

**UPDATE**

Task forces receives poor review

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The San Jose State community voiced their concerns to the special task force on racial discrimination during their first open forum Friday evening.

There were opinions strongly aimed toward the make-up of the task force and some based on research from the Campus Climate Committee.

Diana Crumedy, a SJSU graduate student, said the task force should be investigating issues she says were “swept under the rug,” such as recent deaths within past years at SJSU.

She said she believes the task force is a facade to put the school in a good light.

“It’s all for show, even the way the room is set up,” Crumedy said.

In attendance were task force members as well as students, faculty and San Jose community members.

The meeting started with the results and discussion of the research conducted by Susan Murray, Ph.D., an associate professor of sociology.

Murray’s research with the Campus Climate Committee showed that students and members of the SJSU community feel discriminated against on campus.

“The focus group report was intended as a tool to be used proactively,” Murray said to the task force.

She said the Campus Climate Committee was in a position to help people recognize their own collusion during the focus group research.

Some of the testimonials from participants of the focus group startled some task force and audience members.

“I’m sure professors do know that the students are racially divided in the classroom,” an African immigrant student, who preferred not to be named, said in the focus group, in regards to test taking and the separation of students.

Murray continued to explain her findings, which showed the classroom to be one of the many interactions students in which feel racial discrimination.

After the findings of the focus group, Murray made recommendations to the task force concerning what staff, faculty and administration should do. Her recommendations to the task force were to create diversity training for staff, faculty and administration members and have an office of campus diversity with resources and an officer.

In response to Murray’s recommendation, the task force members dis-

cussed the findings and questioned the research.

“I think the study was an excellent source of information for the task force and the audience to have read,” said Gabriel Rodriguez, a junior sociology major, Associated Students Director of Intercultural Affairs and member of the task force.

Most task force members commented that the data gathered for the report was from 2006.

The last half of the meeting was a public forum. Students, alumni and community members had three minutes to voice their opinions in front of the task force.

Ashlei McPherson, a junior political science major, was the first person to speak. She felt the task force did not include a fair representation of the SJSU community.

“If it’s a panel about racial discrimination then other groups that are racially discriminated against should be part of this panel,” McPherson said.

The next meeting will focus on residential housing programs and will be held March 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The location has yet to be announced.

Jasmine Leyva is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Crime Log

The following entries are selected from the University Police Department’s daily crime log.

Feb. 15

4:43 a.m.
Officers, the fire department and paramedics were dispatched to provide medical assistance to an intoxicated resident at Joe West Hall. First responders located an additional person in need of medical attention due to intoxication. An ambulance transported both patients to a local hospital.

11:16 p.m.

Officers were dispatched to investigate a report of a disturbance involving domestic violence at Campus Village A. Officers contacted the suspect and arrested the suspect on the charge of battery. The suspect was booked into county jail.

Feb. 16

2:02 a.m.
A police cadet witnessed a female assaulting another female at Hugh Gillis Hall. Two males and another female witnessed the altercation. Neither female sustained injuries nor wanted to press charges. All subjects were released without further incident.

Feb. 17

10:24 a.m.
An officer was contacted by a subject in concerns of electronic harassment. The subject wanted to report a situation where she may be the victim of cyberbullying. All parties have been identified and a report was taken.

11:35 a.m.

An officer was dispatched to a report of a theft at Clark Hall. The victim reported their bicycle was stolen from a bicycle enclosure.

Information compiled by Jasmine Leyva from UPD

PROFILE

Ethel Walker exhibit shares inspiring story

By **Jessica Schlegelmilch**
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Ethel Pitts Walker, a San Jose State professor of 24 years, describes herself as an educator, activist and artist.

Kathleen Normington, a lecturer in the Television, Radio, Film and Theater department at SJSU, says Walker’s influence goes beyond that. Normington describes Walker as a feisty, brave, inspirational and passionate woman who brought humanity to the department.

David Kahn, chair of the TRFT department, called Walker the “spiritual heart” of the department.

After more than 40 years in higher education, 24 years of which were spent at SJSU, Walker has retired. Her life’s work is on display in a two-part exhibition on the fifth floor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library until Feb. 28.

Walker said she has been fortunate to have worked not only in the TRFT department, but also in the African-American studies and creative writing departments at SJSU.

“The colleagues that I have been honored to work with are magnificent,” she said. “Not just as teachers, but as artists and as human beings.”

