Interest Gauged in Bus Pass
Survey released to students to determine viability of VTA use
Matthew Rupel
THE SANTA CLARA

Associated Student Government is looking to expand the Santa Clara “bubble” with the help of the Valley Transportation Authority next year. A survey was released today for juniors, sophomores and freshmen to gauge potential interest in a student bus pass that would make off-campus travel viable to more students, according to Senior Senator Josh Ronen.

“Sometimes we can get stuck on campus,” said Ronen. “This way, students without a car would have an easier time making trips to downtown San Jose or the mall.”

The initiative would join the likes of ZipCar to promote options for activities beyond the campus. The pass would allow students to use any VTA route, travelling to shopping areas like the Great Mall in Milpitas or the theme park California’s Great America, located on the other side of the City of Santa Clara.

The bus pass will work similarly to the Eco Pass which is already in place for students at De Anza Community College and San Jose State University, according to Navdeep Kaur, a representative from VTA. Students pay a registration fee at the beginning of their term, and then receive a sticker to attach to their student ID card. That sticker grants access to the bus and light rail lines offered by VTA.

A survey conducted last year showed student interest in the program, but there was still room to gauge how many students would actually use the program, according to Ronen.

“You really have to make it clear to students when and where they need to be to get something,” said Ronen.

The survey sent out today gives more details on the program, including a potential cost between $37 and $65. A timeline has not been set for the service yet.

“Each school’s governing system is different,” said Kaur. “San Jose City College adopted the pass in July, but still isn’t using the system.”

Santa Clara first needs to gauge student interest in the program. Even if students show strong support for the pass, ASG will still need to pass the initiative through the Board of Trustees.

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Federal Student Aid Cuts Loom
DOE to cut budget, affects FAFSA grants
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ASSOCIATE REPORTER

With federal budget cuts around the corner, the U.S. Department of Education is prepared to cut about $4 billion from their budget, signaling a potentially significant decrease in funding for the Office of Postsecondary Education and the Office of Federal Student Aid.

This reduction will take place if the “sequester” automatic spending cuts go into effect as of March 1. About $85 billion is on stake for this year.

How the cuts in funding may directly apply to Santa Clara students is still unknown, but it is known that sequestration would be a five percent reduction to Title IV allocation. This means there would be a direct affect on college work-study and the supplemental grant programs.

“Approximately $40 Santa Clara University students may see about a $400 average reduction to their financial aid,” said Jeffery S. Rouh, the associate director of the Financial Aid Office. “Santa Clara University has not made any decision regarding sequestration because we are unsure of what true impact it will have on our students.”

All undergraduate students are required to submit their FAFSA application by March 2. If not sent in by then, the application will not be processed.

If sequestration goes into effect, the funding notification received from the university and federal offices may not be completely accurate until all final decisions are made by the Department of Education, the federal offices, and Santa Clara. The university decides the allocation of aid within its own perimeter as it remains a private institution. But this does not mean that the university will go on unaffected.

“Financial aid is extremely important, especially as the cost of education continues to rise. As a student relying on financial aid
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1. Head of Mexico’s powerful teachers’ union jailed: Mexico’s most powerful woman was formally charged with a massive embezzlement scheme on Wednesday, stand- ing grim-faced behind bars live on national television in what many called a clear message that the new government is asserting its authority. The national teachers’ union head Elba Esther Gordillo, known as a matriarch of the powerful countrywide teachers’ union, was formally charged with embezzling 2 billion pesos (about $160 million) from union funds, as well as organized crime. The judge in the case said a decision about whether the evidence is sufficient to merit a trial would be taken in three to six days. She was arrested Tuesday afternoon as she returned from San Diego for a meeting of leaders of the 1.5 million-member National Union of Education Workers. She was heading the union’s first trip to President Enrique Pena Nieto’s administration across the country’s most sweeping educational reform in more than 20 years.

From AP Reports.

2. Threats of violence in Kenyan slums color election: Dozens of shack homes have been burned to the ground in recent weeks in Mathare, Nairobi’s most dangerous slum. Families are moving into zones controlled by their own clans, fearful of attacks between the tribes of Kenya’s top two presidential candidates.

Kenya on Monday holds its first presidential election since the 2007 vote devolved into months of tribal violence that killed more than 1,000 people and displaced 600,000 from their homes. In a hopeful sign this year’s presidential candidates pledged at weekend prayer rally to accept the outcome of the election and ensure violence doesn’t again break out. But the government-funded Kenyan National Commission on Human Rights on Wednesday released a long list of physical attacks, hate speech and cases of ethnic intimidation Kenya has seen in recent weeks, expos- ing an undercurrent of tribal tension. Those strains are on high display in Mather, where at least seven people have died and 150 shacks burned in the last two months.

From AP Reports.

3. World’s postal services struggle with lower demand: The U.S. Postal Service sparked uproar this month when it announced plans to stop de- livering letters on Saturdays. New Zealand is considering more drastic cuts three days of deliveries per week instead of six. It’s only in the past few years that postal services have truly felt the pinch of the Internet. Revenues at the USPS, which delivers about 40 percent of the world’s mail, peaked in 2007 at $87.5 billion. But the decline since then has been rapid. USPS revenue in 2012 fell to $65 billion, and its losses were $8.5 billion. It handled 166 billion pieces of mail that year, down from 232 bil- lion in 2007. And it had slashed its workforce by 156,000, or 23 percent. Elsewhere, the news is just as grim. La Poste in France estimates that by 2015, it will be delivering 30 percent fewer letters than it did in 2008. Japan last year delivered 13 percent fewer letters than it did four years earlier. In Denmark, the postal service said letter volumes dropped 12 percent in a single year.

