President OKs UPAC proposals

By Brittany Doohan

SF State President Robert A. Corrigan released a letter to faculty Feb. 4 accepting the University Planning Advisory Council’s recommendation to reorganize the eight colleges of the University into a six-college structure. The majority of the UPAC’s recommendations, which were released in a report by the council Jan. 29, were accepted by Corrigan, with the exception of a few key modifications.

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“How do you feel about having to disclose your sex-life to your roommates?”

By Brenda Reyes, Photos by Jon Weiland

“I do, I talk to my roommates about it all the time. Not like it’s a sore subject.”

Matt Launderdale, business management, junior, 22

“It would be very annoying. What if your roommates’ a virgin and she’s kicked out all the time because you’re having sex?”

Liz Wong, pre-med, post-bac, 22

“It’s something that the school shouldn’t have to do anything with.”

Jody Lymann, undeclared, freshman, 18

“Avoids the uncomfortable situation of when you’re roommates doing something you didn’t want to see.”

David Lowery, pre-med, post-bacc, 27

“Our sex-life shouldn’t be anything you plan ahead of time.”

Alfyia Willkerson, hospitality management, junior, 34

“Your love-life is a must.”

Aaron Salazar, aaronm17@sfstate.edu

“Two days before the waves of revolution reached the shores of the Nile River, Dina Ibrahim left her native country of Egypt during her turn to her teaching position at SF State. While Ibrahim, 35, was in Egypt during winter recess, Tunisian protests had erupted raising that eventually led former President Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali to flee the country.

“For the first time in my life, I could not sleep,” Ibrahim said. “I was watching the protests on the Internet and cellular connection was not available. I was very worried and祷告ed for the safety of my family.”

In 1998, Ibrahim left Egypt and in 2009 she began teaching courses in SF State’s BECA department.

“Ibrahim’s father has joined one of the many self-organized neighborhood watch groups that have developed throughout the nation in response to widespread looting of homes and businesses, Ibrahim said.

“Her [Ibrahim’s] work ethic is very strong for being a child. While strict curfews and tight travel restrictions have flooded the Egyptian economy, food supplies continue to dwindle. However, Ibrahim remains hopeful and believes the short-term turmoil is necessary for long-term stability.

“Ibrahim and her parents support the demands of the opposition protesters, which include Mubarak’s resignation, an end to emergency laws, the release of political prisoners and free elections.

“People need to appreciate the fact that they can vote,” she said. “People are dying in Egypt for their right to vote.”

The San Francisco Public University reported over 3,000 injuries. Officers made contact and arrested both suspects had active warrants totaling $14,653. The suspects were not a part of the SF State community and the warrants came out of Alameda County, San Francisco and the BART Police Department, according to the University crime log.

While on patrol Feb. 3, officers observed two suspects believed to be involved in an altercation on Holloway Ave. After making contact the officers discovered both suspects had active warrants totaling $14,653. The suspects were not a part of the SF State community and the warrants came out of Alameda County, San Francisco and the BART Police Department, according to the University crime log.

“Marijuana for Sale

Officers responded to reports that suspects from a previous incident had returned to the Towere may have placed into possession of cocaine and ecstasy. Officers made contact and arrested one suspect for the possession of illegal drugs and possession of hash for sale. No other drugs were found, according to the University crime log.

Compiled by Tom Garcia
Hey roomies: Let’s talk about sex, baby

By Megan Taros
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For most, it’s no surprise that sex—however the practice of having a roommate use a shared room for sex—and masturbation are part of both the college years and life in general.

But coming home to the proverbial sock on the door—it’s a test that many older students still get old—fast.

This is why University housing mandates residents write up and sign a contract, called the Apartment Living Agreement, as well as schedule a meeting with their resident assistant to discuss the terms of the contract.

While the contract focuses on many aspects of shared living arrangements, such as security and cleanliness, there is also a section dedicated solely to sex.

“Sex is an issue that often comes up; it’s part of college life,” said Zac Towner, narrative studies major and an RA for the Village at Centennial Square. “We realize it can be awkward for someone to say, wake up and find a roommate had sex and see someone naked in their room, so we use the ALA to set some ground rules about it.”

