excited to try it out on Thursday in order to see if this is something I want to invest in for the rest of the quarter," said sophomore Haley Harmon.

Gallanter believes the food delivery system has certainly provided a convenient service at Santa Clara and hopes students will take the opportunity to purchase a discounted subscription at the price of \$29.

Contact Naushaba Khan at nakhan@scu.edu or call (408) 554-4852.



Since the launch of Bronco Delivery in 2011, the business has flourished and gained a large amount of popularity among students Today from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Bronco Student Services is offering free Bronco Delivery to celebrate three years



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Previously, Carolyn Evans was an associate professor of economics for six years and worked as the faculty director of the undergraduate business program for three years.

Former economic advisor of Federal

"On the evening of Jan. 14, we had an open forum with graduate students about their experiences, so she has already started collecting information that can be used to develop new programs that will add to student satisfaction and improve their educational and learning experience," Starbird said. Evans not only has experience in academia, but also was an economic advisor to the federal government. Starbird believes that this wealth of experience will translate well into her position at the business school. "She brings a great understanding of graduate business education, experience in the classroom and experience with industry," Starbird said. "All of those things are important with our programs in the business school." Evans will officially take the reigns in her new position as senior assistant dean on Feb. 10.

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Reserve hired

Sophie Mattson THE SANTA CLARA

Carolyn Evans has filled the vacant position of senior assistant dean of graduate business programs at the Leavey School of Business.

"(Evans) will be leading our efforts in student services, academic advising and career management for our graduate business programs," said Drew Starbird, dean of the Leavey School of Business. "She will also be designing new programs to meet the needs of the students and executing our new strategic plan."

Evans has already begun collecting information about graduate student education in order to kickstart her role as senior assistant dean.

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The Santa Clara SCENE

Thursday, January 16, 2014

New Group Ignites Empowering Conversations

outside of Santa Clara, including vol-

at the first meeting and almost 200

likes on I Am That Girl's Facebook

page, which is just three weeks old,

leaders of the club Monica De Laz-

Perspectives join together in unifying discussions

Victoria Yu THE SANTA CLARA

Starting this quarter at Santa Clara is I Am That Girl, a club dedicated to improving self-image for both men and women.

Despite having already achieved certain milestones, the fight for women's status and rights has proven to be an ongoing quest throughout history.

Even today, many negative connotations regarding the word "feminism" exist, but I Am That Girl hopes to express feminist values in a more positive way by creating opportunities for meaningful conversations to occur

Alexis Jones from the University of Southern California originally founded the organization I Am That Girl as a way to reinforce independence and self-esteem amongst herself and her peers. The concept rapidly spread onto other college campuses including Chapman University, and now, Santa Clara.

I Am That Girl, a support group encourages people to embrace themselves, battle insecurities and turn self-doubt into self-love. The organization focuses on equality and helping women find their way in today's society.

Especially in the Silicon Valley,

where life is fast-paced and immense pressure to meet society's expectations exists, I Am That Girl is a place where people can voice their concerns in open discussions about a range of important topics - such as controversial or global issues relating to women and men in the 21st century.

"Often people are taken over by the scene here and there's no place to go and talk about things that bother them or are important to them," said club leader, sophomore Tabitha Petrini. "It doesn't seem like there's a place to go and talk about it. This club is a place where people can go and bring up issues and hear from different perspectives."

I Am That Girl strives to be the place where individuals can freely express their thoughts - whether they be about personal matters, perspectives on women in society or current events.

In addition, faculty is welcome to join the discussions, offer their own perspectives or simply listen.

In fact, many female professors at Santa Clara who pursued their career ambitions, achieved success and established families serve as inspiring role models for the group's young women and embody the goal of I Am That Girl.

Men are also encouraged to join and engage in the club discussions. Men can not only gain new understanding regarding women and the issues they face, but also provide an interesting point of view, and in turn, add a different dynamic to the conversations.