From AP Reports.

4. Putin calls for upgrade of Russian army: Russian President Vladi- mir Putin told the country’s top brass on Wednesday to drastically upgrade the armed forces in the next few years as part of response to attempts by the United States and NATO to “tip the strategic balance” in the world.

In his address to Russia’s defense ministry and top military officials, Putin said Russia is witnessing “insistent attempts” to change that balance and complained about U.S. plans to create a new missile defense system in Europe and the potential expansion of NATO to former Soviet republics.

“Geopolitical developments call for our response to be well-calculated and quick,” Putin said. “The Russian armed forces must move to a dramatically new level of ca- pabilities as soon as in the next three to five years.” Putin blasted the legacy of for- mer Russian Defense Minister Ana- toly Serdyukov who was dismissed in November 2012 amid a corruption scandal involving billions of rubles reportedly embezzled by the ministry and affiliated firms.

From AP Reports.
Signe Wilkinson, a well-noted political cartoonist, will be speaking at Santa Clara on March 5. The cartoons on her website are from a comic strip “Penn’s Place” and have appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. She is well-loved by fans who read three different newspapers and political, social, and a series called “Family Tree,” which deal with a range of social issues.

Texts Featured

New exhibit exemplifies blend of history, religion

Malory Miller
THE SANTA CLARA

Sacred texts have created spiritual awe, meaning and beliefs for religion throughout the history of the human race. They help open minds to other realms that are difficult to comprehend. Santa Clara’s Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education recognized the importance of the spiritual- ity that comes along with sacred texts and objects by presenting “Dia- loguing with Sacred Text: An Exhibit of Sacred Texts Past, Present, and Future.”

“Sacred texts narrate life into religious and secular culture in a variety of expected and unexpected ways,” said Michael McCarthy, S.J., executive director of the Ignatian Center. “This exhibit explores and experiments with the form, meaning, and activity of sacred texts of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.”

Even if you do not have a strong religious inclination, the pure history of the Santa Clara exhibit still strikes interest from a purely artistic perspective. The exhibit is located in archives and special collections gallery of the Harrington Learning Commons.

There is an array of different sacred texts in the exhibit featuring 15 artists. A few sacred texts and objects include a 27-foot prayer rope and a “Bible shirt” containing interwoven biblical text and buttons. Also displayed is a “study guide for experimental contemplatives” in the form of fabricated books that navigate spiritual practices and a multimedia book structure that interposes unusual woods, handmade paper, fossils, and mica. The exhibit sought to answer questions such as “What most about sacred text, the object or the content?” said Michelle Tressness, the exhibit curator. “Is a sacred text still sacred when its altered or transformed?” The exhibit will be on display through June 30.

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CAMPUS SAFETY

Alarm
2/22: A Nobili Hall fire alarm was activated by burned popcorn in a resident’s room. CSS responded.

Alcohol Related
MediCal Emergency
2/24: A student was reported intoxicated and unable to care for himself at an off-campus party. He was escorted back to campus by another student. CSS, SCCU EMS, SCPD and paramedics responded. He was transported to Kaiser Permanente Medical Center by paramedics.

Alcohol Violation
2/24: Students were found in possession of several bottles of alcoholic beverages in their room. The alcohol was confiscated and disposed of.

Assault
2/25: CSS and SCPD responded to a report of a female student having an argument with her non-affiliate boyfriend in front of Walsh Hall. The case was turned over to SCPD.

Bicycle Theft
2/25: A bicycle was reported stolen from the Kenna Hall bike racks. The bicycle was secured to the rack with a cable lock.

Found Property
2/24: A single car key was found and turned in to the CSS office.

Indecent Exposure
2/24: An unknown suspicious male was reported exposing himself to a staff member in the Benson Memorial Center men’s restroom.

Informational Report
2/24: Campus Safety assisted a student in removing a bicycle lock from a student’s bike.

Medical Emergency
2/25: A student was reported feeling faint and dizzy in the green room of Mayer Theater. CSS responders and escorted her to Cowell Health Center.

Suspicious Person
2/23: A non-affiliate male was reported soliciting goods in Casa Italiana. CSS and SCPD responded.

Theft
2/23: A computer mouse was reported missing from the Harrington Learning Commons.

Vandalism
2/24: A planter located on a corner of Kennedy Commons was found vandalized with the flowers missing.
CAMPUS BRIEFS

SCBooks Online

Spring quarter is just around the corner, which means a new set of classes and a new set of books are on the horizon.

SCBooks Online is a Web app designed especially for Santa Clara students by junior Scott Hardy. The application can be used to find the textbooks you need for your classes and where to buy them for the lowest prices.

The layout is similar to the Web app for SC classes online, placing the same emphasis on how easy it is to use. All it takes is three steps. Use eCampus to copy your schedule into the home page, paste your schedule into the box on SCBooks Online and save time and money on your textbooks by ordering them through the site. Hardy launched the website on Jan. 2.

“Getting your books from the (Santa Clara) bookstore can be a slow process,” said Hardy. “It’s tedious having to add each class from series of four drop down bars. I created SCBooks to help students find their books easier, cheaper and faster.”

The site uses the official textbook listings from the Santa Clara bookstore to build a custom list of books for each student.