After roommates form an agreement during the meeting with their RA, the ALA is used as a reference point in case of future issues.

“A lot of the time if conflict comes up, we pull out the ALA and say ‘Look, this is what you agreed to, we talked about this,’” Towner said.

The contracts only apply to the Village, the Towers and Or Mary Park Hall. “To me it’s awkward. Science-wise, I get it, but when people are so open about sex it makes me uncomfortable,” Wranovics said. “If your roommate is a total sack of crap, the ALA won’t stop them from masturbating in front of people or having sex everywhere.”

Towner said. “Residents are reluctant to do it, and yes, some people are too uncomfortable talking about sex.”

Some students, however, appear to be more open and willing to discuss.

“It’s a good thing. Well, it wasn’t an issue with my roommates, but for other people it’s a good thing to talk about,” said Kacie Piona, a psychology major who lived in the Towers.

While not all students are comfortable talking about sex, many agree talking about it is important and often necessary in maintaining healthy relationships.

“For me it’s awkward. Science-wise, I get it, but when people are so open about sex it makes me uncomfortable,” said Jenny Suriyamont, a pre-nursing major who lived in the Village.

“With or without the contracts, however, students still often encounter problems when dealing with issues involving the ‘bro code.’”

“Residents are reluctant to do it, and yes, some people are too uncomfortable talking about sex,” Towner said. “Residents are reluctant to do it, and yes, some people are too uncomfortable talking about sex.”

Additionally, the program faces some disadvantages because California state law requires that parolees report to the county in which they were incarcerated.

“Then when I would tell him I was doing homework, he would accuse me of going against the ‘bro code,’” said Jack Wranovics, an English literature major who lived in the Village.

“Alcohol, drugs and other activities are part of both the college years and life in general. "I&#39;m not there it's OK, but it is college and it happens, so we use the ALA to set some ground rules about it.""
Groups tackle HIV education

Vigil, march highlight AIDS awareness in black population

By Christine Tjandra
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Local activists gathered on the steps of City Hall Monday for a candlelight vigil and march in an effort to raise awareness of the large numbers of black Americans infected with HIV.

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, among those who are infected with the virus, 40 percent are black, even though black people only make up 12 percent of the United States population.

As the disparity keeps growing, local San Francisco activists used National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day to educate community members about the problem and hopefully limit transmission of the deadly virus.

San Francisco’s Department of Public Health organized a press conference at the beginning of the event.

The press conference was followed with a candlelight vigil and march to the African-American Arts and Cultural Center, where more presenters spoke about the importance of inclusion.

This year’s theme was “It Takes a Village to Fight HIV/AIDS!”

“San Francisco, our village, comes in all hues and colors,” said speaker James Loyce, the executive director of Building a Healthy Black Community. “It is important to make sure that we’re inclusive.

The conference revolved around the need to be educated about the infection, tested, and then treated, in the case of people found HIV-positive.

“All of them are important but education is a huge component of it,” said Vincent Fuqua, a health educator at the HIV-prevention section of SFDPH. “For people who are HIV-negative, the main goal is to keep them negative.”

Fuqua also said that community involvement plays a role in prevention and detection of the virus. “If you don’t feel connected to your community, there’s a better chance that you put yourself at risk because you’re just not at the point where you care about yourself yet and you don’t feel like you have the support,” he said.

According to Fuqua, many African-Americans keep to themselves and don’t feel they belong to the community, so the virus tends to spread within the enclave really fast if someone is infected with it.

He also brought up the importance of erasing the stigma in the community. “Today, less people are in denial about it. [There is] a lot more awareness regarding it,” Fuqua said. “I think we’re heading to the right direction of reducing the disparity.”

This is the 18th year of the NBHAAD and also marks 30 years since the first case of HIV/AIDS was reported in the United States. Progress has been made in the treatment of HIV/AIDS, but the virus continues to spread.

According to the CDC, by 2006, approximately 200,000 African-Americans had already died because of the virus.

