Minimum Wage to Increase?

Obama Proposes Raise in Labor Wages across the Country

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Working students might be seeing dollar signs in their eyes.

Even though California’s minimum wage is already above the federal rate of $7.25 an hour, it’s a dollar short of President Barack Obama’s call to raise the minimum wage to $9 an hour and boost it annually to keep pace with inflation. Ten states make similar cost-of-living adjustments. In the county of San Francisco, workers earn at least $10.55 an hour, the highest minimum in the country.

In all, 19 states and the District of Columbia have minimum wages set above the federal rate of $7.25, a disparity Obama highlighted in his State of the Union address as he seeks to help the nation’s lowest paid workers. The minimum wage in California currently stands at $8 an hour.

Obama’s proposal is renewing the age-old debate between advocates who claim boosting the minimum wage pumps more money into the economy and helps to create new jobs, and business groups that complain it would unfairly burden employers and curb demand for new workers.

And it faces certain hurdles in Congress, as top Republicans including House Speaker John Boehner wasted little time dismissing the proposal.

More than 15 million workers earn the national minimum wage, making about $15,080 a year. That’s just below the federal poverty threshold of $15,130 for a family of two.

Obama sold his plan to a crowd in Asheville, N.C., on Wednesday, saying that it’s time to increase the minimum wage “because if you work full-time, you shouldn’t be in poverty.”

Advocates say a minimum wage increase can lead to even broader economic benefits.

“These are workers who are most likely to spend virtually everything they earn, so it just pumps money back into local economies,” said Christine Owens, executive director of the National Employment Law Project, a worker advocacy group.

But William Dunkelberg, chief economist for the National Federation of Independent Business, said the increase would hurt businesses and only hurt workers by reducing demand for their services.

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President Michael Engh, S.J., addressed a packed Mission Church for his annual State of the University speech. Engh touched on Santa Clara’s future in modern technology and a diverse student body, including students still striving for citizenship. He also acknowledged the structural changes of the school in the past year.

In addition, the president discussed the success of the Career Center, proudly declaring that 70 percent of Santa Clara students have been able to find internships through the Career Center during undergraduate years. Eighty-six percent of students that pursued internships through the Career Center graduated with full-time job offers.

To close, Engh promoted the importance of social justice, and briefly touched on the topic of illegal immigration. The event ended on an uplifting note as the chamber singers closed the occasion with a song.

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1. North Korea says it has conduct-
third nuclear test: North Korea
successfully detonated a miniaturized
nuclear device at a northeastern test
site Tuesday, state media said, defying
U.N. Security Council orders to shut
down atomic activity or face more
sanctions and international isolation.
The underground explosion could
take North Korea a big step closer to
its goal of building a nuclear warhead
small enough to be mounted on a long-
range missile.

Official state media said the test
was conducted in a safe manner and
is aimed at coping with “outra-
grow” U.S. hostility that “violently”
undermines North Korea’s peaceful,
sovereign rights to launch satellites.
North Korea faced sanctions after a
December launch of a rocket the U.N.
and Washington called a cover for a
banned missile test.

North Korea said it used a “lighter,
miniaturized atomic bomb” that still
has more explosive force than past
tests.

The nuclear test is North Korea’s
first since leader Kim Jong Un took
power in December 2011.

From AP Reports.

2. Pope to resign Feb. 28, says he’s
too infirm: Declaring that he lacks
the strength to do his job, Pope Bene-
dict XVI announced Monday he will
resign Feb. 28 — becoming the first
pontiff to step down in 600 years.

His decision sets the stage for a mid-
March conclave to elect a new leader
for a Catholic Church in deep turmoil.

The 85-year-old pope dropped the
bombshell in Latin during a meeting
of Vatican City cardinals, surprising
his collaborators even though he had
made clear previously that he would
don’t step down if he became too old to
carry on.

Benedict called his choice “a deci-
sion of great importance for the life
of the church.”

Indeed, the move allows the Vati-
can to elect a new pope quicker, since
the traditional nine days of mourning
that would follow the death of a pope
doesn’t have to be observed.

It will also allow Benedict to hold
great sway over the choice of his suc-
cessor, though he will not vote. He
has already picked the bulk of the Col-
lege of Cardinals — the princes of the
church who will elect the next pope.

From AP Reports.

3. After two months absent, still
no sign of Chavez: Two months have
passed since Venezuelan President
Hugo Chavez climbed the stairs of the
presidential jet, blew kisses to his sup-
porters and flew to Cuba to undergo
fourth cancer-related surgery.

Chavez hasn’t been seen or spoken
publicly since that departure to Ha-
vana on Dec. 10, and the mystery sur-
rounding his condition has deepened
while the government’s updates have
remained optimistic but have offered
few specifics.

Foreign Minister Elias Jaua, who
visited Chavez in Cuba last week, said
the 58-year-old president has been
making political and economic deci-
sions. On Friday, the government an-
nounced Chavez was rule.

Vice President Nicolas Maduro, who
Chavez named as his potential
successor before the surgery, has said
that the president should be able to
return home once his condition per-
mits it.

Some analysts say they expect that
sooner or later, Chavez’s delicate health
could make necessary a new election to
replace him.

From AP Reports.

4. South Africa police said Congo
“ringleader” rebel was arrested:
Police in South Africa said Saturday
they arrested the “ringleader” of a
group of 19 Congolese rebels who
now face charges of allegedly plot-
ting a war to unseat Congolese Presi-
dent Joseph Kabila.