On average, SCBooks finds prices that are 3-4 percent lower than the bookstore’s prices. SCBooks pulls the cheapest books from a variety of sources: Amazon, Book Renter and the Santa Clara bookstore. Hardy is currently working on adding Chegg to that list.

Hardy is also working on adding a feature to the Web app so students will be able to go on and list their books to sell them at their own set price, granting all students access to each other’s books. When adding books to sell, the website will have suggested retail prices. But, in the end, students will have the ultimate say in setting the price of their own books.

SCEO to Host Startup Career Fair

Santa Clara Entrepreneur’s Organization will be hosting the Santa Clara Startup Expo 2013, a career fair featuring local start-up companies. The event, held on March 6, is co-sponsored by the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and Santa Clara Career Center. It offers Santa Clara students the opportunity to connect with Silicon Valley startup companies by exposing them to internships and job opportunities in the start-up environment.

The event, which is open to students of all majors, has been held yearly since 2011. The success of the startup career fair’s first event has propelled the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship to continue hosting the event.

According to the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship’s website, last year approximately 60 Silicon Valley startups and over 300 students attended last year’s Santa Clara Startup Expo. Students included Santa Clara alumni and startup companies, including Robots Inc., a company that offers robot technology solutions and Stylematic, an online-stores-personal-stylist and style mobile app.

This year’s startup attendees include a wide range of technologies from Inertia Technology, which offers 3-D motion tracking products, to Backup That, which offers file backup services.

The event will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the California Mission Room in the lower floor of the Benson Memorial Center.

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HUNGER PAINS BAY AREA

Cold winter months increase need for volunteers

Rachel Davidson
Assistant News Editor

Food pantries in the Bay Area have a greater need for volunteers and food funding than ever before, according to AltFest, who is thankful for the influx of donations around the holidays, but doesn’t take a vacation, said AltFest’s Communications Manager Michael Alt. “At the end of the day, hunger doesn’t take a vacation,” said AltFest, who is thankful for the influx of donations around the holidays, but doesn’t take a vacation.

In response to this study, senior Michelle Maddox said that SCCAP will continue their support for the homeless programs most connected to the problems with local food banks. As the coordinator for the entire Homelessness Department, Maddox reminded students that “it’s important that we, as educators and privileged people, create opportunities and resources for others.”

Local food pantries are using the information revealed by the study to call on their communities to advocate, donate and volunteer to support their neighbors and end hunger in 2013.

One of the biggest challenges that these organizations face is the fact that their networks are almost entirely volunteer-run. According to the study, 61 percent of food pantries surveyed reported that they have no paid staff members.

Looming ahead are the March 3 budget cuts from the federal sequestration that would shrink unemployment benefits by nearly 10 percent. The cuts are expected to affect food banks and students. 70 percent of food pantries reported that state, local and federal cuts were affecting their operations.

“It is a tough situation,” senior Rosa Segura said that this last element will directly impact SCCAP’s most popular and well-attended homeless program.

Project Open Hands uses Meals on Wheels to deliver food to the physically disabled who are unable to provide food for themselves. 70 percent of the food distributed is to disabled.

Junior Rosa Segura said that this program is especially important for students because the delivery takes place in the Tenderloin District of San Francisco, which allows them to see the homelessness that’s happening in their own backyard.

“On top of just seeing the social contrast, it’s just seeing these people not as statistics or a number, but as a human being,” said Segura, who is one of the Homelessness Department program coordinators.

She added that losing this program wouldn’t only be detrimental for the students involved, but for the people who rely on those weekly visits.

The Homelessness Department continues to volunteer past the chilliest months of the year with SNAP for Good in the Spring, a collaboration with The Office for Sustainability that gathers donated clothes from students and gives them to the various programs that they work with. SCCAP is currently deciding whether they will move this or have similar programs during fall and winter quarters as well.

Maddox said that her team will be sharing the news of this study with local community leaders and asking them to stay involved and be aware of the challenges that are being faced by the clients we are serving.

SCCAP sees their greatest number of volunteers early on in the quarter but regardless of how busy college life can get, there is always a greater need waiting to be served just outside of our campus.

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SCAPSEE TO HOST STARTUP EXPO

Debates Continue

Continued from Page 1

in order to attend college. $400 is incredibly significant in the grand scheme of things,” said freshman Kelsey Rondini.

“Education should be a top priority and we, as a society, cannot afford to cut any spending relating to education and the furthering of future generations,” she added.

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HENRY’S SAYS GOODBYE

Henry’s Fresh Mexican Grill had its final day of business on Sunday. Lined out the door for students to get their final taste of Henry’s famous food. The restaurant has been a Santa Clara tradition for students and locals for many years. The owners are looking for a place to relocate but have not made official plans to re-open in a nearby location.

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OPINION
Thursday, February 28, 2013

With the constant onslaught of exams, projects, appointments, sports, arts, friends and relationships, time management is essential to keeping your head above water. Remaining organized, upbeat and focused not only keeps you sane, it allows you to succeed.

How To Organize Your Days

Sara Broyles

Before I learned proper time management skills, I found myself in a never-ending cycle of procrastination and stress—never having enough time to complete something and always wishing I had more time to do it.

Time management is an essential life skill that many college students have difficulties perfecting. Without a doubt, it’s an acquired skill which must be honed. To that end, it also takes a lot of practice.