I Am That Girl has plans to invite many speakers and hold events zari, Mary Gallant and Petrini are excited for the future of I Am That Girl at Santa Clara.

Students joined together to launch I Am That Girl on our campus. The club seeks to help young women and men become the best

versions of themselves and turn self-doubt into self-love. After a very successful start, the group has high hopes for future events.

"We want to help provide a support group for young women learning to love themselves," said De Lazzari.

If you would like to learn more

about becoming "that girl" or "that guy," bring your friends and an open mind to the club meeting this up-

COURTESY OF MONICA DE LAZZAR

I Am That Girl meets on Wednesdays at 8 p.m., and anyone can join the club's email list and like its Facebook page for weekly updates regarding announcements about the club, its location and upcoming events.

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Show Provides Insight

Tribute to iconic *leaders inspires* modern analysis

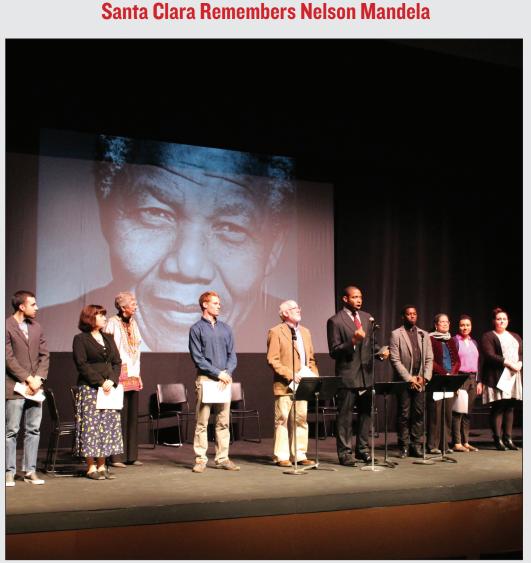
Dan Hanower ASSOCIATE REPORTER

Students and faculty alike gathered to commemorate the lives of Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King, Jr. with "Color Struck," a

"I thought he did a great job of tying in serious topics and trying to lighten the mood in the beginning," said Karp. "Everyone was more comfortable with race, and then he brought it all together in the end." Despite the comedic elements, it

was clear that the more serious issue of race in America was the subject of this performance.

The stories from Lacy's past experiences revealed the role that race has had in his life, and the show was very relatable to anyone who has faced similar challenges.



captivating performance by Donald Lacy, Jr.

For moments of the show, it seemed like a stand-up comedian was performing for the audience gathered in Mayer Theatre, but it soon became apparent that was not what the show was about.

One of the most unique opportunities of Santa Clara is the many experiences it provides for students to learn from different perspectives, and that is exactly what students were able to gain from "Color Struck."

Lacy is a well-regarded comedian, and spent the first half of the show performing a routine based on his experiences growing up in Oakland, Calif. However, the humor Lacy provided only seemed to prime the audience for the real show to come.

Sophomore Quincy Karp was one of many students who attended the show.

The comedy shed light on his struggle to hold onto elements of his African-American heritage growing up, despite not being seen as black by his peers.

As the performance continued, he began to talk about the state of race relations in contemporary America, and the elements of racism that still persist.

Lacy discussed institutionalized racism, an often difficult topic to honestly examine.

"It definitely opened me up more to this struggle," said Karp, "(as well as) how blatant and obvious this is."

Overall, the performance allowed students to gain another perspective, another chance to deepen their worldview, in order to better understand the society in which they live.

Contact Dan Hanower at dhanower@scu.edu.

Student group Igwebuike gathered performers to honor the life of Nelson Mandela. The commemoration told the story of Mandela's path from rebel to prisoner to leader of a diverse South Africa. Dramatic readings interwoven with images, music of the protests and the dance that signaled determination to fight for the cause made for an unforgettable night.