The leader, who police declined to
identify before his arraignment this
week in a Pretoria court, was
arrested Friday in Cape Town, said
Cpt. Paul Ramaloko, a spokesman for
South African Police Service. Ra-
maloko said the man didn’t fight his
arrest, though he declined to offer
any other details.

“Cooperated with us,” Ra-
maloko said.

Ramaloko identified the man as the
“ringleader” of the alleged rebel
group, making it likely the
man is Etienne Kabila, who pros-
secutors identified last week as be-
ing in charge of the group. Kabila
claims to be a son of Congo’s assas-
sinated president Laurent Kabila,
something the Kabila family denies.
Laurent Kabila’s son, Joseph Kabila,
was Congo’s current president.

From AP Reports.

5. Egypt signs truce with Hamas:
Egypt has signed a tentative truce
with the Islamic militant group Hamas
in the Gaza Strip.

The Egyptian government sent a
delegation to the Gaza Strip to
negotiate the cease-fire, which
Egyptian officials said could
lead to an end of the three-week
Gaza conflict.

From AP Reports.

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Brigade Travels

Student group offers variety of resources abroad

Summer Meza
THE SANTA CLARA

A U.S. doctor, medicine, and equipment are all brought to Ghana by the Global Medical Brigades, which are constantly packed and unpacked as the troop travels to various locations. Several Ghanaian doctors are also hired to stay at the clinic for a week.

GMB is the largest global health and sustainable development program, with chapters in universities across the world. Their goal is to improve health through education of their volunteers and teaching medical expertise. It takes a great deal of hard work, time, and dedication for the members of GMB to meet the needs of the patients total.

Another aspect of the brigade is medical education. The education committee of GMB gives seminars for patients to sit in on that teaches hygiene and basic skills that can be helpful in maintaining general health. The patient interactions are, to some students, the most rewarding part of the trip.

“These people are so grateful for our help, because realisticly, even if they had access to the treatments they need, they often can’t afford them,” said Shaw. “It’s a huge gift.”

Not all of the members of GMB are studying medicine or public health. In fact, a good portion of them are biology majors, and many are in majors that are unrelated to global health or education.

Because English is widely spoken in Ghana, the members of GMB do not need to speak a second language in order to make a difference across the globe.

The students going on the brigade are simply all passionate about helping and the underprivileged and using their abilities to be a part of a long-term, sustainable project aiding others.

In the five years of GMB’s presence at Santa Clara, over 4,000 patients have been given medication and treatment. In addition, this year’s brigade will spend two days working on a water purification project to support the environment as well as the people in need.

Students who wish to help out in this year’s brigade can come help at their upcoming mock clinic, donate funds, participate in any of the many fundraising events, or plan to apply for next year’s trip.

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Alumni Runs for Office?

Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security under President Obama, spoke on campus in 2009 as part of the president’s Speaker Series. Napolitano is a Santa Clara alumna, class of 1979, and is considering running in the race for presidency in 2016.

Alumni consid-
ers running for 2016 presidency

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What if the next president of the U.S. was a Bruin? Even though Hillary Clinton might not be running for the presidency in 2016, it is quite possible that a Santa Clara alumna will be on the ticket.

Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, Santa Clara alumna from the class of ’79, may be the next woman to keep your eye on.

According to the Washington Post, Napolitano has “made it quietly known that she is considering the race.”

During her term as the Democratic governor of Arizona, she was criticized for not being aggressive enough on certain issues, namely immigration, yet she has been able to change her image during her time in President Barack Obama’s Cabinet.

She toured the Southwest with the president last week, making strides to reduce the flow of illegal immigration into the U.S. This button was likely placed in support at the forefront of a constituency by representing the future of the Democratic Party.

Her decision to remain in Obama’s Cabinet for a second term is indicative of her desire to further her political career. Although it is considered quite difficult to run for president from the Cabinet, the Post describes her as a “smart and savvy politician” and a woman to look out for in the next election.

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CAMPUS SAFETY

Alcohol Related Medical Emergency

2/1/2013 A student was reported ill due to excessive alcohol consumption. CSS and SCU EMS responded.

2/10/2013 A student was reported ill due to excessive alcohol consumption. CSS, SCU EMS and SCPD responded.

2/13/2013 A student was observed intoxicated and staggering toward his room. SCU EMS was contacted and responded.

Alcohol Violation

2/12/2013 Students were found in possession of alcoholic beverages in their room. The alcoholic beverages were confiscated and disposed of.

2/12/2013 CSS and Residence Life staff confiscated several empty alcohol bottles from a resident’s room.

2/13/2013 A student was found in possession of alcoholic beverages and a fraudulent driver’s license in his room. The alcohol and the driver’s license were confiscated and the alcohol was disposed of.

Drunk in Public

2/9/2013 An unknown intoxicated male was reportedly attempting to gain access into an Abrioso residence. CSS and SCPD responded. He was taken into custody for a possible ABFD PPD violation.

2/10/2013 A non-affiliate male was found intoxicated and sleeping on the front steps of McLaughlin Hall. SCPD was contacted and responded. He was taken into custody for being drunk in a public place.

Fire

2/10/2013 A fire was reportedly set in a trash can in a shared bathroom in Graham Hall. CSS, SCU EMS and SCPD responded. One of the residents was injured while attempting to put out the fire. Marijuana and paraphernalia were found among the burnt remains. The injured resident was transported to Kaiser Permanente Hospital by a friend.

Fire Alarm

2/12/2013 A Swim Hall fire alarm was activated by burned food in the stove in the kitchenette. CSS and SCF responded.

Impounded Vehicle

2/7/2013 A vehicle was relocated to a different location in a parking lot from a “no parking” space. It was also booted for displaying a fraudulent parking permit.