She said the friendships she’s made at SJSU go beyond anything you’d normally experience with your peers and colleagues.

“They truly mean something else to me,” she said.

She describes her students as exciting and inquisitive people who challenged her and pushed her to go beyond the norm in helping them grow and succeed.

Me’Shell Gomez, a senior theater arts major and one of Walker’s students, said Walker not only motivated her academically but supported in her personal life. She said Walker is a patient and loving educator, but hard, assertive and blunt at the same time.

“She makes sure you grow,” Gomez said.

Jasmine Morris, a junior theater arts major said what sets Walker apart from other professors is the “homey” atmosphere of her classroom.

“It wasn’t like she was lecturing, it was more like story telling,” Morris said.

When Duane Cheers, a professor in the journalism department, told Walker initially about putting together the exhibit, Walker said she couldn’t envision what the exhibit would be like or what to expect.

Walker said Cheers and the exhibit’s curator, Katherine Blackmer Reyes, asked her to collect papers from her home for the exhibit.

“When I finally saw (the exhibit) I was just absolutely amazed,” she said.

The exhibit also shows aspects of her life “beyond the classroom.”

Normington said that the combination of the professional and personal aspects of Walker’s life provide a well-rounded view of Walker’s history.

“I learned things about her that I didn’t know,” Normington said. “Even though I’ve known her for 15 years.”

Walker said some of the most influential parts of her life, including a portion dedicated to her mentor Thomas Pawley, are included in the exhibit.

Walker said Pawley, a professor she met during her second semester at Lincoln University in Missouri in 1960, introduced her to the “real mission” of art – making the world a better place.

“I thought that was such a wonderful kind of

mission,” Walker said. “I thought that’s what I’d like to do with my life.”

Walker said spending time in Western Africa for six weeks with a group of educators, taught her about the link between African-American and American cultures and identities.

She said that the change in culture during the ‘80s and ‘90s and the rise of black nationalism along with the literature of the time sparked her interest in the African-American “duality.”

She said the influence and traditions of music, dance and story-telling are only part of the duality that exists between the past and present.

Normington said that Walker used theater to remind people of racial issues that are often “shuffled” aside.

She said Walker expanded the faculty’s ideas about what theater was and what it had the potential to be.

“She is a true person of the theater who understands the transformational power that theater has to positively affect individuals and communities,” Kahn said.

Walker believes the purpose of the university isn’t simply about learning skills and getting a job. The skills students learn should be used as tools which help them create a better world.

“If the academy has any real purpose it is to teach people how to live with each

other,” she said. “(Theater) introduces all of these different people, and if you really get into the dramatic literature you have to see life through their eyes. That’s why I love theater.”

Normington said Walker isn’t afraid to be herself and encourage others to do the same, even in a world where being politically correct and not stepping on toes is important.

“She has no idea of the influence she’s had on all of us,” Normington said.

She said it is the absence of Walker’s heart and passion that will leave a hole in the department.

“This (experience at SJSU) has been a wonderful part of my life journey,” Walker said. “It is time for me to leave, but I will miss it.”

Jessica Schlegelmilch is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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Jessica Schlegelmilch | Spartan Daily
Me’Shell Gomez Senior theater arts major admires Ethel Walker’s life exhibit displayed at the Martin Luther King, Jr. library.

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PREVIEW

'Vikings' return with vengeance on the History Channel

By **Jamie Maciel**
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It's dirty, slightly religious and filled with bearded men. No, I'm not talking about "Duck Dynasty." History Channel's "Vikings," a show about Viking legend Ragnar Lothbrok and his adventures, is coming back for a second season.

"Vikings" incorporates history with adrenaline-pumping battle scenes, nail-biting cliff-hangers and legendary Norsemen.

Although its striking resemblance to HBO's "Game of Thrones" is hard to ignore, "Vikings" has ditched the dragons and the half-man for hero legends and a pagan belief system.

Despite the fact that it's produced by the History Channel, you may not want to reference it on a history exam. Keep in mind that this show is not a documentary — it's a dramatization of historical characters.

Little is known about Vikings, but writer and history aficionado Michael Hirst has done his best to create a compelling drama featuring several historical characters. Thanks to Hirst's love for history and drama, he has created one of the most incredibly entertaining shows on TV.

Bone-crushing battle scenes and intriguing characters will have you tuning in every Thursday.

Beyond the beautiful backdrop of Ireland are the complex characters that Hirst has created.