ASHLEY CABRERA - THE SANTA CLARA

Question

by Malu Veltze

Week

TOP REASONS TO LEAVE YOUR COUCH

1/16 | THURSDAY

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Caltrain's 150th Anniversary

Location: Santa Clara Caltrain

Why Go? Caltrain invites

150th anniversary of it's

establishment. This event

Time: II a.m. - 3 p.m.

you to celebrate the

Station

Difficult Dialogue: Being Gendered at SCU Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. What was your Location: Benson Memorial Center, Room 21 favorite movie of Why Go? Join the Office for Multicultural Learning for a

discussion about differing experiences at Santa Clara. How does gender play into these experiences for men, women and non-binary genders? Be a part of this discussion about inclusivity.

Bronco Delivery Day

Time: 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

for free. If you're thinking of

to enjoy some late-night grub,

Why Go? Try out Bronco Delivery

buying a subscription or just want

order for one day only using your

dining points. Order on Tapingo

anniversary of Bronco Delivery.

and celebrate the three-year

2013?

Samira Almendras, '14 "Movie 43."



Jonathan Tadros, '15 "The Wolf of Wall Street."

Misa en Español

Time: 8 p.m. Location: Mission Church Why Go? Come celebrate the beginning of the new year with our Spanish-speaking community at the first Misa en Español of the quarter. All are welcome.

1/17 | FRIDAY

Boba at Benson Time: II a.m. - 3 p.m. Location: Benson Memorial Center Why Go? Drop by for some delicious milk tea with tapioca pearls, sold by the business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi.

Cost: \$3

features historic exhibits, food trucks, face painting, music and more.

SCU Presents: "Charisma!"

Time: 8 p.m. Location: Fess Parker Studio Theatre Why Go? Members of the Charisma group reflect on their lives in an intimate exploration of spirituality and the arts that combines art, music and the spoken word. Cost \$5

1/19 | SUNDAY

Liturgy Time: 10 a.m., 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Location: Mission Church

1/20 | MONDAY

Martin Luther King Jr. Day March Time: II a.m.

Location: San Francisco Caltrain Station

Why Go? Be one of the thousands of citizens that will partake in a commemorative march through downtown San Francisco. The I.5mile parade honors the marches led by Martin Luther King Jr. through Montgomery, Ala., which stand as symbols of nonviolence and victory in the civil rights era.



RYAN SELEWICZ - THE SANTA CLARA



1/21 | TUESDAY

Latin America by Bicycle: A **Photographic Project** Time: 10:20 a.m. Location: Williman Room, Benson **Memorial Center** Why Go? Photographers Indira Urrutia and Marc Hors bring their itinerant photographic project, to campus. Photos document the American continent under the guiding principles of solidarity, equity and respect for cultural diversity.

"More Than Honey" Time: 6 p.m. Location: Santa Clara Community Action Program Office Why Go? Join Santa Clara **Community Action Program for** the documentary "More Than Honey" by Markus Imhoof and stay for commentary afterwards.

I/22 WEDNESDAY

To suggest events for the calendar please contact Summer Meza at sameza@ scu.edu.



Bernice Wang, '17 "The Hobbit: The **Desolation of** Smaug."

Lauren's Locales: Italian Bistro Hits the Spot



by. Luckily, here in the Bay Area we are graced with some scrumptious culinary creations that are easy to get to.

Satisfy your Italian craving at Il

meal off with a traditional antipasto platter, or a fresh plate of assorted bruschetta. Or if you are feeling a little less traditional, try some pancetta-wrapped prawns for a unique burst of flavor. For your entrée, you can choose from a plethora of options including meat dishes, like chicken saltimbocca, calzones and pizzas or a variety of pastas. The homemade ravioli with beef, pork, spinach and ricotta cheese is sure to please, as well as the seafood risotto filled with clams, prawns, shrimps and scallops, topped with grilled salmon and a tasty saffron cream sauce. Seriously, what's not to love?



Chris Alvarado, '17

"Frozen."