Found Property

2/6/2013 A bicycle U-lock was found at the Graham Hall bike racks.

Medical Emergency

2/7/2013 A student reportedly lost consciousness after attending a class session in O’Connor Hall. CSS and SCF responded. She declined transportation to a hospital.

2/10/2013 A student reported having an allergic reaction and requested medical assistance. CSS and HCU EMS responded.

2/10/2013 A student was reported in need of medical assistance due to severe continuous vomiting. CSS, SCU and SCPD responded to the scene.

2/11/2013 A non-affiliate reported causing a disturbance by asking students for their personal information, while in the Harrington Learning Commons. CSS responded.

2/11/2013 A student reported feeling ill and in need of medical assistance. CSS and SCU EMS responded to the scene.

Student Behavior

2/10/2013 A student was found in possession of someone else’s driver’s license. It was confiscated and will be handed off to SCPD.

2/13/2013 A student was observed on video activating the elevator alarm button several times, for an apparent reason, in Swig Hall. The student denied his actions when confronted. Documentation of the student was completed.

Suspicious Person

2/6/2013 A non-affiliate activated the blue-light emergency phone by Graham Hall to report a nonsensical situation. SCPD was contacted and responded. The person was taken into custody for outstanding warrants and restraining order violations by SCPD.

2/12/2013 Two female students reported being approached by an unknown suspicious male, who made unwanted comments to them, at an off-campus location. They were walking toward the University Village at the time. SCPD was notified.

Theft

2/10/2013 A non-affiliate was reported shoplifting at an off-campus store, and fled onto Santa Clara campus toward Swig Hall. CSS assisted SCPD to locate the non-affiliate on campus. He was taken into custody by SCPD for petty theft and an outstanding warrant.

2/10/2013 An ACCESS card was reported missing and the information was used to open a Tapingo account, and several charges were made on the account.

2/12/2013 An unattended laptop computer was reported missing from the McLaughlin Hall lounge.

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High School Memories Relived With a Twist
Rainbow Prom raises awareness for LGBTQ rights

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Prom season is back, so dig out those dusty high school dresses and suits from the back of your closet and get ready for a fun night of dancing as you show your support for equal rights.

Two groups on campus, Gay and Straight People for the Education of Diversity and Santa Clara Community Action Program, are hosting the Rainbow Prom Feb. 15 in the Locatelli Student Activity Center. Rainbow Prom is an event that has been held every year since 2010 to help raise awareness about the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community in the Santa Clara County and on campus.

There is currently a contest going on for the most creative way to ask a date to Rainbow Prom. Students who share pictures of how they asked their date on the Facebook page are entered into the competition.

From royalty is also being voted on this week. The top five names that receive the most votes will be added to the entry list.

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“Whatever a great way to give back to the community and make sure that everyone has a great time with great music,” said Jacob, as he expressed his desire to make it a night to remember.

Entrance is free with the showing of an ACCESS card. Santa Clara students are allowed to bring dates from other school as long as they email GASPED or SCCAP with their date’s name to be added to the entry list.

This tradition originally started in support of a gay teenager who wanted to bring her girlfriend to her high school prom, but the school refused to admit her because of their status as a lesbian couple. Rainbow Prom strives to promote freedom of expression and love by allowing students to attend, no matter who they bring or how they dress.

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Rainbow Prom in The Bronco. This year’s Rainbow Prom, themed "A Masquerade Ball," will take place Friday night in the Locatelli Student Activity Center. This will be the third Rainbow Prom hosted by SCCAP.

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Why That Job Is Yours: The Interview Decoded

Natasha Gupta

For some, job interviews are the professional equivalent of a hangover, causing equal amounts of nauseae, sweating, discomfort and regret. Just discussing them can make your heartbeat triple, your teeth clench and your stomach stir.

The best way to eliminate cheating would not be to attempt to scare people or vote in elections; with no direct reward, the incentive to participate is very low. To a point, ASG itself knows this: everyone who took the honor code survey was told they could win a prize. There are no easy solutions to curbing cheating. One step, however, might be a standard that professors could follow for administering their tests: no bathroom access until the test is completed, multiple versions between desks, etc. This would put the burden on the cheater, and not the honest students who, under the honor code, would have to report them.

The honor code could still be put in the first line of defense. It’s not that students are inherently inclined to cheat or that they work in a way that is too little, the fact that an academic honor code is in the works is a good thing. I just don’t think it will do enough to solve the problem. I don’t doubt that cheating is a prevalent problem, not just at Santa Clara, but at any academic institution. I also don’t doubt Associated Student Government Chief Justice Avon Satter-Melsy when he states that schools with honor codes see less cheating than those without them. What I question, however, is whether honor codes are the most effective way to fight cheating, when they work in a way that is too little, too late.

Yes, students will have to sign an honor code at the beginning of the academic year. They will also sign a dozen other forms that will mean just as much to them: a formality to registering for classes. The true effectiveness of the honor code will only be after the cheating occurs, and someone decides to report it. Perhaps it increases the risk and penalty for cheating, but that’s an act of enforcement, not prevention. The better way to eliminate cheating would not be to attempt to scare people into behaving, as enforcement does, but to lay mechanisms in place that would prevent cheating from even being possible.

The other problem is the issue that students will actually report cheating by others, honor code or not. It’s not that students are inherently inclined to cheat or that they support a cheating epidemic. The issue is whether people will go out of their way to do something that doesn’t directly benefit them. It’s the same reason so few people fill out comment cards at restaurants.

Sarah Sindinger speaks with a representative from a local company at a resume review session. When preparing for your dream job interview, remember that every person at the company or firm you are interviewing has been there before you. Be prepared to be answer hard questions, but always remember to convey your enthusiasm for the job.