Here are a few tips that can help you develop more effective time management skills so your work can be completed in a more timely and efficient manner, ultimately allowing you to spend more time with friends and doing the things you enjoy.

Understand Yourself

Some students have little trouble with time allocation for school work and other things. Others have a hard time resisting the pressures from their peers to go out when they know they have to complete an assignment. To gain a better understanding of yourself as a student, try and figure out what study habits and methods work best for you. Do you need absolute silence or a little bit of background noise? For midterms and finals, do you work better studying with a small group or individually? Understanding yourself and your study habits is the first step in effective time management skills because it will help you become more efficient when you study.

Stay Organized

Staying organized is crucial to time management. If you don’t use a planner, think about investing in one. Being able to look at weeks in advance and writing in due dates for lab reports and papers will visually help you to see all of your assignments and plan out a schedule that works for you to get it all done.

Use colored pens and highlighters to make important deadlines stand out. Staying organized will help you to stay on track and complete your assignments on time.

Set Goals

Goal-setting will help you to prioritize what needs to be done and when to do it. Having clear goals allows you to make the best decisions and creates your highest motivation. The key to setting goals is to be specific. For example, a goal such as “study for CHEME 113 for one hour every day up until the midterm” will help you to stay on a consistent study schedule and also help with information retention.

Once you have your goals in mind, writing them down will help you solidify exactly what needs to get done and when. Keeping yourself accountable will help you to remain on track to completing everything on time without feeling stressed out or rushed to finish whatever the task is at hand.

Plan Ahead

After you’ve written your assignments in your planner, you will be better able to plan ahead on what needs to be completed. Over the weekend, look at your assignments for the following week and write out a list of the order in which you want to complete the assignments. Avoid going ahead to miss out on the nice weather because you’ll be trapped in the library all day? Take your reading outside so you don’t miss out on catching some rays while also finishing your work. This will save you time throughout the week so you can spend more time on other things.

Time management will make you more efficient and focused, which will produce better results, ultimately leading to a happier, healthier and more focused you.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Broncos vs. Zags

The Editor,

How many more times can we lose to Gonzaga University? Santa Clara can be as good as Gonzaga but the university has never made the commitment. With our academic excellence, modern facilities, a campus that is equal to any other school, in an outstanding weather location and close to two major cities that feature the most influential technology companies in the world, Santa Clara should be among the basketball elite.

There are some immediate steps the administration could make to change this situation. Hire Kurt Rambis to coach. He was one of the toughest players ever to play at Santa Clara. He is a four-time NBA champion and knows how to compete at the highest level.

Have Steve Nash help with recruiting. He is the general manager of the Canadian national basketball team. What star players could he help recruit to Santa Clara?

Give the program the budget it needs and upgrade the schedule. Santa Clara played Duke University competitively. That could be the norm, not the exception.

Make the commitment! It will be an incredible experience for the Santa Clara community.

Frank Colorusso Class of 1978
Sports Editor, The Santa Clara 1976-77

Hey Isn’t for Horses

To the Editor,

Ever since I first saw the movie “Happy Gilmore” the “Hey Song” and sporting events have become synonymous with each other like salt and pepper. It is the one jock jam that is guaranteed to liven up the crowd at any game. Recently though, my fellow Ru saline fans and I have noticed the song has disappeared from Santa Clara basketball games. What happened?

Well, turns out the original artist of the song, Gary Glitter, was recently arrested for pedophilia and owning child pornography. Consequently, an ahmuns e-mailed the two leaders of Pep Band and Santa Clara President Michael Engh, S.J., to ask that it be removed from their playlist. As a result, the song has been mixed from all games.

This ruling is absolutely ridiculous. How can the Pep Band be banned from playing one of the most popular jock jams of all time? Other teams in the West Coast Conference still play the song and many of them hold the same ideals as Santa Clara.

So, we sadly say goodbye to the “Hey Song.” May the Pep Band carry on its tradition of firing up the crowd with its other songs and may the administration hopefully read this letter and reconsider its decision in time for the WCC Tournament.

Trevor Belanger
Class of 2014

Bride and Prejudice

Natalia Gupta

My parents agreed to get married after knowing each other for 30 minutes. In the time it takes me to finish an episode of “Parks and Recreation,” I am a load of laundry or wait in line at the Department of Motor Vehicles, my parents met, chatted over a cup of tea and consented to spend the rest of their lives together. They’re now married for 27 beautiful years, getting to know each other better every day.

With a mom married at 19, a grandma married at 17 and another grandma married at 15, I’m 21, unmarried and starting a new trend, for better or for worse. As a bright-eyed Indian girl finishing college, I am not oblivious to the entire subcontinent of people who would love to see me married.

Just two weeks ago at a family function, four Pisces elderly women prayed I find a nice husband quickly. After all that, a friend so blinded by her critical timeline for my marital future aggressively husband-searching at 23, dating for two years, married at 25 and kids by 30. “You can always pursue your career and go to school,” she claimed, “but the window to starting your family is very narrow.”

Not surprisingly, in the past six months I have been set up twice. Here’s the thing, I would like four religious women to pray that I find the world’s best business school. I would like to turn 22 before being bombarded with marriage pressures. I would like my friends’ moms to stop forcing me to learn how to cook for my future husband. I would also love to see a Disney movie where the girl does not solely exist to meet Prince Charming, get married and live happily ever after. I would pay absurd amounts of money for Walt Disney to rename it “Snow White and the Seven Startups.”