BLOG.MAGGIANOS.COM

Il Postale, located in downtown Sunnyvale, Calif., offers classic Italian flavors in an intimate setting. It's the perfect place to indulge in pastas, sauces and cheese galore.

Lauren Bonnev THE SANTA CLARA

Things are just starting to heat up this quarter and you may already find yourself craving some delicious comfort food.

While the Santa Clara area offers plenty of varied food options, from gourmet sandwiches to Thai cuisine, some students seek to discover new venues that offer something different.

Some of the best comfort food around is Italian food. With its delectable sautéed veggies, meaty sauces, fresh pastas and endless cheesy goodness, what's not to love about Italian food?

But genuinely good Italian cuisine can often be difficult to come Postale, an Italian-American bistrostyle restaurant located in downtown Sunnyvale, Calif. Italian for "the postal," Il Postale is an unexpected burst of flavor in the heart of Sunnyvale.

Located in what used to be the city's post office building, the restaurant instantly draws you in with its warm, cozy lighting and heavenly scent drifting out the door.

Il Postale recognizes the building's past not only with its name but also pays homage by placing large, Italian-themed postal stamps on the walls around the room.

The restaurant itself is small. but the room does not feel overly crowded. And even though the tables are placed close to each other, the proximity to your dining neighbor helps create a kind of eclectic, communal dining experience.

The menu itself is an excellent combination of Italian classics with a slight American flare. Start your

Il Postale is the perfect spot to bring a date, gather friends for a celebration or simply to treat yourself for making it through the first couple weeks of the quarter.

So for a good time and some great food, stop by Il Postale where you will definitely not leave hungry.

Contact Lauren Bonney at lbonney@scu.edu or call (408) 554-4852.

The Santa Clara OPINION

Thursday, January 16, 2014

Jonathan Tomczak

End Application Fees



Stanford University has one of the highest application fees in the nation. Eliminating these fees is not only economically feasible, but more fair to disadvantaged applicants.

I magine paying someone else to judge you. You hand over your cold, hard cash so a stranger can take a glance at your accomplishments and decide whether or not you are good enough to meet arbitrary standards.

Sound strange? It shouldn't, because that's the college application process.

In an age where student loans account for the largest proportion of debt in the United States, colleges and universities pour salt in the wound by charging a fee for every application they receive. This is simply outrageous, and a practice that needs to end.

Having application fees hurts prospective students from fulfilling their dreams of higher education. U.S. News and World Report found the average application fee for colleges to be \$38.39 in spring 2013, an increase of 6.7 percent in the last six years. Someone applying to five colleges this year— the low end of what CollegeBoard recommends — paid almost \$200. These payments occur in the span of just the few months when college applications are due. Thus, the costs come to applicants at a rate of \$50 a month.

Not everyone can afford to spare that money from their monthly budget. Not without cutting out household necessities like food and medicine. Ironically, the ones who need college the most are the ones who struggle to afford even being has also increased five percent yearto-year during the past decade. Why not simply tack on the application costs to the tuition?

According to U.S. News and World Report, the most applications sent to any university went to University of California, Los Angeles, with 61,564 in 2011. The lowest acceptance rate was Harvard University, at 6.1 percent. The highest fee for an undergraduate application, submitted online, was for Stanford University at \$90.

With these worst-case scenario numbers, the 3,755 students accepted to UCLA would have to cover the \$5.5 million of application costs of all 61,564 applicants. That sounds like a lot, but would work out to just under \$1,500 per accepted student. That is a tuition increase of less than \$370 per year, per student.

And that's assuming colleges are making no profit on application fees.

There are other factors that come into play, of course, such as retention and enrollment rates. The fact of the matter is, however, that universities are not economically obligated to charge for applications, not when the cost can easily be shifted elsewhere.