Do Your Due Diligence

When you go to a concert, you know every lyric, you own every MP3 and you can recite the detailed band history in your sleep. If you approached an interview with equivalent zeal, you would blow your interviewer away.

Company websites, annual reports and the Glassdoor website are valuable resources when researching a firm. Furthermore, take initiative and contact employees you may already know working at the firm of interest; hit up Aunt Dave who works at Apple because this is the time to do it. In business interviews, always know the firm, the products, competitors and industry trends.

Dress Professionally

Mentally prepare brief descriptions of any jobs you list, and develop didactic experiences for each one. Interviewers often inquire about your experiences working in a group, facing a challenge, embracing leadership or working with difficult people. By getting comfortable with your resume ahead of time, you are able to easily answer such questions and cover more ground on your resume by calling from diverse experiences.

These interviews can fuddle the line of professionalism and casual interaction since you’ve not face to face with your interviewer. Select a quiet room, pick a reliable phone line, perch your resume in front of you and dress up. Think twice before taking the call in your boxers; dressing up compensates for the formality phone interviews should have but often lack, and puts you in a professional state of mind.

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Cover Your Bases

If you took a gap year before college, if you got a D in Feminist Methods or if you dropped three classes one quarter, be prepared to talk about it. You don’t necessarily have to be the one to bring it up, but don’t be caught off guard if it does surface.

A Note on Phone and Skype Interviews

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Bonus Tips

Take advantage of on-campus interviews, send thank you letters within 24-48 hours, write good questions to ask at the end of an interview, shake hands before and after and pause before answering questions.

On my first job interview at Yahoo, the interviewer recounted a memory from his studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. In a nervous attempt at small talk, I replied, “Wow! You were a Trojan?” He looked at me, stood up and left. I wish I was kidding. I didn’t get that job, but it’s okay, because I got many more after. You learn more from a bad interview than you do from a good one. Take any interview you can get, prepare well for it and learn from your mistakes.

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SCU Confessions Is Not That Scandalous

Feliz Moreno

The controversial page SCU Confessions that has sprouted up on Facebook has been the talk of the campus lately. When I first heard about it I was a little wary, as I am with all online pages that seem to serve as a space for Internet bashing or bullying. But the direction the page has taken is actually really interesting. It highlights many problems on campus as well as the overall nature of the community.

The page is a running list of confessions from Santa Clara students about all aspects of student life—from roommate situations to academics to relationships.

The confessions range from helpful hints (the best ways to acquire free food) to the strange (pretending you’re a slug). As reminiscent of a high school burn book as it might seem when specific names or groups get mentioned in negative light, some of the confessions are really insightful. My particular favorites are the ones about how scary Bucky the Bronco is (something I’m sure a good portion of the population has felt at one point or another) about nerdy guys who get girls and of course, about secret crushes.

Some confessions I agree with, and some I don’t. In the end, I appreciate most of them and the fact that people took the time to share what they thought was important with our Santa Clara community.

The best part of the page is getting some insight as to how diverse our student body really is—we have the people who do drugs, the people who suffer from unrequited love, the academics who just want to sleep well on Wednesday nights, the bad roommates and, of course, we have the trolls who like to post ridiculous things just to get a rise out of people. It is like a beautiful mosh pit of Santa Clara personalities that hate and love each other and just want to have their opinions heard.

While a lot of the confessions are just funny or interesting, some of them raise issues that are pertinent to overall campus life. There are several that complain about the drinking culture on campus and comment on the dependency of the student body on alcohol and other drugs to socialize. There are a few that touch on the racial segregation on campus, and others that denounce Greek life. SCU Confessions has the opportunity to be the platform where students can be heard.

I hope that some of the issues raised will be discussed in other places on campus. The confessions page could serve as a jumping-off point for students to start talking about the things that usually are ignored and kept quiet. If anything, at least it creates a collective awareness among the student body who might not be aware of how diverse our campus really is.

Really, whoever started the page had a great idea on their hands. He or she realized that our campus does not always provide a space where such things can be said and talked about. The confessions page is kind of like an online, Santa Clara Post Secret community or a community comment wall. It is fun, serious, interesting and humanizing all at once, and it is the best entertainment I have had in a while.

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SCU Confessions, the newest rage on campus, is an anonymous Facebook page where Santa Clara students may submit their darkest secrets to be posted on the page. These confessions range from hilarious and questionable to borderline offensive.
Celebrate Valentine’s Day: Bronco Style

Don’t get down on yourself if you don’t have Valentine’s Day plans yet. You can still celebrate and enjoy yourself in a unique way — with friends or a significant other. Whether you want to get far off campus or stay close by, there are plenty of fun things to do — romantic or not — in the area.

No Car Necessary

**Franklin Square**
Walk on over to Franklin Square (head straight on Homestead Road behind Mayo Theatre). Check out Jasmine Fine Thai Cuisine or Mio Vicino. If it’s warm, there is also a great fountain to sit near and enjoy.

**Rose Garden**
Pack a picnic and bike over to the San Jose Municipal Rose Garden. If the weather is anything like it has been, it will be a great time to sit in the sun and enjoy games in the grassy field.

Use Your Car or Zipcar

**Santa Cruz**
Not many things are more romantic than watching the sunset on the beach, and what better place to do so than Santa Cruz? Get out of the campus bubble and meander through the beach. There are also great restaurants and shops to explore nearby.

**San Francisco**
Nothing says I love you quite like a giant pillow fight! Make your way to Justin Herman Plaza by 6 p.m. to participate. Enjoy running around in a giant pillow fight. Bring a pillow and trash bag to help clean up after.