Why can’t Cinderella pursue her Ph.D in computer science with a minor in astrophysics and fall in love at lab one day?

I’ve seen arranged marriages fail and flourish, who is to say what really works? But what I’ve taken away from my American-Indian upbringing shaped by equally damaging romantic comedies and Bollywood movies is this: long-lasting love can come in unexpected forms. The key is to be open to the older generation meddling once in a while, and keeping your head on straight.

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Stop Deluding Yourself, There Are No Heroes

News broke that another hero had fallen from grace on Feb. 15. The night before, Oscar Pistorius, the South African double amputee who ran in the Olympic men’s 400-meter finals, shot through his bathroom door, killing his girlfriend, 29-year-old Reeva Steenkamp.

Pistorius became the poster boy for overcoming adversity in the 2012 Olympic Games. Not only had he become one of the fastest men in the world in his distance despite having both his legs amputated at the knee, but he also had been told four years earlier that his carbon fiber prosthetics that allowed him to compete gave him an “unfair advantage.” After fighting with the Olympic committee, Pistorius was finally allowed to compete in 2012.

Pistorius’ story was heartwarming in every sense. However, most heartwarming stories of underdogs and champions crumble once we discover the truth: they’re human. Unfortunately, this is not an uncommon occurrence.

Michael Phelps was a god among men when he took home eight gold medals in Beijing. Breaking records at every turn, Phelps seemed unstoppable. Then, before the London Olympics, Phelps was caught smoking marijuana. This, combined with comments that he had not trained as hard for London, led many to say that Phelps had coped out, winning only six gold medals in the next games.

Manti Te’o saw a similar shift from respect to ridicule. He finished his last season with the University of Notre Dame as one of the best linebackers in college football, even coming close to the Heisman Trophy. Once the story broke that he had been catfished, he became a laughingstock. While it’s likely he will still be a first-round draft pick, he may never return from the effects of the scandal.

These three figures share a storyline oddly similar to all those who were infallible, that they will never be removed from the pedestal. The public gives praise of the public right up until they take their leave. We like to believe that our heroes have great morals. In the end, our heroes are just as human as the rest of us.

Great moral tales aren’t required to excel in other ways. We must realize that the reason they became famous often was not their unwavering morality. We must not confuse great talent with great morals. In the end, our heroes are just as human as the rest of us.

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Students Network at Internship Fair

Opportunities spotlighted at annual event

Summer Meza
THE SANTA CLARA

As a college student, not many things are more critical to planning a future than finding opportunities for experience and employment. While summer jobs can be great, flipping burgers or babysitting doesn’t exactly make for a jaw-dropping resume when it comes to finding a long-term career in your field after graduation.

That’s where internships come in. This past Monday, hundreds of freshmen and sophomores circulated through the California Mission Room in the Benson Memorial Center, meeting and networking with representatives from 70 different companies that were seeking students to fill their collective 150 internship positions.

This event, put on by the Career Center, occurs every quarter, and nearly always is an extremely helpful learning experience for those in attendance. “It was great practice in putting yourself out there,” said freshman Andrew Knauer. “This sort of thing makes it that much easier in the future.”

Attending events like these can certainly be intimidating, which is why many participants opted to attend the internship fair work-shop in addition to the fair itself. The workshop, also organized by the Career Center less than a week before the fair, trained students in how to polish up their resumes and how to make a great first impres-sion in order to make the most of the short time spent meeting each representative.

The fair also opened eyes to new employers that many had never heard of. “Most of the representa-tives were from companies I never knew existed,” said sophomore Mea Hardcastle. “It was cool to get a chance to learn from companies I would have never known I had an opportunity to intern at.”

Actually getting a position of an intern is only half of what can be learned from attending the fairs put on each quarter. While not every stu-dent who came was able to make a substantial connection with any particular company, the exposure to this kind of employment event was a valuable lesson in and of it-self. “It was good to be able to gain experience in making the most of a short conversation,” said sophomore Taylor Hawes.

Others echoed this sentiment, or felt that coming as a freshman would make for an even more meaningful experience as a sophomore, with some practice out of the way.

“Besides just learning about oppor-tunities for myself, I also learned cool facts about companies and got to hear about what working for one was like on a day-to-day basis,” said sophomore Joe Beirne. “You don’t get that too often,” reinforced Hawes. Some students didn’t feel that the small room for the huge turnout made for a very good setting for mak-ing good connections, and some look forward to the next fair as a chance to hear from companies a little more closely related to their major or inter-ests. “I just wanted to get a feel for it as a freshman,” said freshman Kaithlin Naidu. Many are hopeful that making themselves available and pursuing opportunities such as these will help them in their future pursuits of internships or careers.

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Buzz Builds for Poetry

Appreciating the art of spoken word gets competitive

Liz Wassmann
THE SANTA CLARA

Spoken word is a simple, yet beautiful language-based perfor-mance art. It’s also well suited for competition, with participants writing an original poem and per-forming it in an engaging, moving way. Here on campus, there is an opportunity to see this kind of art performed.

Tonight, contestants will present original poetry and use dramatic performance skills to enhance their reading. After an official competition, the floor will open to anyone who wants to par-ticipate. The event, cosponsored by the Santa Clara Review and the creative writing program, will be complete with coffee and music.

Tim Myers, a creative writing lecturer, will host the event and The Jurassis, a student band, will perform. The event will feature passionate, honest language made public in an entertaining and en-gaging format.