It might seem unfair that the accepted students have to pay for the applications of those who are denied. That's a sound point, and any university should consider budgeting the costs from private gifts or other revenue sources before raising tuition. But when the costs are so easily mitigated, it makes a good case that application fees are altogether unnecessary. No more excuses. A college education is already a prohibitively expensive burden for most students. The fact that we have to pay for merely a chance at higher education is ludicrous. Hundreds of institutions no longer require application fees, including Tulane University and Reed College. They have managed to afford doing so just fine. It's time for the rest of academia to take the plunge.



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On the face of it, application fees seem like good capitalism. Time and energy are expended by each school in receiving, filing, reviewing and responding to every application sent in. This incurs costs that need to be covered somehow.

But why pass the financial burden to the prospective students? College Board found that tuition was, on average, responsible for more than half of a private college's net revenue. Tuition to such schools

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STANDINGS

Men's Basketball

Team	wcc	Overall
Gonzaga	4-1	14-3
Pepperdine	4-2	11-7
San Francisco	4-2	11-7
Saint Mary's	3-2	13-5
Brigham Young	3-2	11-7
Santa Clara	3-3	10-9
Portland	2-3	10-7
Loyola Marymount	2-4	10-8
San Diego	1-4	10-8
Pacific	1-4	10-6

Women's Basketball

Team	wcc	Overall
Gonzaga (No. 23)	4-1	14-3
San Diego	4-2	15-2
Brigham Young	4-2	14-3
Saint Mary's	4-2	14-3
San Francisco	2-2	7-8
Portland	2-3	9-7
Pacific	2-3	7-8
Santa Clara	2-3	6-9
Pepperdine	1-4	5-11
Loyola Marymount	1-4	4-12

UPCOMING GAMES

Men's Basketball

San Diego @ Santa Clara	Thu. 1/16	7:00 p.m.
Brigham Young @ Santa Clara	Sat. 1/18	7:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Portland @ Santa Clara	Fri. 1/17	7:00 p.m.
Gonzaga @ Santa Clara	Sun. 1/19	2:00 p.m.

BRONCO BRIEFS

Men's Basketball

Thanks to a 3-pointer by freshman Jared Brownridge with 1.2 seconds left on the clock, the Broncos stole a win from Saint Mary's College last Thursday, 57-55.

"It was a big-time shot especially being on the road at their place, so it meant even more for our team to rally and come back and win the game," said Brownridge.

Brownridge and junior Brandon Clark combined for 43 of Santa Clara's 57 points. Brownridge scored 23 and Clark added 20.

In the team's next game on Sunday, Santa Clara fell to the University of Pacific by a score of 80-68. The Broncos suffered from a rough shooting performance, hitting only 35.2 percent of their shots from the field.

Clark led Santa Clara with 20 points, his 10th game with 20 or more points this season.

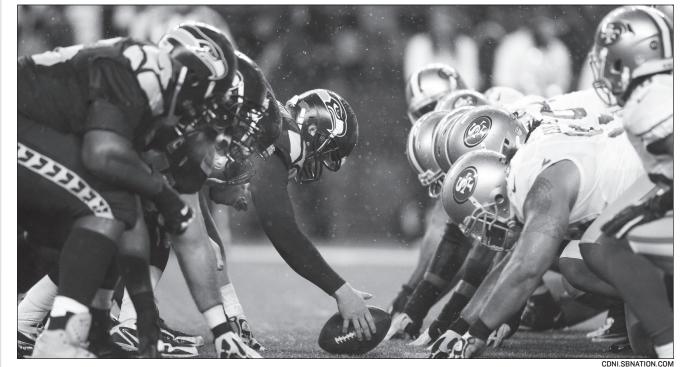
The Broncos are now 10-9 overall and 3-3 in the West Coast Conference. Their next contest is tonight against the University of San Diego.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball squad dropped two conference games against Saint Mary's College and the University of Pacific this past week.

The Broncos and Gaels played a tight game throughout a majority of the contest. However, Saint Mary's went on a 9-0 run late and hit its free throws

Bitter Rivals Set to Face Off



Two of the most physical teams in the NFL, the San Francisco 49ers and the Seattle Seahawks, are in the midst of preparations for the National Football Conference Championship game on Jan. 19. These two teams that have publicized hostility brewing between them kick off at 3:30 p.m. in Seattle.