Each character is unique and this eclectic bunch creates a sensational TV series.

Season one introduced us to Ragnar Lothbrok, played by actor Travis Fimmel. Ragnar is a Viking farmer and family man with dreams of sailing west toward uncharted territory in hopes of finding riches and adventure.

Faced with opposition and problems stemming from his village and family, Ragnar is forced to reevaluate his priorities while trying to satisfy his thirst to raid.

This anti-hero has the audience rooting for him to chase his dreams throughout season one.

Katheryn Winnick plays Ragnar's wife Lagertha Lothbrok, a strong warrior and loving mother and wife.

Lagertha is definitely a fan favorite. Her compelling journey in season one demonstrates the immense potential this series has.



Photo courtesy of Jonathan Hession

"Vikings" tells the story of a young warrior, Ragnar Lothbrok, who looks to pillage new lands and claim them as his own.

"I fell in love with her character when I started to research her," Winnick said. "It's so nice that other people have responded to her as well."

Winnick said she is a third degree black belt and a licensed bodyguard who takes pride in performing her own stunts.

"You kind of have to do that because it's believable and it's part of the character. That's my favorite part," Winnick said.

As far as Lagertha's future in season two, Winnick said she is excited to see her character unfold.

"What makes this show amazing is that Michael Hirst writes every episode... there's a lot of trust that I have in Michael and how he portrays Lagertha and her character," Winnick said. "La-

gertha has a big journey. She definitely comes into her own in season two."

A character to look out for in season two is Rollo Lothbrok, played by actor Clive Standen.

Older brother to Ragnar, Rollo faces internal issues caused by sibling rivalry. The relationship between Rollo and Ragnar is intense and unresolved at the end of season one.

Although these characters' problems and dialogue may be scripted, some of the battle scenes have been known to cause real injuries.

"I've ended up with a battle spear that pierced straight through my shoulder so I've still got a little scar there," Standen said.

The battle scenes are so beautifully choreographed, it's easy to lose yourself in the action

and chaos and forget that it's just a show.

"When we clash into the shield wall that is what you see," Standen said. "We run at full pelt and we smash into these wooden shields with metal swords. I've ended up with cuts and bruises."

The dynamic relationship that each character has with one another breathes a life into this series that's hard to resist.

Once the dust has settled and the blood has dried, these axe-wielding Vikings won't be going anywhere without a fight.

Catch the season two premiere of "Vikings" on Thursday at 10 p.m. on the History Channel.

Jamie Maciel is the Spartan Daily Multimedia Editor.

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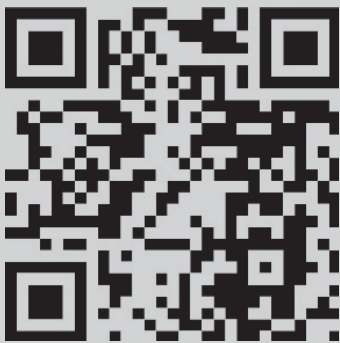
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Infant
 - 5 ___ down (makes simpler)
 - 10 Stick in one's ___ (rankle)
 - 14 Eye up and down
 - 15 Burn, as energy
 - 16 Australian parrot
 - 17 "Now hold on!"
 - 18 Attempt again
 - 19 Mental germ
 - 20 What the cowboy-turned-carpenter used?
 - 22 Plumb tuckered out
 - 23 Letter following sigma
 - 24 Floe-breaking vessel
 - 26 Super-fine fiddle
 - 30 Kind of salad or chips
 - 32 Champagne and orange juice drink
 - 34 Attack, to a dog
 - 35 Part of a church, say
 - 39 Small banknotes
 - 40 Dalai Lama's city
 - 42 German industrial valley
 - 43 Belonging to Barbie's old beau
 - 44 Curtail one's freedom of speech
 - 45 "The ___ and the Sea"
 - 47 Stock units
 - 50 Grammarian's topic
 - 51 Did some wool gathering Quebec's ___ Saint-Jean
 - 56 Rings loudly, as a bell
 - 57 Be an abusive chef?
 - 63 "Tat-tat" precursor
 - 64 Poem with 17 syllables
 - 65 High-pitched woodwind
 - 66 Eager-beaverish
 - 67 Valuable or useful possession
 - 68 Prepare, as tuna
 - 69 Strong inclinations
 - 70 The ones here
 - 71 Jekyll's inner man?
- DOWN**
- 1 They're taken onstage
 - 2 Turkish honorific
 - 3 Command to Gabriel
 - 4 "Totally"
 - 5 Sorghum variety
 - 6 Exhausts, as a supply
 - 7 Parcel
 - 8 Painful inflammation, as of the shoulder
 - 9 Double agent
 - 10 Be a school-house thief
 - 11 Cowboy contest
 - 12 Sports palace
 - 13 OK Corral figure
 - 21 He gave us a lift
 - 22 Filming locale
 - 25 Chocolate source
 - 26 Run ___ (go wild)
 - 27 Outfielder's call
 - 28 Revival meeting shout
 - 29 Vegetarians' dinner prep, say
 - 31 River in Missouri
 - 33 Aquarium growth
 - 36 Speedy cat
 - 37 Do a batting-practice chore
 - 38 Sea eagle variety
 - 41 Ready money
 - 46 Good fortune
 - 48 168 in a wr.
 - 49 Quenches, as a thirst
 - 51 Roll-on alternative
 - 52 Throw, as a shot put
 - 53 Use room service
 - 55 Less than 90 degrees, anglewise
 - 58 Ascent
 - 59 Grandly appointed
 - 60 Take heed
 - 61 Pond dweller
 - 62 Bone-dry
 - 64 Magician's prop