Some people, such as Rev. William H. Knight, who also spoke at the cultural center, are still hopeful about the future of eliminating the virus.

“The virus is a situation,” Knight said, “You are the solution.”

Supes vote to restrict Yellow Pages in waste, cost reduction effort

Residents will have to approve or request delivery of book

By Jennifer Terman
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In an attempt to reduce both its ecological footprint and recycling costs, San Francisco is making efforts to curb the distribution of unwanted phone directories.

The Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance Feb. 1 that restricted the distribution of Yellow Pages phone books. The ordinance is designed to allow the City to measure the effect the ordinance will have on Yellow Pages distribution and small businesses.

The ordinance, Yellow Pages phone books may be distributed at community centers, grocery stores, or directly at residences when a resident requests one. According to Chris, the ordinance is not an attempt to make Yellow Pages illegal, but rather a step towards reducing the city’s impact on the environment and cost of recycling.

According to San Francisco Recology, it costs $300 per ton to collect and dispose of Yellow Pages in San Francisco.

Alexa Kielty, with the San Francisco Department of the Environment, said she has seen the wasteful effects of unused phone books.

“I've seen stacks and stacks of phone books that are not being utilized. I know that even though they are recyclable, because of their heavy weight, they cause problems at recycling facilities,” she said.

Chiu also noted that few people use the paper Yellow Pages much anymore. “It’s time to recognize that phone books are a 20th century tool that doesn’t meet the business or environmental needs of the 21st century,” Chiu said.

For some people, the proposed ban is bitter sweet.

“I remember using Yellow Pages when I was younger, but now I can just use the Internet to find whatever I need,” said 30-year-old Andy Crummet, who is pursuing his master’s degree in special education at SF State.
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Projects take aim at erosion damage

Sand replacement, boulders part of plan for Ocean Beach

By Gil Riego

On any given day, people wander the shores of Ocean Beach, enjoying the scenery.

But if erosion continues at its current rate, these views may drastically change.

The natural destruction of the beach and cliff areas is causing complications to the use of this stretch of land.

Among those complications is the Oceanside Waste-water Treatment Plant, located about 350 feet away from the shores of the Pacific Ocean. Heavy storms have been causing concern because they are washing down the land that is left between the two.

The beach is 90 feet deep, and the plant was made to facilitate up to 65 million gallons of waste water, and it now seems that because of erosion, some of that waste water is spilling into the Pacific Ocean before it can be treated.

Filice expressed concern for the desire of sand usage, stating that it’s both aesthetically pleasing as well as an easy access point for citizens to reach the shoreline.

Even with sand banks, during the windy months of spring, Filice said that sand can be gusted upward and cause a hazard on the highway, which causes periodic closures for maintenance.

“Over the course of a year, the elevation could fluctuate at a rate of five to six feet dependent on the tides,” Filice said.

“We want our longterm results to prevent us from being an emergency response group,” he continued.

There are a few specific spots that have yet to be addressed, according to Filice, but they are waiting for the approval of the city.

“These El Nino storm types are the ones that cause the biggest threats,” he said.

“We want to get things in place before the next one comes while trying to abide by the beach nourishment program set for passive protection of the beach,” he continued.

“It’s an educational process for everyone who holds a stake in the area.”

Despite the ongoing issues due to the erosion, nothing seems to deter people from coming.

Avila comes down to the beaches at least once a month, and more if the weather permits. She understands that the misplaced boulders and chunks of fallen highway may help with the stabilization of the Ocean Beach master plan.

Filice compares the master plan for protecting against erosion by having engineering companies interns.

“Nothing is static. It’s always dynamic.”

Monthly bicycle ride takes to streets

“Bike Love” offers costumes, music and companionship

By Krissa Stanton

A different type of party rolled into San Francisco Friday, Feb. 4, bringing with them enthusiasm and support for the bicycle culture.

It is called San Francisco Bike Party, a co-op organization that gathers on the first Friday of every month at 8pm. and people from all ages and skill levels are invited to join.

This past Friday, a ride was the second organized SFBP celebration to date. Each event has a theme and Friday night’s theme was “Bike Love.”