Teams prep, anticipation builds for playoff battle

Brendan Weber The Santa Clara

It's round three. This time, it's win or go home for the San Francisco 49ers and Seattle Seahawks. The two juggernauts of the National Football Conference are primed for an intense, smashmouth type of football game this Sunday with a chance to punch a ticket to the Super Bowl.

This weekend's matchup will take place at CenturyLink Field in Seattle, in front of what promises to be a raucous crowd. On the field, it won't be a surprise to see bad blood boil over between these two rivals.

A healthy amount of Santa Clara students are sure to be sporting either red and gold or blue and green come Sunday.

"It's going to be a good game," said Liam Clements, a Santa Clara junior and Seattle Seahawks fan. "Both teams are very similar."

This meeting will be the third time the NFC West opponents take the field against each other this season.

In Week 2, Seattle rolled the 49ers, 29-3, behind Marshawn Lynch's threetouchdown performance. On the other side of the ball, Seattle's defense picked off San Francisco quarterback Colin Kaepernick three times and held Frank Gore to just 16 yards on nine carries.

The Niners found their revenge in Week 14. This time, it was San Francisco's running back who delivered when his team needed it the most. Down by one with only a few minutes left, Gore took the handoff, found a hole in the line and broke away for a 51-yard run that would later set up 49ers' kicker Phil Dawson for a field goal. Dawson nailed the 22-yard try and the Niners went on to win, 19-17.

This impending game comes with raised implications, with the winner moving on to New York for the Super Bowl and the loser heading home early.

"It's going to be a physical battle," said sophomore Connor McGraw, an NFL fan who pledges his allegiance to the Washington Redskins. "Two teams that don't like each other; it's going to be fun to watch."

Both the 49ers and Seahawks fit the mold of a championship-caliber team. Both have a dynamic quarterback capable of breaking the defense with his feet or his arm. Each team is led by a Pro Bowl running back who refuses to go down on first contact. And each team has a tenacious defense that swarms to the ball and delivers bone-crushing blows.

Behind center, young gun quarterbacks Kaepernick and Russell Wilson will duke it out once again. Coming into Sunday, Kaepernick has helped lead the Niners to two playoff victories, both on the road, in hostile environments. Although he hasn't blown away fans with eye-popping numbers in either game, his ability to come through on key drives has paid dividends.

On the flip side, second-year quarterback Wilson has been as calm and collected as they come. Despite his accuracy issues of late — going nine for 18 against the New Orleans Saints this past Saturday — he still has big-play ability every time he has the ball in his hands.

Clements gives Wilson the edge.

"The separation for (Wilson) comes in his preparation," said Clements. "He's always preached that. He's always watching film and all that stuff. He's just a little more mature than Kaepernick."

A solid running game is any quarterback's best friend. Gore has been a workhorse for the 49ers all season and through-

for scores.

For Seattle, Lynch has turned up his patented "Beast Mode" and run through, over and around opposing defenses all year, gashing the Saints for 140 yards and two touchdowns last Saturday.

"It's just something about playoffs and being in Seattle that just awakens the beast," said McGraw.

Stopping these two backs will be difficult, but both squads are loaded with talent on the defensive side of the football. San Francisco is led by its front seven, most notably linebackers NaVorro Bowman and Patrick Willis, who are some of the best at stuffing the run. Backs against their own end zone this past weekend, San Francisco stood its ground on the 1-yard line and prevented Cam Newton and the Carolina Panthers from scoring any points.

On the opposite side, Seattle possesses the No. 1-ranked defense from the regular season, with premiere shut-down defensive backs, led by Richard Sherman.

Other than the players that suit up to play, Seattle's "12th Man," a crowd boisterous enough to generate seismic activity, could pose communication problems for San Francisco's offense.