Creating Art for a Cause

**A fusion of visuals and social consciousness is spotlighted**

**Philip Sykes**
Associate Reporter

If you noticed an abundance of red ribbons around campus on Monday, you may have been left slightly confused at their purpose and message. The symbolic ribbons were in fact a part of the debut of SCU Presents Arts for Social Justice, a new program on campus which, according to ASJ’s website, will “provide opportunities to bring together artists, students and the community to collaborate, explore, develop and present art that will affect change in our global community.”

The program integrates the arts and social justice and involves several other departments concerned with social change, such as Communications, Theatre and Dance, the Wellness Center and Campus Ministry.

Arts for Social Justice is also actively involved in several of the student groups and clubs around campus that also strive to promote social change.

According to Darlene Macanan, Community Relations Manager at SCU Presents, the goal of the program is to “raise awareness, consciously engage students in human issues, and to understand social and cultural differences through the lens of the arts, as well as fostering dialogue and action in the community.”

Part of the kick-off for ASJ that took place at the beginning of the week was in conjunction with the global movement One Billion Rising, which aims to end violence and abuse against women and girls.

Currently many departments and student clubs are working with ASJ to raise awareness for the One Billion Rising movement, as well as planning future events for the group.

If you want to stay in the loop about upcoming arts events on campus, the Fine Arts Support Team will be tabling in Benson Memorial Center and around campus to provide information.

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Celebrating Mardi Gras Madness

**The holiday in Louisiana makes its way to campus**

**Rachel Davidson**
Associate Reporter

Most people know Mardi Gras as a major celebration in the U.S. every year, but few understand why this event is so significant for the culture, families and traditions of the people of New Orleans. Truth is, the festivities shown on television can’t capture the meaning behind this event.

Senior Kathleen Servatius didn’t understand exactly what Mardi Gras was all about until she visited New Orleans last weekend, during the height of the celebration for the first time. “The most surprising thing to me was how much pride people had,” she said. “Everybody really came together to celebrate this.”

Festivities leading up to Mardi Gras, which is a legal holiday in Louisiana, begin on the “Twelfth Night,” on Jan. 6, 12 days after Christmas Day. Celebrations such as throwing beads, dancing and designing floats are carried out by different Kreweos, or “clubs,” of Mardi Gras. Different Kreweos have been created and organized secretly over the years.

At midnight of Fat Tuesday, the leaders of the oldest Kreweos toast to acknowledge the beginning of Lent. The celebrations are ceased once the clock hits 12:01 a.m. and it’s officially Ash Wednesday.

A New Orleans native, senior Brooke Levy remembered Mardi Gras as an affair where entire communities gather together to celebrate. She said that when she first came to Santa Clara, her friends would ask if she’d ever been to Mardi Gras, which she found funny because, as she described Mardi Gras isn’t something you “go” to. “That was like asking if you’ve been to Christmas or the Fourth of July,” said Levy. “It just happens, everywhere.”

Senior Will Usdin, another New Orleans native, misses Mardi Gras most because he said he remembers it as “a time to be together with friends and family celebrating the unique culture and the rich history of my city.”

The name “Mardi Gras” is French for Fat Tuesday, symbolizing the feast that people engage in before fasting for lent. Here at Santa Clara, Campus Ministry celebrated Fat Tuesday with International Pancake Day. According to Director of Resident Ministry Frances Cook, the tradition began with pancakes because they consist of everything you shouldn’t have during lent: butter, eggs and sugar. “Cultures around the world celebrate this custom in different ways and even engage in pancake races,” said Cook.

The entire Campus Ministry staff pitched in to put together their Mardi Gras celebration that included the music of New Orleans, masquerade masks and beads as part of traditional southern culture. Even though the festivities are over for this season, we can start looking ahead to 2014 for a fun and fulfilling Fat Tuesday.

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Scene Spotlight

Lauren’s Locales: Valentine’s Day in the City

Lauren Bonney  
ASSOCIATE REPORTER

At a loss for what to do this Valentine’s Day? Spend the day in the city and check out some of the most beautiful spots in San Francisco. Whether you are hanging out with your best friends or with a significant other on this day of love, these spots are sure to bring good times and great memories.

The Palace of Fine Arts Theatre is located in the heart of the city. The architecture is amazing, with its colonnades and the central mound surrounded by a lagoon. The plants and animals give a serenity to the area.

Alternatively, visit Crissy Field, one of the best beaches in San Francisco, located right beneath the Golden Gate Bridge. It is great for runners and bikers, or a perfect spot for a picnic, so pack up some sandwiches and hit the beach for the day.

End your day with a drive up the mountain to Twin Peaks for an amazing view of the city all lit up.

Whether your day is romantic or simply an adventure, San Francisco ensures fun for all.

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The Tonga Room

Check out the Tonga Room in the Fairmont Hotel for some food and drinks. The Tonga Room is like a classic version of the Rainforest Café, complete with faux rainstorms and a live band.

Alioto’s Restaurant

Located along Fisherman’s Wharf, Alioto’s Restaurant is one of San Francisco’s oldest fine dining seafood restaurants and offers great lunch and dinner menus. Try the scallop risotto: It’s to die for.

Bringing Camp Kesem to Campus

A program dedicated to helping children expands

Samantha Nitz  
ASSOCIATE REPORTER

When tragedy strikes in a young child’s life, the effects can be traumatic and change their lives for years to come. Luckily for some children who have been affected by cancer in their families, there is a valuable resource for them to deal with their situations: Camp Kesem.