Some participants dressed in costumes and most adored their bicycles in colorful flashing lights, blaring loud music as they rode.

Many who gathered heard about the event on Facebook, but had previously attended other bike party celebrations in San Jose and the East Bay.

Lindsey Ryan, 26, from Oakland, has attended the East Bay Bike Party since October of 2010 and heard about SFBP on Facebook.

Ryan explained how bicycling has changed her life in every great possible way and explained how she put the nerves away and decided to come out for Friday night’s celebration.

“She is one thing that people like about the bike parties more, is the planned routes,” said Corbin, who asked only to go by his first name.

A San Francisco resident, he attended the ride Friday night with two friends for the first time.

Although the event is planned to be a monthly event, organizers declined to give information on the group, the next ride or what its theme might be.
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SF RALLY BRINGS SOLIDARITY FOR EGYPTIAN PEOPLE, HOPE FOR FUTURE

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**PRAYER:** Dr. Akram Ghazal, left, leads people in prayer at a rally in support of protesters in Egypt who wish to oust President Hosni Mubarak at UN Plaza in San Francisco, Calif., on Feb. 5.

**PRIDE:** With his fist in the air, Karin Helmy waves an Egyptian flag in the air at a rally in support of protesters in Egypt who wish to oust President Hosni Mubarak in San Francisco, Calif., on Feb. 5.

**FREEDOM:** Ayadi Ieila, holds up a Tunisian flag at a rally in support of protesters in Egypt who wish to oust President Hosni Mubarak at UN Plaza in San Francisco, Calif., on Feb. 5.
PHOTO OF THE WEEK: Two young girls play at the Sutro Baths on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011, in San Francisco, Calif.

PHOTO: Jasmine Beaglier — Xpress

MURALIST: San Francisco State University Art student Eli Lipper (left) paints a mural at the Balmy street alley between 24th and 25th in San Francisco on Saturday, Feb. 5. Lipper is the youth art coordinator at the popular community art center, Precita Eyes, in the Mission District.

PHOTO: Eric Verduzco — Xpress

REFLECTION: Senior Laura Kelley, 25, does homework outside of Burk Hall on Thursday, Jan. 28.

PHOTO: Jasmine Beaglier — Xpress

Our Lenses
A view of the city through our photographers

San Francisco is a city full of unique photographic opportunities ranging from rallies, celebrations and eclectic individuals.

Each week the Spring 2011 Xpress photo staff captures these images on assignment as well as their free time. Golden Gate Xpress photographers are never off the clock.

The "photogs" are always finding a way to infuse their creativity into each image by finding different viewpoints, mysterious reflections and beautiful landscapes.

Images featured in each issue of the Xpress newspaper and magazine showcase the talents of this year’s photo staff, and with the upgrade of the Xpress website the photographers can create audioslideshows for an in-depth look into SF State students’ lives.

— Eric J. Soracco
Photo Editor

WON’T STOP: Ashkon Davaran rallies the crowd at the 18th annual San Francisco Giants Fanfest of 2011. Davaran became a Giants fan favorite and internet sensation when he used a Journey song to root for the Giants to the World Series.

PHOTO: Karen M. Kinney — Xpress
**Brenda’s is a simple spot for soul food**

By Chris Ternate

The food at Brenda’s French Soul Food is meant to be simple, homemade and, like the name suggests, cooked with a little love and care.

“Food at Brenda’s is definitely worth the wait. The food is delicious, the surroundings feel like home, and the service is excellent,” said Gomez, who visited the restaurant with his father Bruce Shore.

“His love for trains started at age 16 months; he loved trains before he could walk. He even had a train room at the house that had inscribed “Philadelphia Phillies.”

“He’s loved trains since he was 16 months old; he has taken us on trains all over America and Europe and they’re a very big part of his life,” said his father Bruce Shore.

Brenda’s is a simple spot for soul food, and it does not disappoint. Offering breakfast and lunch, the restaurant has a homey feel, almost like being in an urban environment.

The fried clam’s slight crunch was a welcomed texture at lunch range from the Sloppy Josephine to its vegan counterpart, made with tofu.