Santa Clara junior and 49ers fan Natalie Brenny is concerned that Seattle's fans psych out the 49ers mentally. However, she hopes that San Francisco will have more confidence going into Seattle after having already played there once this year.

Sunday's game may truly come down to the team that stays disciplined and executes on every play.

With a Super Bowl berth at stake, this matchup certainly has the ingredients to be a game for the ages.

"I do think it's going to be a close game," said senior Seahawks fan Robbie Waddell. "It's going to be a nail-biter."

down the stretch to win 80-70.

Freshman Jo Paine led the Broncos with 19 points. Two days later, the Tigers from Pacific took their first lead with about 14:18 left in the first half and never looked back, eventually winning 88-68.

Santa Clara was plagued by turnovers throughout the contest, coughing up the basketball 24 times in the loss.

The Broncos now hold a 6-10 record overall, with a 2-3 conference record. Their next game is at home on Jan. 17 against the University of Portland.

Women's Club Volleyball

The women's club volleyball team started the 2014 season with a win at home against the University of California, Davis, on Saturday. The team won the hard-fought match in five games.

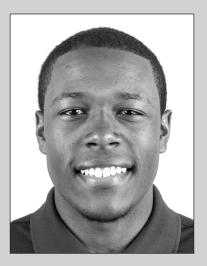
"This season we have some great goals set as a team," said Team President Megan Carlson. "We have seven new rookies who all bring great assets to the team, so we are aiming to place top-15... We also expect to become closer as a team. Our team motto for the season is 'we fight together."

The team plays in the Northern California Collegiate Volleyball League.

out the playoffs, consistently running for positive yardage and setting up the Niners

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Jared Brownridge

Men's Basketball

The freshman capped off a 23-point performance against Saint Mary's College with a gamewinning 3-pointer. (Kerry) Keating had called timeout and so I knew I could celebrate with my teammates and regroup.

What were your immediate thoughts after hitting the shot?

Where does this play rank among your most memorable basketball moments?

I was really excited after I saw the ball go in. I knew (Head) Coach Right now it's at the top. But hopefully there is more to come.

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Ivan Munoz

Tainting America's Pastime

Performance-enhancing drugs have once again found their way into public discussion in light of recent news about New York Yankee Alex Rodriguez, one of Major League Baseball's notorious users.

Let me pose the PED issue in a more relatable manner. You are studying for a final. You have dedicated countless amounts of hours to this final and hope that your hard work will pay off.

Meanwhile, a classmate of yours has been constantly partying, which means that they will not dedicate the time to study. Come the final exam, you are prepared and feel sharp. Your classmate enters the room at ease, with an index card full of useful information up their sleeve. You get the results back and find out your classmate does better than you.

This is obviously unfair. Your classmate had an unfair advantage.

Rodriguez decided to cheat the system as well, but he is fighting for his side. The slugger sued the MLB and the league's Players Association in hopes to overturn his recently restructured 162-game punishment for PED use.

Rodriguez and his lawyers filed a suit in the U.S. District Court with the premise that arbitrator Fredric Horowitz implemented the 162-game ban on Rodriguez in an inherently biased manner. The complaint filed explains that Horowitz failed to consider the Joint Drug Agreement, which calls for a 50-game suspension for a first-time offender.

Rodriguez engaged in negotiation talks with the MLB last spring, but both parties failed to compromise. Rodriguez rejected the deals that would have most likely reduced his suspension length.

By contesting his sentence, Rodriguez has endangered his chances of returning to the game. He faces not only a prolonged trial, but also the possibility of an even longer suspension due to new witnesses that have come forward in the investigation, one of whom is Anthony Bosch.

Preparing for Postseason Push

Club team takes the ice with aspirations in mind

Sydney Sanchez The Santa Clara

In a place where the sun shines almost all year long, the Santa Clara men's club ice hockey team lives life in the cold. Bonded by their passion for the

sport and their love for musician Ben Howard, the hockey team is well on its way this season, currently holding a record of 7-6-1.