Downgrading humans to upgrade your device

They're in my ears, sometimes around my wrists, in my pocket and in my purse.

My earrings have them, my bracelet has them and so do my phone and computer.

Each of these everyday items contain some sort of conflict mineral, whether it is gold, coltan, tin or tungsten.

While these minerals are found in several everyday things, we most likely own them in the form of smartphones and other electronic devices.

The U.S. Geological Survey said there is about 0.034 grams of gold in each cellphone, worth about \$1.82. There are also 16 grams of copper worth about 12 cents, 0.35 grams of silver worth 36 cents and 0.00034 grams of platinum worth two cents.

These metals are used for the chips and electrical conductors inside of electronic devices.



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Conflict minerals are minerals harvested in areas where human rights violations are abundant and there is armed conflict, according to SourceIntellegence.com.

Conflict minerals are mined in large quantities in areas such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, a country that has been in a state of turmoil because of inhumane

mining methods. "DRC is home to an estimated 2.7 million Internally Displaced Persons, making it one of the largest internal displacement crises in the world," according to the Internal Displacement Monitoring Center. "These people are often displaced because of mining conflicts, which have led to civil war."

Nightline reported that troops from adjacent countries Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi engaged in smuggling coltan from the DRC

and used the money to fund wars.

The report stated that by one estimate the Rwandan army made at least \$250 million over 18 months through the sale of coltan, even though coltan isn't mined in Rwanda.

Sasha Lezhnev, a consultant for the Enough Project, a non-government organization that focuses on genocide and human rights, said in an interview with the BBC that there is such high demand for conflict minerals that warlords in the DRC are often controlling mining areas and the mineral trade.

Armed warlords and gangs make hundreds of millions of dollars annually by trading conflict minerals, according to the Enough Project's website.

Eastern Congo has been dubbed "rape capital of the world" by U.N. Special Representative Margot Wallstrom.

A study called "Estimates and Determinants of Sexual Violence Against Women in the Democratic Republic of Congo," conducted at Stony Brook University School of Medicine, found that 48 women are raped every hour in the DRC.

This violence is undoubtedly caused by the rampant conflict of mineral mining.

Something to consider the next time you're picking out a new smartphone just because you want to use your fingerprint as a passcode.

Many of us have electronic devices that perform overlapping tasks.

Upgrading from the iPhone 4s to the 5s because of a better selfie camera seems... superficial...

It is not necessary to have a smartphone, a laptop, a tablet and an MP3 player, like some of us do.

It is unnecessary to constantly upgrade to new electronic devices every time there is a new version.

Most operating systems update fairly regularly, so staying with the same device until its hardware becomes obsolete is easier on the environment and the people who harvest the minerals to make them.

Upgrading from the iPhone 4s to the 5s because of a better selfie camera seems even more superficial when you're throwing away a perfectly good phone with intact hardware.

The U.S. Government's Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act, which became law in July 2010, obligates American companies to confirm the raw materials in their products are not tied to the conflict in Congo, by auditing the mineral supply chains, according to the Enough project.