Also on the menu is shrimp, oyster, and catfish po’boys. All are served with fries or cole slaw and watermelon pickles, which are actually surprising-

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SUPERBOWL: Chili and the big game

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“Brew” because it has beer, “nautical” because it has seafood in it, and “nightmare” because honestly, it’s no sweet dream,” Edwards said.

Another competitor, Scott Johnson, named his chili “CrockBlock,” a play on the famous slow cooker traditionally used for cooking chili. He won third place in the judge’s choice for best-tasting chili.

“I’m so excited, I love cooking chili,” Johnson said. “I have a loose recipe but I generally have the same kind of things, though I have changed up several things for the competition.”

With longtime staff members rushing back and forth to cook food, set up music and even cook their own chili, Schwarz said she loved the energy.

“The people that work here, we’re a really close knit group that all have worked here for a long time,” she said. “Everyone here has a great love for each other, sports and this club in particular.”

Even some of the spectators said that this event was something that brought life to the city with its plentiful spread and boisterous atmosphere.

“It’s great to be here, it’s really chilly,” said SF State alumna Andrew O’Neill. “Beer, free food, and a beautiful (expletive) Sunday, really cool.”

By the end of the event, one of the big winners of the day was Bottom of the Hill security guard and sometimes bartender Brian “Bubba” Magnumson. His chili titled “B-fart,” short for “beef heart,” took the prize for people’s choice of best metal name and the judge’s first place prize for best-tasting chili. Magnumson said it felt great to be a winner.

“I’ve been making chili for years now and finally won,” said after winning. “I’ve been making chili for years now and finally won.”

Schwarz has competed in the chili cook-off all three years. This is the first contest in which he has placed.

Schwarz said that she hopes the success of the present will translate to the future.

“I just think it’s going to be here ‘til we close our doors for good,” Schwarz said. “I plan on doing this as long as it’s fun.”

PREVIEW: SF State to host Pride Prom

By Megan Taros

With gowns and tuxedos, corsages and silk ties, come Friday SF State students will have their day as royalty. Thanks to the Queer Alliance Organization, Pride Committee and the University LGBT Club, “Everything Great About You,” SF State will be hosting its first-ever Pride Prom.

On Feb. 11, the “fairy tale ending”-themed dance will take place in the Cesar Chavez Student Center from 8 p.m. to midnight. The Pride Prom is intended to be a celebration of the LGBT community and its allies at SF State.

“I am attending simply to support the gay and lesbian community on campus,” said sociology major Georgina Guardado.

The event will feature two disc jockeys, including one from San Francisco nightclub The Crib, a photo booth, and much more.

Student identification is required to enter, but students may bring one non-SF State guest. While semi-formal attire is encouraged, the event allows students to “come as they are.”

“This is a chance for people to be themselves, be accepted and have a good time,” said EGAY President Rachel Zamora.

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-Howard Frank Mosher, author, Disappearances, Walking to Gatlinburg and North Country

Join Ms. Daley at her San Francisco launch parties for a live reading and discussion about the novel.

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[X]Press salutes African-American heroes and leaders as we celebrate Black History month.
When a police officer takes the Law Enforcement Oath of Honor, they swear to have the courage to hold themselves accountable for their actions. But with such incidents as last month when an agitated man allegedly stabbed a San Francisco officer and was almost immediately shot in the groin, it is becoming evident that police officers do not have adequate regulations concerning the discharge of their weapons.

On Feb. 23, interim San Francisco Police Chief Jeff Godown will go before the Police Commission to suggest that city police officers carry stun guns in addition to their regulation firearms. A rash of incidents involving police officers drawing their weapons and discharging them at suspects, one most notorious of whom the officers have enough training to know that their firearms are a last resort.

How many more similar incidents must occur in order for officers to gain better training on weapons usage? The last time the commission met on the proposed addition of stun guns, it rejected the proposal citing concerns over safety and liability.

Those issues are not tenuous. According to a University of California San Francisco study, there has been a significant increase in the number of sudden deaths of suspects still in custody involving police discharging their stun guns. It amounted to six deaths for every 100,000 arrests.