Senior English major Joanne Santsombo is thrilled to see the revival of spoken word on cam-pus. “When I came as a freshman,” said Santsombo, “there was not a thriving slam poetry scene. But I’m excited that I’ve been able to watch it grow over my four years here.”

Santsombo was part of the planning committee for the event, and can’t wait to see how the Santa Clara community responds. There are more slam poetry and spoken word events planned for later in the year as well, and popularity is only expected to grow.

Spoken word poetry reflects real issues and ideas in an understand-able, relatable and interesting way. Slam poetry has been a feature of Love Jones, the performance put on by Igwekuh and the Multicultu-ral Center featuring a large array of talents over the past several years. However, tonight’s event really fo-cuses on appreciating poetry being read aloud.

This has been a big showcase week for writing talent on campus, with the Santa Clara Review’s re-lease of their 100th volume and the competition tonight. Everyone is encouraged to come out at 8 p.m. at the Williman Room in Benson Memorial Center to watch 15 per-formers compete and give it their all.

The competition will let us see the creative talent that our peers have to offer and perhaps even be inspired to participate someday.

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Scene Spotlight

Lauren’s Locales: Piedras Blancas Lighthouse

Lauren Bonney
Associate Reporter

Interested in seeing some Animal Planet in action? Then take a trip down to Point Piedras Blancas, just a few hours south of Santa Clara, and observe the elephant seals. These creatures annually swim all the way from Alaska to the sandy beaches of California. February is the peak of their breeding season, when thousands of these incredibly large animals come to this particular stretch of beach.

Walk along the designated elephant seal viewing point and watch as two-ton males lay claim to their domain. They lie comfortably on the beach unless another male comes to challenge, at which time they use their jarringly loud calls to ward them off, or sometimes fight. Meanwhile, the female seals and their pups lounge and snooze in the sand, quite relaxed compared to the territorial males.

Friendly and informative volunteer docents can be found along the walkway, dedicated to educating people about marine life.

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SCU Brand4U Aids in Job Search

Personal branding improves future employment prospects

Philip Sykes
Associate Reporter

The transition from college to the real world of business can be an intimidating process. In an ongoing effort to provide students with the tools they need to help bridge this gap and get a jump start on their lives, Santa Clara is starting the “SCU Brand4U” program.

The program is designed to assure the success of students in college, careers and in life, according to Buford Barr, a business and communication professor.

“Too often we see students starting behind,” said Barr. “(They) make mistakes, and don’t present themselves the way that they need to.”

Jocylen Ashton, director of Career Management, said “Whether it’s grad school or a best-fit job, building a viable personal brand is the expectation.”

Personal branding is a part of marketing yourself to companies, but it’s also something we do for ourselves every day. Personal branding is what sets you apart from other people.

“Social media automatically creates personal branding for you,” said Ashton, who also emphasized that how you present yourself in all aspects of your life affects your brand.

“Today’s market is different,” said Barr. “Everything is faster, and you have to stand out. We (are asked) the question ‘Why should I hire you?’ How would you answer that?”

Brands are a huge part of market yourself. “It’s critical to articulate and develop personal branding as early as we can,” Barr said. “As you move out of college life, it’s important that you get a good return on your investment.”

Part of this, he adds, is the use of your time in college to explore interests and possibilities. “You used to have the leisure of exploring something that you didn’t know you would be interested in,” said Barr.

“He can’t do that anymore. You need practical experience.”

Is freshman year too early for college students to begin developing their personal brands? Absolutely not, says Barr. The purpose of SCU Brand4U is all about giving students the head start they need to succeed in the application of their education. “We want to give students the tools to get an edge and get started faster,” said Barr.

Still in the pilot stage, SCU Brand4U is a voluntary noncredit program, but eventually it could become a credited course. Barr hopes that SCU Brand4U will help students not only have their pitches ready for employers, but also get the best return on their education investment.

“Many students take on tremendous debt to go to college,” said Barr. “We want them to make fewer mistakes and get off to a stronger start on their careers.”

Students interested in creating a brand for themselves can attend the College to Career workshop tonight in Lucas Hall.

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TOP REASONS TO LEAVE YOUR COUCH THIS WEEK

SEE ABP AND RLCA PRESENT: ELECTRIC DAISY CLARA, 3/6

2/28 | THURSDAY
Santa Clara and Silicon Valley Reads Present the Book of the Quarter: "The Long Walk: A Story of War and the Life That Follows"
Time: 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Location: Kennedy Commons
Why Go? Brian Castner’s book talks about both his experiences in the war and provides an unflinching portrayal of the toll that war exacts on the men and women who are fighting it. Brian will discuss his book with Thomas Plante, Augustin Cardinal Bea, S.J., university professor of the Psychology Department, and take questions from the audience. There will be a book signing following the talk.

Spoken Word Poetry
Time: 8 p.m.
Location: Wilman Room, Benson Memorial Center
Why Go? Join us for a night of honest, passionate language made public. Competition followed by an open mic. Come watch or sign up to participate by contacting Tim Myers.

3/1 | MONDAY
SCU Presents: Winter 2013 Orchestra Concert
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Mission Church
Why Go? Come see a concert of orchestral music featuring both classical and the music of movie soundtracks.

SCU Presents: Six Degrees of Separation
Time: 8 p.m.
Location: Mayer Theatre
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3/3 | SUNDAY
Liturgy
Time: 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.
Location: Mission Church

SCU Presents: Six Degrees of Separation
Time: 2 p.m.
Location: Mayer Theatre
Why Go? This imaginative tour de force is a witty, biting, yet ultimately sincere commentary on what drives people – the desire for money, fame, social standing, comfort and meaningful human connection.