Camp Kesem is a summer camp run by college students, which allows for children aged 6 to 16 whose parent has, or had, cancer. The main goal of the camp is to give children who have been through difficult situations a chance to relax, get the support they need, and have a good time with a week of summer fun.

Sophomore Margret Mendenhall is striving to open a new chapter of Camp Kesem here on campus. This would provide students with a chance to get involved as well as get surrounding businesses involved in this chance to make a difference.

The camp allows for student volunteers to interact with and bring happiness to many children who need emotional relief during their difficult times. Chapters of Camp Kesem have been opening up on college campuses throughout the U.S., with thousands of students and children involved. But getting involved with Camp Kesem is no small feat. Recently, Mendenhall has been working very hard to make the application deadline.

The first step alone in applying to open a camp involves finding over 100 businesses that would be willing to donate. The applicant must establish themselves as a strong leader and reliable role model, in addition to finding a panel of helpers who are committed to the cause and willing to work hard.

“Camp Kesem is very important to me because it’s important for kids in a stressful situation to have a positive environment that focuses on them,” said Mendenhall. “It also lets people our age get the chance to change lives and be role models.”

As an organization, Camp Kesem has grown immensely since it began. In 2004, there was a single chapter that worked with only 37 campers and 80 student leaders. By last year there were 37 chapters of Camp Kesem with 8,489 campers and 5,172 student leaders.

Now that the application has been submitted, there’s nothing for Mendenhall, her board of helpers and the student body to do but wait. Hopefully by next year Santa Clara will be able to be a part of this organization and will begin its journey in helping thousands of children through hardship right here on campus.

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Question of the Week

What are you doing for Valentine’s Day?

Matt Davison, ‘13

“I’m actually going to the Santa Clara basketball game against San Diego.”

Hannah Baker, ‘16

“Either I am going out with a couple of my girlfriends or I am going to go with a larger group.”

Jeff Snyder, ‘13

“I’m going to Santa Cruz to have a bonfire with my girlfriend and roast soy weenies.”

Sonya Chalaka, ‘16

“I am going to tell the guy I like that I like him.”

Nick Lawrie, ‘16

“I am going to be in the library doing all the work I have to do before I leave for Disneyland this weekend.”

Samantha Juda

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### TOP REASONS TO LEAVE YOUR COUCH THIS WEEK

**2/14 | THURSDAY**

**Valentine’s Day**  
**Time:** All Day  
**Location:** Everywhere  
**Why Go?** Show those around you how much you appreciate them.

**Study Abroad Events: Coffee Social on Valentine’s Day**  
**Time:** 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
**Location:** Varis Hall — Main Lobby  
**Why Go?** International Students, Returning Study Abroad Students and anyone interested in socializing with an international crowd is cordially invited to ISS’ Coffee Social for winter quarter. They will have warm coffee, cookies, pastries and most importantly a good conversation.

**Men’s Basketball vs. University of San Diego**  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Leavey Center  
**Why Go?** Support the Broncos as they play the Toreros.

**2/15 | FRIDAY**

**SCU Biology Department Seminar Series: David Ehrhardt**  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Daly Science, 206  
**Why Go?** David Ehrhardt of Stanford University will present “Ten reasons why plant cells are the best cells.”

**Anthropology Winter Seminar Series: Dr. James McKenna**  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m.  
**Location:** BC, Clare Room  
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**SCU Chemistry Department Seminar Series: ABI Symposium**  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** California Mission Room, Benson  
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### 2/16 | SATURDAY

**Men’s Basketball vs. Pepperdine University**  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Leavey Center  
**Why Go?** Support the Broncos as they play the Waves.

**Student Spotlight Series: Winter One-Act Festival**  
**Time:** 2 p.m.  
**Location:** Fess Parker Studio  
**Why Go?** Come see this one hour festival displaying quick and intimate theater. Directed by theater majors Camille Hayes and Clement Chee.  
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### 2/17 | SUNDAY

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

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### 2/18 | MONDAY

**President’s Day**  
**Time:** All Day  
**Location:** Campus Wide  
**Why Go?** Celebrate our presidents and enjoy no class!

**Black History Month Breakfast**  
**Time:** 8 a.m.  
**Location:** California Mission Room, Downstairs Benson  
**Why Go?** Join Igbewuike of the Multicultural Center for good food, great friends and entertainment.

**APB Presents: Jennifer Worick and Everything You Need to Know About Sex, Dating and College**  
**Time:** 8 p.m.  
**Location:** Locatelli Student Activity Center  
**Why Go?** Stop by this Tuesday for a free lecture and question and answer session by New York Times best-selling author and blogger Jennifer Worick. The author of over 25 books and a writer for numerous publications, Worick has been named one of the four funniest bloggers in the U.S. by Reader’s Digest.

**APB and ASC Present: The Last Lecture with Regina Davis-Sowers**  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Williman Room  
**Why Go?** Lecturer Regina Davis-Sowers of the sociology department will be speaking as a part of the Santa Clara University Last Lecture series. Snacks will be provided.

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Warriors, Losers of Five Straight

The Golden State Warriors have lost five straight games and now head into the NBA All-Star break with uncertainty around them. The return of center Andrew Bogut hasn’t proven as fruitful as some thought, but a week off could give the team a chance to regroup for the stretch run to the playoffs.

Golden State returning to their old, losing ways

Chris Glennon

The Golden State Warriors lost to the Houston Rockets 116-107 on Tuesday night, the fifth straight loss for the team that was inching toward the top half of the Western Conference playoff bracket a week ago.

The Rockets’ James Harden had 27 points and seven rebounds on a napping left leg and teammate Chandler Parsons added 21 points and nine assists.