A supply chain tracks components of products from harvesting the raw materials, to manufacturing and then packaging and distribution. But tracking conflict minerals can get tricky. The metals are often sold to countries near the DRC or mined illegally and resold to middlemen.

Companies like Apple and Intel have announced that they will eliminate or reduce their use of conflict minerals, but as they can be difficult to trace, the best method of reducing mining is to use fewer products with conflict minerals.

The Dodd-Frank Act hasn't reached full effect yet, but some companies have already begun tracing where minerals come from. The U.N. recently reported that the effects are already being seen in the DRC, according to a BBC article, "How to offset your 'conflict mineral' guilt."

You can argue that most of us resell our devices or recycle them instead of throw them out, but how often do we see abandoned computers or other electronic devices on the sidewalk to be salvaged by passersby?

Take good care of the electronic devices you own.

Seek out devices made by companies who use ethically sourced minerals and purchase refurbished and recycled electronics, instead of creating more demand for substances warlords supply and control.

Yasmine Mahmoud is a Spartan Daily staff writer. "Guilt Trip" usually appears the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Letters to the Editor

We have all seen the new push by the University to embrace "diversity," right?

If you have not seen the effort, just take a look around. We have new posters everywhere around campus and classes are beginning to promote "Diversity Appreciation."

This effort by the University to embrace diversity comes just a few months after a black freshman student came out about being tormented by his white roommates for several months.

It took months for the incident to be brought to the attention of the student body and University administration.

San Jose State has been known to be the most diverse California State University campus, so it was a shock to many when four students were charged with battery and hate crimes.

In many minds, this couldn't happen in 2013 and not here. Many of us are seeing the new ways that diversity is being brought to light at SJSU.

We are seeing our professors, administrators and so many students trying to get aboard with "diversity."

Several of my professors have decided this semester to assign group projects and diversify the groups.

They are pushing us to work with students who we normally would not work with or interact with on a daily basis.

One of my professors actually talked about how the school is pressuring them to embrace diversity in the classroom.

It is slowly starting to become uncomfortable and almost forced.

We need to really look at the word "diverse," because this one word has different meanings for everyone.

My definition of diversity is the ability to interact, engage and learn about another culture.

This allows you to gain a deeper sense of someone's traditions, cultures and rituals.

This definition has blossomed during my years of living in the Bay Area.

Having attended a culturally diverse private school all the way through high school, I came across many different ethnic backgrounds and created some long-lasting friendships.

To really make this campus appreciative of our diversity, SJSU needs to look at the Student Involvement Program and Mosaic Cross Cultural Center.

Every year they put on Leadership Today, a three-day social justice retreat for about 40 students.

The students are from various backgrounds and represent the different organizations from the campus at large.

I was selected in December as one of the delegates after applying to attend Leadership Today.

I am not going to lie, I was nervous going into the retreat. I did not know a lot of the other students who would be attending.

We started off with some ice breakers and getting to know one another. As we got familiar with one another, the real work started to happen.

We started sharing different parts of our worlds and some of the deepest parts of lives with one another.

This opened the door to seeing past an individual's ethnicity, race, size and class.

We began seeing that we all had different backgrounds but similar stories.

Leadership Today was full of emotion and deep reflection—the things many of us do not take the time to think about because we are always busy.

By the third day of the retreat, we were no longer strangers who happened to attend SJSU.

We had become a family of 40 students from different backgrounds, ethnicities, sexual orientation, size and class.

We had stepped outside of our comfort zone and left the retreat with the ability to fight preconceptions.

This retreat shows the power of diversity and appreciation of the different cultures and backgrounds that are here at SJSU.

My wish for SJSU is to begin to institute a retreat like Leadership Today for every student.

I can only imagine what the difference would be in the campus involvement if every student gained that strengthened sense of community and braved uncharted territory.

When we can become family—not just students who attend SJSU—we will truly embrace diversity.

Daniel Harris-Lucas
Senior, Public Relations

Is it a myth that guys want to make the first move, or are they cool with girls being more assertive?

See what Jeff and Jasmine have to say about it next Thursday. Submit your own questions to spartandaily@gmail.com with the subject line "He Said, She Said."



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WEEKEND RECAP

Garcia's grand slam lifts Spartans' softball team over North Carolina



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Spartan senior Jessica Garcia is batting at .347 average with 26 RBIs, nine runs and four home runs in 2014.

By Austin Belisle
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The San Jose State softball team defeated North Carolina, 5-4, in the finale of the Bank of Hawai'i Invitational after Jessica Garcia hit a come-from-behind grand slam on Sunday.

