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HALLOWEEN CASTS A SUNSET SPELL ON SANTA CLARA



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Halloween's sunset marked the beginning of what was a long night for students disguised as superheroes, rock stars, garden gnomes and other fictitious characters. Other students, including the Bronco Band, began their Halloween a day early by dressing up for the Women's Volleyball game at Leavey Center last Friday. Children, who had previously trick-or-treated across the Santa Clara campus, paraded through across the court in their Halloween costumes.

He's much to our like-Engh

Survey concludes that 92.7 percent of students approve of president's performance

By Jesus Diaz
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Little known fact: University President Father Engh, S.J., is not a coffee person.

"He likes tea better than coffee," said senior Liza Sweeney, who works in the president's office and engages with Engh regularly. He also prefers his Blackberry to iPhones.

Despite these little-known facts about Santa Clara's president, one impressive fact stands out — students like him.

A recent student poll has shown that, of 206 students surveyed, 92.7 percent approve of the president's job so far.

"Fr. Engh is very supportive of student life and is also a very thoughtful listener," said Jeanne Rosenberger, vice pro-

vost for student life and dean of students.

"He has attended countless student events and senate meetings to try to hear from students and learn what the Santa Clara experience is from the students' perspective," she said.

Said President of Associated Students Sean Brachvogel, "I think he's done a magnani-

mous job. He's very kind, compassionate, a really great guy, and I am thankful that we have him on campus."

The poll also showed that 78.6 percent of students feel comfortable approaching Engh — more comfortable than approaching former University President Paul Locatelli, S.J.

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Silence in St. Clare broken by open forum

The library plays host to an MCC theme party talk

By Kurt Wagner
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The Saint Clare Room was packed beyond capacity Wednesday night for a school-wide forum to discuss diversity at Santa Clara.

Students lined the walls and floor — and at times sat two to a chair — to try and fit into the forum, which was hosted by the Multicultural Center. University President Michael Engh, S.J., sat on the arm of a chair already occupied by a student participant.

"I was very happy with the turnout," said MCC Director Jose Arreola after the forum. "It was amazing to see so many individuals who had probably never been in the same room together, in the same room together."

The forum materialized in the wake of the "Notorious P-H-I" theme party hosted by the Alpha Phi sorority on Sept. 30, which caused campus-wide discussion last week. In an e-mail, Arreola credited the creation of the forum to an "increased awareness of racial and prejudicial incidents on campus."

Executive members from the MCC, Associated Students and the Santa Clara Community Action Program sat on a panel for the conversation, but students did the majority of the talking from the audience. No Greek members were on the panel due to legal reasons, said President of Associated Students Sean Brachvogel.

MCC called emergency meetings after photos from the "Notorious P-H-I" party emerged on Facebook.

The photos, which portrayed partygoers dressed in bandanas, sports jerseys and a pimp outfit, were found to be offensive by the MCC for depicting a "simplistic and superficial representation" of the African American community, said Arreola.

Alpha Phi President Jessica Canalin felt much of the problem stemmed from a misunderstanding of the theme of the party, which has been labeled by many to be "ghetto/gangster." The actual theme of the party was "rap/hip-hop," she said.

"Nothing about our party had to do with race or had to do with socio-economic status and I think it is not correct how people are associating the two together," said Canalin before the forum. "It was to celebrate rap culture and that's what's being overlooked."

Wednesday's discussion consisted of three parts that included questions about the theme party, whether or not Santa Clara is an inclusive community and a brainstorming session

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