“When you have a team with seven guys who haven’t played in an 82-game season before, you’re going to have some fatigue,” said Santa Clara senior Nick Camilleri, who is a game day intern for the Warriors. “We just looked tired and sloppy.”

Houston’s Jeremy Lin finished with 14 points and 10 assists for the second time in eight days.

A week after Houston tied the NBA record with 23 made 3-pointers in a 140-109 rout of the Warriors, the Bay Area rematch took a little longer to decide.

Stephen Curry had 27 points and six assists and Jarrett Jack scored 22 points for the Warriors, who head into the All-Star break on a season-long, five-game losing streak.

The first four losses for Golden State had come on the road.

The Rockets seemed more riled up for the Warriors’ return to Oracle Arena than the home team.

Houston made 23 of 40 shots from beyond the arc against Golden State last week. Some Warriors players were upset about what they perceived as excessive celebration from the Rockets, and Warriors coach Mark Jackson ordered his players to foul in the final minutes just so the Rockets wouldn’t surpass the record.

“They’re playing like they’ve played my whole life,” said Santa Clara junior and Bay Area native Brian Soares. “Back to the ways of no defense and very few wins. They need to return their focus to the defensive end.”

The game also marked the first appearance in the Bay Area for Lin since “Linsanity” swept through the NBA a year ago. Lin/missed from nearby Palo Alto. The Warriors waived Lin before last season after he played sparingly as a rookie. Houston signed him for a couple of weeks before cutting him, and then the Knicks decided to give him a look.

“We have a great point guard in Stephen (Curry), but it’s tough to know we gave Lin up for nothing,” said Soares. “We could have got a nice piece for him.”

Lin became a sensation in New York. His burst of brilliance on Broadway earned him a three-year, $25 million deal with Houston that the Knicks declined to match.

Lin’s backcourt teammate was the one who gave Golden State fits.

Harden, wearing a protective sleeve around his knee, landed hard after missing a fast-break layup over 7-footer Andrew Bogut in the first quarter while the Warriors built a nine-point lead. Harden held his knee and limped to the bench during a timeout but stayed in the game.

The Harden-Lin duo dodged defenders and drew fouls with relative ease. The pair combined to go 15 for 15 on free throws and score 26 points in the first half to pace the Rockets to a 57-56 lead.

Golden State had allowed at least 60 points in the first half of each of the past four games.

Harden had another scary fall going for a fast-break layup in the third quarter. His right plant foot just slipped on David Lee’s left shoe, twisting awkwardly as he tumbled to the ground.

Harden limped trying to shake off the pain before he made both free throws. He walked gingerly to the locker room and returned a few minutes later, highlighting a 13-5 spurt with a driving dunk that helped Houston take an 88-77 lead.

After the Warriors whittled the deficit to six early in the fourth quarter, the Rockets quickly broke the game wide open.

Although the Warriors have lost five straight, they are still in position to make the playoffs if they can turn things around quickly. The break has come at a perfect time for the team, who still have five more days to try to get things back on track.

With the All-Star break also inherently comes trade rumors.

“I think they’ve really been listening and if the right opportunity arises, they may make a move,” said Camilleri. “But I don’t think there’s a reason to force a trade.

Luckily for the Warriors, 18 of their remaining 30 games are at home, and their schedule will be easier compared to the one they have played so far in the new year. They are currently in sixth place in the Western Conference, with a five-game cushion on the last playoff spot.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Martin Keskari

Men’s Golf

The freshman from Frankfurt, Germany finished in a season best second place in the Farms Collegiate Invitational hosted by the University of San Diego earlier this week. In the final round on Tuesday, he shot 71, the lowest score of the day, and shot an even-par 72. He finished one shot back of the University of Missouri’s Emilio Cuartero in the 54-hole tournament.

“I was definitely playing well, I think we were all fairways all week,” said Keskari. “There’s no doubt I will be getting more (individual) confidence out of this.”

The men’s golf team will be back in action at the Classic Club in Palm Springs, Calif. from Feb. 22 to Feb. 24.
Women’s Tennis Drops Two Close Matches

Failure to close late results in a rough weekend

Henry Gula
THE SANTA CLARA

Over the weekend, the Santa Clara women’s tennis team came out on the losing end of two close matches, losing 4-3 to both the Spartans of San Jose State University and 4-3 to the 56th-ranked Fresno State University Bulldogs.

The Broncos now sit at 2-2 through the beginning of their spring season.

The win by the Spartans on Saturday gave San Jose State their first win over the Broncos since 1998.

“It was a tough match, they’re a good team,” said fifth-year Head Coach Ben Cabell. “It was a learning experience for us. We had some chances and we are definitely going to focus on taking advantage of the chances we have to win going forward.”

Two of Santa Clara’s three points came from singles wins from number three Kelly Lamble and number four Stephanie Skaras.

The Broncos’ number one, Katie Le, lost her second match of the season in a third-set tie-breaker.

In doubles, the Broncos’ number one doubles pairing, Le and Jessica Agra, and number three pairing, Skaras and Delphine Rouvillois, both won their matches and earned the doubles point for Santa Clara.

“We did a lot of good things to get in position to win, but it’s not a fluke that they beat us, they’ve beaten a few good teams this year,” said Cabell of the Spartans.

On Sunday against the Bulldogs, the Broncos shuffled their lineup and played without senior Alex Zaniweski, inserting freshman Chelby Cooke into the sixth spot.

Despite losing to Fresno State, a bright spot for the Broncos was Cooke’s first win at the collegiate level.