The Spartans (10-5) trailed North Carolina 3-1 heading into the bottom of the sixth before Devin Caldwell reached on a North Carolina error, Michelle Cox reached on a fielder's choice play and Jessie Hufstetler drew a walk to load the bases.

Garcia's big hit gave SJSU the lead, and head coach Peter Turner reflected on the team's trip to Hawai'i and Garcia's heroics.

"This weekend, we won some close games, and good teams win close games," Turner said to SJSU Athletics. "I can't think of a time in my career as either a coach or a player that I've seen someone hit two grand slams in a weekend."

Pitcher Katelyn Linford (2-2) was credited with the win after five innings of work. Linford allowed five hits and three earned runs before Allison Lang completed her sec-

ond save of the season in the final two innings.

"Linford had an excellent outing," Turner said. "I'm really proud of our entire pitching staff."

SJSU travels to the Libby Matson Tournament, hosted by Pacific, on Friday to face the University of Texas-El Paso, University of Washington and Cal State University-Bakersfield.

Women's Water Polo

The Spartans opened the final day at the UC Irvine Invitational with a 10-9 victory over No. 6 Hawaii on Sunday.

The No. 11 Spartans (13-7) finished 10th in the 16-team tournament after a 13-12 overtime loss to No. 8 Loyola Marymount in their final match of the day.

Spartan freshman Clara Espar Llaquet led the Spartans in scoring with three goals in the Hawaii win, while co-captain Timi Molnar and Victoria Smith added two each.

In SJSU's second win of the four-match tournament, Maddie Reardon was credited with eight saves.

Espar Llaquet finished the day with seven goals and 11 total for the tournament, giving the Spartans a 7-6 halftime edge against Loyola Marymount before two-time All-American Alexandra Horny scored two goals to seal the victory for the Lions in overtime.

Interim Head Coach Johnny Bega was proud of the team's success and effort at the tournament.

"Overall, we continue to improve tremendously as a team," Bega said. "We have more people scoring and everyone is contributing on offense."

The Spartans will play Stanford on Saturday at noon.

Women's Gymnastics

The team made history Friday at Boise State by becoming the first team in program history to earn three team scores higher than a 195.000 in a season after earning a 195.550 against the Broncos.

Marissa Unpingco and Bekah Gher started the meet with a bang on the bars, each scoring a team-best 9.825 to lead the Spartans to a 48.900 score, seventh-best in program history.

On vault, Gher's consistent performance carried over as she scored a team-best 9.825 for second place in the meet en route to a team vault score of 48.750.

The Spartan's strongest showing came during the floor routines, where upperclassmen led the way to a score of 48.975.

Cassandra Harrison scored a team-high 9.850 for third place in the meet.

"This is the best team I've coached in my 12 years at San Jose State," Head Coach Wayne Wright said. "Led by our incredible seniors who are a huge part of our success this year, these gymnasts are competing like champions week in and week out, and are just a joy to watch."

The Spartans will compete against Southern Utah on Friday.

Women's Golf

Senior Rachelle Reali recorded her first top-10 finish in her collegiate career and SJSU finished sixth with a 33-over-par (601) at the Peg Barnard Invitational at the Stanford Golf Course on Sunday.

Reali finished the tournament at 4-over-par (146) and her best performance came in round one where she shot a 1-under-par (70).

She made two birdies during the second round, but was four-over par over the last nine holes and finished five-over-par (76) in her final round.

Junior Megan Osland tied for 21st after she shot 9-over-par (150) and freshman My Leander tied for 53rd with a 15-over-par (156).

Spartan freshman Alexandra Kristofersson and senior Stephanie Gibri tied for 42nd at 13-over-par (154).

Women's Tennis

SJSU extended their win streak to two games in a 5-2 win over the University of the Pacific and have an overall record of 4-8.

Spartan freshman Gaelle Rey and senior Sebastiani Leon Chao won the first doubles set, beating Hana Ritterova and Regina Suarez (8-6). In the second match it was freshman Marie Klocker and sophomore Justine Deleval for SJSU in an 8-3 win over Christina Ferrari and Gergana Bonocheva.

Leon Chao beat Ferrari in straight sets (6-0, 6-0) and Klocker won her singles match (6-4, 6-4) against Ritterova.