Another study by the American Civil Liberties Union found that while deaths from stun gun usage have risen dramatically, their use and discharge has been left unregulated. While touted as an alternative to lethal force, it is still a 30,000-volt option.

One of the biggest manufacturers of stun guns, Taser International, only offers introductory training with police departments holding their own supplemental training to cover any gaps. After the short gun training, officers are somehow considered experts.

If the SFPD wants to arm its officers with both firearms and stun guns, then they need to outline clear and implementable criteria for the correct usage of the stun guns and adequate training.

Rules and regulations for weapons and stun guns need to be implemented before another accidental death occurs.
Seniors victims of new program cuts

By Spencer DeVine
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I should hope that when I am an old man I get to live out all the cli- ches playing chess in the park, eating sandwiches in the park, having hard candy in a bowl, and yelling at well-meaning young people who with the way things are going in government, I’m not sure there will be a place for that. It’s a true that a portion of the elderly are fit, live a quick and adven- turous life of their own accord. However, not everyone is blessed with the same health, financial stability, or phys- ical attributes, not everyone is blessed with the same fit, energetic, and live a quick and adven -
tures of whippersnappers to get off my lawn. But should G.E. requirements get greener?

By Natasha Artavia
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It’s really no surprise that SF State has made the decision to introduce an environmental sustainability requirement to its curriculum. Many of you may be underwhelmed by this new requirement, especially since the city consistently supports sustainable prac- tices like making recyclables available in the plastic bag ban.

For a campus that boasts academic ex- cellence and was called “a college with a conscience” by the Princeton Review, the inclusion of a sustainability course was only natural.

In the past few years, it has become more and more apparent that there is a need for educational tools that provide a foundation for eco-literacy for students of all ages.

The environmental sustainability require- ment does just that and will inform them how to make good decisions in the future.

This new requirement will expose stu- dents to issues that they may not have cov- ered in their own education and will also teach students ways in which they can have a positive, sustainable impact on society.

Academics at SF State stress that when students graduate from this campus, they graduate as well-informed, well-rounded, and individual. Additionally, the knowledge they gain from the green class is es- sential in that regard.

Those who oppose the new require- ment claim that adding on to the already-substantial load students bear each year is detrimental to the already over- whelming requirements for their majors, minors and general education.

Students argue that the new requirement is not only unnecessary, but also an additional cost to more cloud-hosting and the technical staff here at goldengatexpress.org.

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SF State defeats Sunbirds thanks to strong pitching

By Sara Donchey

The SF State Gators baseball team opened the season with a 5-1 win, out-pitching the 15th ranked Fresno Pacific Sunbirds Friday, Feb. 4.

In his first game as a Gator, sophomore left-hander Steven Dea gave up just one run on five hits over seven innings while striking out four. Junior right-handed pitcher Matthew Cummins notched his first save of the year with three strikeouts through the final two innings.

The team’s first big win sets in motion a promising season for the Gators.

“I think it’s a good way for us to start,” said SF State head coach Mike Cummins. “It’s hard to get to this point, and I think we earned it. We’ve worked hard to get to this point. And I think it was a great reward for everyone.”

The Sunbirds scored their only run with two outs in the top of the fourth when Fresno Pacific’s shortstop Alec Mehrten singled to center field, scoring catcher Michael Rivera.

The Gators answered in the bottom of the inning after two outs when junior designated hitter Trevor Pasiecznik singled to center field, sending junior left fielder Ivan Otsuka home to tie the game.

In the bottom of the fifth, SF State claimed the lead for good when senior center fielder Ben Melkie scored on a Fresno throwing error. The Gators proceeded to add a run in the sixth and two more in the eighth to seal the victory.

“It feels great to get ahead right away,” said Matthew Cummins. “It started with our defense and our pitching. We were shutting it down and getting the timely hits we needed to, and everything came together.”

Coach Cummins attributes the team’s success to the Gators’ outstanding defensive performance.