“I had a back surgery in the summer, so I started playing in January with the team,” Cooke told Santa Clara Broncos Athletics online. “I’m glad I played as hard as I did and closed in the end of my first official dual as a college player. I knew that I really needed to pull out a win whether it would have won the whole match for the team or not. Every match counts.”

Cabell also stressed the importance of the team saying that the four points needed to secure a team match victory can come from anywhere, regardless of whether it’s the first or sixth spot.

The Broncos won the doubles point again against the Bulldogs, with wins again from Le and Agra in the first spot and Skaras and Rouvillois in the third.

Le bounced back with a win to add to Cooke’s but the Broncos were unable to get the final point needed for a win.

“We played them really close and if we can get a little bit better I think it’s a good sign for the rest of the season,” said Cabell.

“We’re doing a lot of things right and if we can make a few adjustments we’ll be in really good shape.”

The Broncos will travel to Arizona this weekend to take on the University of Arizona on Saturday and Arizona State University on Sunday.

“If we can win even one of these two matches we’ll be right there in the rankings,” Cabell said. “We have a tough schedule this year. A couple good wins can put us where we want to be. It’s tough to feel like you really could and should be 4-0, but I think we look at it the right way and can use it to challenge ourselves later in the season to become better.”

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Chris Glennon
One and Done Should Be No More

I f you thought millions of dollars falling out of someone’s pocket didn’t make a sound, you weren’t watching the University of Kentucky play the University of Florida Tuesday night.

With about eight minutes left in the second-half, as Florida essentially had the game locked up, Kentucky’s star freshman Nerlens Noel blocked a shot from behind.

He landed awkwardly and fell into the support under the hoop. He lay on the floor, screaming in agony while holding his left knee, a knee he injured playing in a game he almost surely wouldn’t have been in if it weren’t required for basketball players to be one year removed from high school before entering the NBA.

An MRI Wednesday morning confirmed what most of us suspected: Noel tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

His screams, which some said were audible from press row at the game, were from the excruciating pain he was experiencing. If he’s screaming today, though, it’s likely because his stock as the number one draft pick in the 2013 NBA draft is no longer certain.

As the day progressed, though, it’s likely because his stock as the number one draft pick in the 2013 NBA draft is no longer certain.

In other words, he’s no longer guaranteed millions of dollars.

His injury brings up a question about the policy that basketball players must wait a year before playing in the NBA. Must go to college, some go to Europe, but the point remains the same: Players who are ready for the NBA and the millions of dollars and endorsement deals that come with it are forced to endure an extra year before they can claim their riches.

I don’t think the decision about heading to the NBA should be up to anyone except for each individual player and their family.

Some players come from families where money isn’t an issue, some have their families counting on their stardom. For those families that are depending on their young adults to provide for them, another year without that money could be a huge deal.

And for those same families, an injury, like Noel’s, would be devastating. I say if they don’t want to go to college, they shouldn’t have to. If I had some great entrepreneurial idea (Bill Gates or Steve Jobs anyone?), I think I would be hard for me to stay in school and wait to start making money. If the product is there, sell it. If the talent is there, move it to the NBA.

Some of the players have no desire to get an education in the first place. If they want an education, they’ll enroll when their playing days are over. And they’ll be able to pay for it themselves, leaving valuable scholarship opportunities open to those who likely won’t make millions.

Noel’s career isn’t over, but if I were him, there’s no way I would be coming back to Kentucky next year to try to regain what I would lose in the next six to eight months of rehab. I’m going straight to the NBA, and straight to the money.

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Nick Ostiller
The Santa Clara

After 34 years as a varsity program, the Santa Clara softball team played its first true home game this past Saturday at the brand new SCU Softball Field.

The Santa Clara softball team opened up their season this past weekend, playing its first ever games on the Mission Campus. They lost both games to the University of Pacific Tigers, but had support from capacity crowds at their new stadium.

The field itself, which is nestled in between the Leavey Center and Stephen Schott Stadium, proudly displays the words “Santa Clara University” in large letters on the outfield wall. With additional construction to the field already planned for the coming months, Mize hopes that continuous improvement of the clean, new facility will not only garner school spirit, but boost the program as well.

“It’s a huge recruiting tool,” she said.

“The campus sells itself, but this is one more piece. I think we’ll have one of the best facilities in the conference for years to come.”

While Mize believes that the SCU Softball Field will attract future talent, the process seems to have already begun as evidenced by past decisions of players currently on the roster. Freshman Ciara Gonzales, who was the starting pitcher for Santa Clara in the second game of the doubleheader, said that “it was a big selling point to be able to come into a team that was just starting out with a new facility.”

The new field was also a selling point for fans of Bronco softball. With the bleachers behind home plate filled to capacity, several students were relegated to standing room — something many of the players had never experienced during their careers at Santa Clara.

“It was really exciting to have a home crowd,” said sophomore pitcher Jaymi Bastista-Geiger.

Everyone’s family came out and a lot of students came and supported.”

Some of the students that showed their support to the team on opening day included senior Devin Character and junior Ashley Cabrera. Character attended the game because his girlfriend is on the team and said that he will “probably be at a lot of them now... because now it’s on campus so it’s easy to get to.”

Cabrera, on the other hand, did not have any intention of attending but was drawn in by the energy of the crowd as she was walking by the field.

“It seemed like a really intimate, happening, loud place so I stopped by,” said Cabrera. “It’s the opening game I think so I was like, I should check it out,” because I haven’t really seen the field yet... It’s a really fun, energetic atmosphere.”

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Softball Opens New Stadium

Team loses first two games in front of packed crowds

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For a complete schedule of games, see page 10.