This tight-knit group of players hopes to put Santa Clara hockey on the map and make an appearance in the Pacific Collegiate Hockey Association postseason later in the year.

"We're expecting to make the playoffs this year," said junior wing David Griffin. "If we win our next few games that will put us in a good position for that. Our goal is to win the league in playoffs and hopefully get a chance to go to regionals."

Head Coach Brian Gray also believes that the team has a legitimate shot once the puck is dropped for playoff action.

"We have a really good team this year and there's no reason why we can't win it all," said Gray.

The team faces competition from schools such as Stanford University, University of California, Davis, and San Francisco State University. With such a demanding schedule, the squad puts in work like any other college athletic team.

"It's an adjustment for freshman and newcomers because its very different from other types of hockey," said junior defender Alex Warner. "It's a completely different atmosphere — competition and commitment-wise."

Newcomer Christian Miller agreed.

"I have seen players of a caliber I haven't previously experienced, both on our team and in our opponents," said Miller. "The competition is much stronger here."

ses that haveDespite high-stakes pressure,vestigation,the team has a great time both aty Bosch.practice and in the games.



COURTESY OF THE MEN'S CLUB ICE HOCKEY TEAM

Although they attend a university with one of the warmest climates in the nation year-round, students with a passion for ice hockey have found a sanctuary on the rink. The men's club ice hockey team is winding down its season, with eyes set on the playoffs.

care of business when they need to.

"The mood at practice is laid back," said Griffin. "But all the guys put in effort, and they're out there working their hardest every time they're on the ice."

The team's hard work has paid off. Only two of their six losses this season have been by more than one goal.

"We've been a little off in games," said Gray. "We've lost a few that we should have won easily enough."

At the team's core are players such as Griffin and Warner, students who have been dedicated to the program since their freshman year at Santa Clara. I didn't think I'd have time," said McGonigle. "I decided to come out this year and I love it. Last year I missed the competitive nature of games and the camaraderie of being on a team. It's great to have that this year."

McGonigle is one of six rookies on the team this year.

"We have a whole spectrum of guys, experience level-wise, which makes for an interesting team dynamic," said McGonigle. "Its great to have all different abilities on the team — everyone's getting better."

While the team welcomes a few new players this year, they'll also say goodbye to a few of its graduating teammates. have had a chance to learn from the veterans all season long.

"The leadership aspect of having the older guys mentor the newer guys is great for the team," said McGonigle. "Hockey is a game built on chemistry, and we're building that every time we step on the ice together."

The Broncos will face their next opponent, Stanford's club ice hockey team, on Jan. 17 at the Nazarth Ice Oasis in Redwood City, Calif.

"I think this is a building year and we could've done a little better this season." said McGonigle.

Bosch was the owner of the clinic where Rodriguez was given his PEDs. Bosch is a key witness that could very well hinder Rodriguez's career by either extending his punishment or shedding light to new details that will make Rodriguez shameful to the world of baseball.

The MLB does not need players like Rodriguez. Not only do they taint the name of the league and make fans question the authenticity of other players, but PED users also compete in an unfair manner over players who have played genuinely both in the present and in the past.

Rodriguez should have settled with the MLB last spring and accepted punishment. He would have most likely been able to play during the second half of last season, although I surely would not want him anywhere near my team.

Ivan Munoz is a junior political science and English double major.

"Practices are very focused on improving our team play," said Miller. "We laugh and have a good time, but there is no doubt that we get a lot of work done at our practices."

Despite the occasional jokes, Griffin agreed that the squad takes

New to the team this year are a handful of freshmen as well as sophomore center Kelly McGonigle.

"I didn't play last year because

"All the seniors play a special role on the team and we'll miss them all, especially since we have such a small team," said Warner.

Despite the seniors' upcoming departure, the team's newcomers

"But we're optimistic for next year because we'll have more experience and I think the wins will start coming."

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