“The most impressive thing I think was Steven Dea pitching,” Cummins said. “He didn’t walk anybody, and (he) controlled the whole game.”

Dea, a transfer student from Skyline College in San Bruno, noted his enthusiasm to start the season and was pleased with his performance, but was quick to point out that the support from his fellow teammates helped him snap the win.

“If I feel like I did well, I’m still not satisfied and I don’t want to settle,” Dea said. “It wasn’t just me out there. I had a great team out there behind me and defensively, I could trust them. Having that confidence and that faith in them really helps.”

With the first victory under their belts, Coach Cummins conveyed his confidence in his team’s talents, explaining the benefits of variation.

“I think we have a chance to be pretty special,” Cummins said. “We have a lot of depth and a lot of good players. I’m excited.”

The SF State men’s baseball team started its season by accomplishing something it has not done in two years: It swept a three-game non-conference series beginning on Feb. 4 when it defeated the Fresno Pacific Sunbirds at Maloney Field.

After defeating the Sunbirds 5-1 on Friday, SF State swept the next two games to back-to-back in a doubleheader match on Feb. 5, earning a perfect start to its season in the process.

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The second game started much like the first with the Sunbirds scoring a run in the first before the Gators’ bats came alive in the bottom of the third inning when junior third baseman Nic Gauldin tripled, junior shortstop Will Klein came to the plate and tied the game by driving in Gauldin with a sacrifice fly.

In the following at-bats, SF State would have runners on first and second with its designated hitter on deck. Dea settled both runs with a double to left-center field and scored the Gator’s third run in the inning.

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With two outs in the final inning, the Sunbirds put the tying runner on third base before Dultz forced junior outfielder Blaine Taylor to swing and miss at a high strike.

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sure points in the body and were physically stronger, they wouldn’t only feel comfortable in pulling a trigger, whether it is one of a fire-arm or Taser,” McLaughlin said.

Currently, San Francisco, Detroit, Boston, and Washington D.C.—four of the nation’s major cities with a population of 500,000 or greater—do not deploy Tasers, said Steve Tuttle, spokesman for Taser International Inc.

“By far, California has more law enforcement agencies using Tasers than any other state with more than 800 law enforcement agencies, courts and jails,” Tuttle said in an e-mail.

The seven-member SF Police Commission did not respond to requests for comment.

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of the referendum seems to be legitimizing a shift from Academic Senate-based curriculum decision-making to administration-direct ed “managed pedagogy,” said SF State social work professor Jerry Shapiro. “That’s simply not what San Francisco State’s mission and heritage is all about.”

Academic Senate policy states that budgetary concerns alone are not enough to alter the organization of the schools and programs on campus.

According to the policy, if academic reorganization should be adopted and considered to best serve the mission of the University, it should also strengthen the intellectual and academic activities of the University community.

The proposed changes would take effect in the fall 2011 semester. However, many on campus are still skeptical of the long-term ramifications of the UPAC recommendations. They are unsure if additional changes will be made because of the precedent of the initial UPAC proposal.

“Almost everything right now, from the massive projected budget deficit, which is no fault of the University, to the UPAC proposals for reorganizing, will harm education here,” said Maxfield. “Sure if additional changes will be made because of the precedent of the initial UPAC proposal. The books they brought acted as conversation starters and afterward, they could move on to other topics if they wished. If there are two things I like, it’s reading and talking,” said excited first-time participant Jordan Mattox, a history major at SF State. “So I was like ‘Oh god, I want to come to this. It sounds exciting.’”

The books Mattox brought were “Everyday drinking” by Kingsley Amis, and “The Imitation of Christ” by Thomas à Kempis two subjects one could say are controversial and contradictory. “It’s kind of a joke but it portrays that I am a multifaceted person,” said an excited Mattox. “There are things about me that are contradictory but that makes me interesting.”

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The film is produced under the banner of 9000 Needles. The film will make its Northern California debut after screening throughout the United States and abroad.

The screening—on Sat., Feb. 26 at 11:00 am—will take place at the Del Mar Theater in downtown Santa Cruz. Immediately following there will be a Q&A session with Director Doug Dearth.

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