Junior Julianna Baccalar also won in straight sets, out-dueling Christina Saenz de Buruaga Ruiz (6-0, 6-1) and freshman Tipper Truong beat Bonocheva (6-3, 6-1) to give the Spartans a 5-2 victory.

The Spartans will compete against UC Santa Barbara on Saturday at noon.

Football

SJSU quarterback David Fales participated in a number of positional drills at the NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis on Sunday.

Along with quarterbacks Johnny Manziel and Blake Bortles, Fales took part in the

40-yard dash, the vertical jump, broad jump, three cone drill and 20-yard shuttle to prove his athleticism to scouts in attendance before this year's draft.

Fales ran the 40-yard dash in 4.99 seconds, the 14th best time among 15 participating quarterbacks.

In the vertical jump, Fales jumped 28 inches, tying him for 12th best attempt and below Derk Carr's second-best 34.5 inch effort.

Fales finished the broad jump with the shortest attempt, jumping 8-feet, 7-inches in comparison to the best effort of the day by Logan Thomas at 9-feet, 10-inches.

Fales completed the three cone drill in 7.55 seconds and ran the twenty yard shuttle in 4.50 seconds.

Hockey

The Spartans are headed to the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II Nationals in Boston on March 21 to 25 after two big wins in the Western Regional Tournament over the weekend.

SJSU dominated in a 4-0 win against Texas A&M on Sunday and junior Nick Gialdini, seniors Mason Console, Ian Seidl and Sam Cimino each scored a goal.

The Spartans squeaked past the University of Utah, 2-1, and it was senior John Germaine with a second period power play goal that gave his team the lead and senior Nicholas Matejovski contributed one goal.

SJSU is in Pool B of the ACHA Nationals where they'll play William Paterson University, University of Maryland Baltimore County and Illinois State University.

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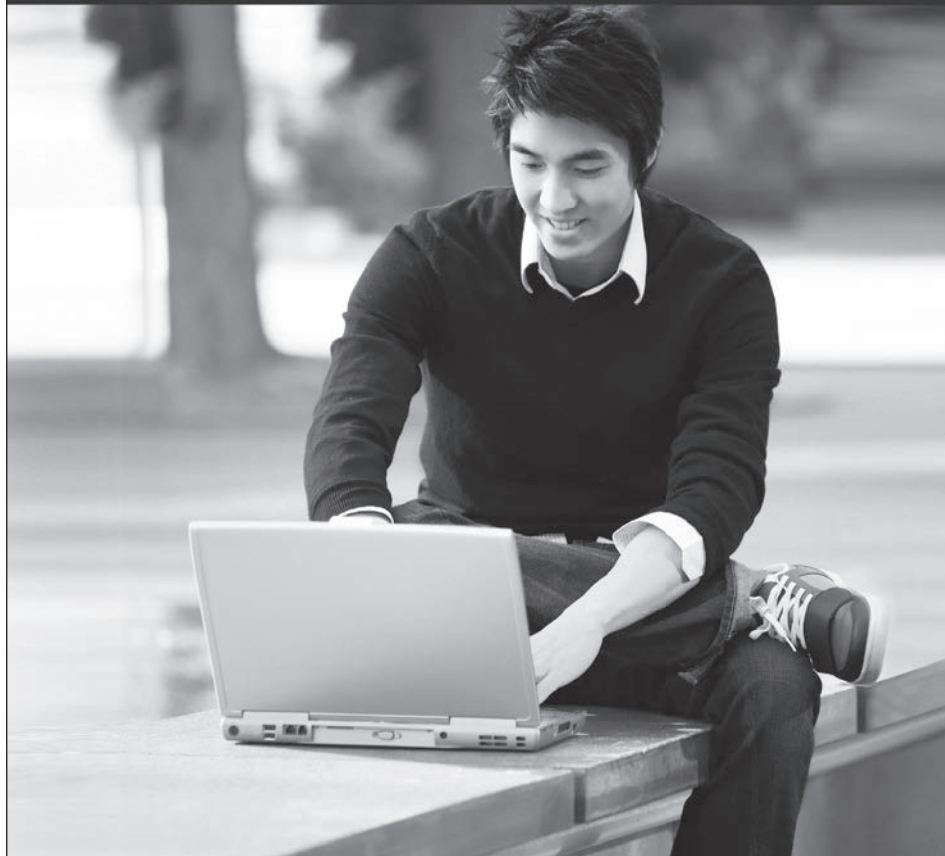
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