3/4 | MONDAY
ASG State of the Organization
Time: 4 p.m.
Location: California Mission Room
Why Go? Associated Student Government invites you to participate in the Winter State of the Organization event. ASG will share brief updates and progress on various projects.

3/5 | TUESDAY
Pulitzer Prize Winning Editorial Cartoonist: Signe Wilkinson
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: de Saisset Museum
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3/6 WEDNESDAY
Music at Noon: Brian Thorsett
Time: 12 p.m.
Location: Recital Hall
Why Go? Kevin Rivard and Brian Thorsett are joined by Teresa McCollough in chamber works for French horn, tenor and piano.

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APB and RLCA Present: Electric Daisy Clara
Time: 8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Location: Locatelli Student Activity Center
Why Go? Break out your neon clothes, candy bracelets and glow sticks and get ready to rave! EDC is back and this year it’s free! Come for a crazy night full of electric dance music featuring Clark Kent and DJ JW.

To suggest events for the calendar please contact Samantha Juda at: sjuda@scu.edu.
Women’s Basketball Splits Two

The Santa Clara women’s basketball team split two conference home games this past week and has positioned themselves for a favorable place in the West Coast Conference Tournament coming up next week. The Broncos fell to the conference leading Gonzaga University Bulldogs 70-55 last Thursday. The game was televised nationally on NBC Sports Network. They will be back in action tonight on the road against Saint Mary’s College.

The Broncos now sit at 14-13 overall and 2-3 in conference play. They are currently in possession of fifth place, one game ahead of the University of Portland Pilots. They will close their regular season with a game at fourth-place Saint Mary’s College on Thursday night and then will be back at home against second-place University of San Diego on Saturday before advancing to the conference tournament in Las Vegas.

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Stanley, Jaden – The Santa Clara

Team drops home tilt with Gonzaga before beating Pepperdine

Henry Gula
The Santa Clara

The Broncos played tough against the Bulldogs throughout the game, pulling as close as 24-29 near the end of the first half and then 40-46 midway through the second. Ultimately they could never catch Gonzaga.

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Zurazskyte again had a productive day, scoring 16 and leading the team with eight rebounds.

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WRAPUP

Men’s Basketball

The Broncos got big performances from center Ruta Zurazskyte and guard Megan Pulps. Zurazskyte scored 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, good for her fifth double-double of the season. Pulps added 15, including four of six from 3-point territory.

“IT’s her senior year and she has been struggling to shoot the ball, but she just played relaxed tonight as far as shooting the ball from outside,” fifth-year Head Coach Jennifer Mountain said of Pulps.

“She has worked a lot in the past few days, trying to get herself in rhythm.”

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“We had a good combination of inside and outside presence,” said Mountain.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Briana Rios
Softball

The sophomore pitched six plus scoreless innings during the team’s first win over Idaho State University on Sunday.

What was your mindset coming in from the bullpen so early in the game?

I try to not overthink things, but focus on each pitch, stay positive and relaxed.

How important was it to get the first win out of the way?

It was extremely important. I think that before we were all so anxious and tense about winning, we were letting those feelings get in the way of our full potential individually and as a team.

Do you have any superstitions?

Every game I wear my visor no matter what time of day it is, my shoelaces have to be tied a certain way and I have to fix my mound after each pitch.
As Giants Primed for Success

It's safe to say 2012 was a successful year for Bay Area baseball teams, as the Oakland Athletics surprised everyone by capturing the American League West crown and the San Francisco Giants won it all for the second time in three years. But with 2013 spring training kicking off this past weekend, the page has officially turned and a new baseball season is just around the corner.

While most players take vacations and spend time with their families during the winter offseason, general managers such as Oakland's Billy Beane and San Francisco's Brian Sabean have been hard at work trying to improve their respective teams.

The A's caught a lot of teams off guard last season with their young rotation of starting pitchers. The best move by Oakland was actually one that they didn't make, instead holding onto the already strong arms of second-year starters Jarrod Parker and Tommy Milone. With a year of experience under their belts, both hurlers remain full of potential and should only increase their win total in the pitcher-friendly Oakland Coliseum.

As for the offense, Oakland's biggest offseason splash was the importation of shortsop Hironyuki Nakajima from Japan. Beane was hoping for a repeat of last season's international endeavors, when Cuban defector Yoenis Cespedes was plucked from the Dominican Republic and promptly finished second in American League Rookie of the Year voting.

Nakajima, an eight-time all-star in Japan, spent most of his initial press conference speaking through an interpreter but opened with a statement in English that he had prepared the night before. "Hi Oakland," he began. "My name is Hironyuki Nakajima but you can call me Hero. I'm honored to be here today and very thankful for everyone coming today. Thank you very much Mr. Beane."

Just as Nakajima thanked his general manager in Oakland, Giants fans should be showing gratitude to Sabean for the offseason moves he made to keep San Francisco a top contender again in 2013.

The Giants did well to re-sign underrated contributors such as centerfielder Angel Pagan and infielder Marco Scutaro, but Sabean's best moves were keeping relief pitchers Santiago Casilla and Jeremy Affeldt on board. Quality arms in the bullpen always come at a premium, and the Casilla-Affeldt tandem proved to be one of the best in baseball. Casilla, a hard-throwing right-hander, was deployed to counter righty batters in tight situations while Affeldt, the wily left-hander, was summoned to neutralize left-handers at bat in late inning. Both relief pitchers were highly effective in their roles and will undoubtedly prove valuable again.

Both Bay Area baseball teams are coming off fruitful seasons and have been equipped for more of the same thanks to two of the best general managers in the business. Now all that's left to do is play ball!

Nick Ostiller is a junior communication major and writer for the Women's section.

Baseball Drops Series Against Chicago

Santa Clara pitching hurts team over the weekend

Ryan Mahoney
The Santa Clara

Santa Clara continued its 13-game season-opening home-stand last weekend, dropping two of three games to the University of Illinois, Chicago Flames in a three-game set. The Broncos lost the first game of the series Friday night before splitting a double-header Saturday.

"This is a team that played Tex- as A&M (University) last week- end, and shut that offense down," said Santa Clara Head Coach Dan O'Brien. "Our guys did a great job against them."

Mike Couch took the mound for the Broncos to oppose UIC's Tomas Michelson on Friday night. Couch contributed seven innings, giving up four runs, three of which came on two UIC home runs.

"As good of an outing as that was, he left the ball in the zone and those home runs ended up being the difference in the ball- game," said O'Brien. "When he settled in and started relaxing and executing, he didn't get hit at all."

The home runs were indeed the difference, as the Broncos could only manage three runs in the 5-3 loss. Santa Clara had RBIs from Drew Otanne and Greg Harris.

In the third inning, freshman Kent Woods threw out a UIC runner at home from deep left field saving a run. "Kert's a stud; he's a heck of a player," said O'Brien. "He may not have the greatest arm in the world, but when he needs to make a play, he makes a play."

The Broncos offense exploded on Saturday in a 10-3 win to take the first game of the doubleheader. Santa Clara's Chris Mendoza picked up the win in a game that saw three Broncos record multiple RBIs. Santa Clara broke an early 1-1 tie with a five-run bottom of the fifth.

Looking for the series win in game three, Bronco bats were unable to keep up with UIC's, ultimately dropping the game 15-8.

The game opened with both teams scoring four runs in the first inning. The Flames continued to add on after that and never trailed in the contest. Reece Karalus picked up the loss for Santa Clara, surrendering the ball after just over an inning. Although the off- fense could not out do the Flames, several Broncos had solid night at the plate, including Quinton Perry, who added his fourth home run of the season, and Justin Viele, who had a two-run, two-RBI night on three hits.

"In regards to home runs, I've always been told that home runs are accidents," said Perry. "I try to go up to the plate and have the same approach with each at-bat. Things have been working out well early in the season, hopefully I can stay consistent with that."

The team began a two-game series against San Diego State University on Tuesday night with a comfortable 12-3 win. On Wednesday afternoon, Santa Clara lost 7-4. Their record now sits at 4-5. Santa Clara will continue its long home stand with a three-game series against the Univer- sity of Northern Colorado over the weekend before hosting perennial power Stanford University next week.

Contact Ryan Mahoney at rmahoney@scu.edu or call (408) 554-4852.

WOMEN’S WATER POLO SWEEPS WEEKEND

Santa Clara goalie Stephania Clements saves a shot during the Broncos’ 15-9 win over Azusa Pacific University on Saturday. The senior has been stellar all year, having already been named the Western Water Polo Association’s Player of the Week once. The team will be very busy this weekend, with five games in three days.
Ten Seniors to Suit Up for Last Time in Leavey

What is your favorite memory of being a Bronco?

Marc Trasolini
“The (CollegeInsider.com Tournament) run. Winning five games in a row at the end of the year, while playing in New York and Texas. We went out for a lot of the team meals and I had a great time just hanging out with the team.”

Niyi Harrison
“I couldn’t put it down to one thing. Being with the same group for four years, you bond together and go through a lot of different stuff. You can’t think about one thing without thinking about another.”

Kevin Foster
“When we won the championship. It’s something I’ll always remember because we worked hard to win it. It’s always good to win a championship.”

Raymond Cowels III
“It’s kind of a long memory, but all the practices and all the crazy stuff that goes on. It’s all so much fun and it’s been a great journey.”

Kyle Perricone
“Beating Gonzaga (University) at home a few years ago. It was a great win for Santa Clara and it had been a long time coming. It was definitely a source of pride for the team and the school.”

Lindsay Leo
“I would have to say my most cherished memory would have to be playing with my sister in my last game at Santa Clara before I got hurt. It has been awesome to play with her and I look forward to seeing her success here.”

Meagan Fulps
“I am always drawn back to Las Vegas freshman year when we upset the University of San Diego at the buzzer and cruised past Portland, filming our short comedy “Dorm 3” and screening it to our team, and doing a white elephant exchange at (Head Coach) Jennifer Mountain’s every year.”

Telisha Anderson
“I will never forget having my parents get the opportunity to watch me play college basketball. For my parents to be able to see the return on their investments and watch me play college basketball shows that their dedication was worth it. Their commitment and belief in me means so much to me.”

Ashley Armstrong
“My most cherished memories involve spending time with my wonderful team, whether it was making movies, trying out for “American Idol”, singing on the bus or competing in random challenges.”

Raymond Cowels III
“The very first day of freshmen orientation, because it’s when I first met my closest, life-long friends without knowing at the time how many incredible memories we would make together over the next four years.”

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