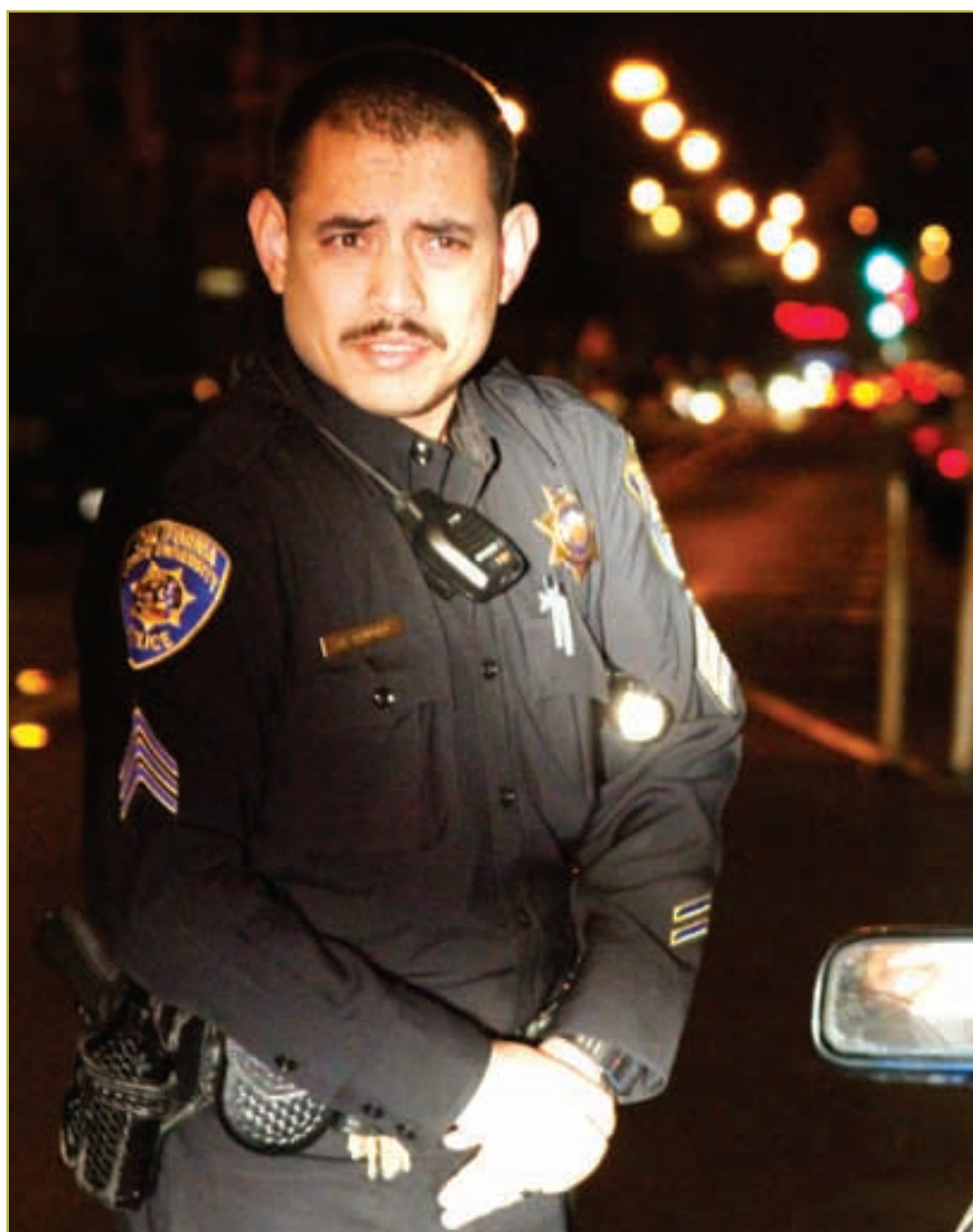




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[Dave Cabebe / Spartan Daily]

University Police Department Sgt. Manuel Aguayo stops a car for speeding Friday night before ultimately letting the female driver off with a warning.

Ride along offers glimpse into nightly routine of UPD sergeant

By Jennifer Hadley
Staff Writer

Three hours into his night shift, UPD Sgt. Manuel Aguayo likes to have a large mocha from his usual coffee shop, where the employees know him by name.

He barely had time to finish his coffee during a shift which he later said was a slow night.

The coffee run did not come before Aguayo checked on the SJSU aviation facility located on Coleman Avenue to make sure no one had broken in or trespassed in the area.

Aguayo said the aviation area, South Campus and the downtown campus are the places where UPD patrols.

"We're allowed to go as far as a mile off campus," he said. "Our primary duty and responsibilities are to the campus and the campus community, so we generally keep within a two-to four-block radius."

The next order of business

was to check on the fraternity and sorority houses.

"The parties that are well-organized, where someone has a guest list, where the fraternity members have it well-planned and they request security from us, those parties tend to go generally a lot better than the unannounced, unorganized parties," Aguayo said.

Cleary McTeague, a senior communications major and member of the Kappa Delta sorority, said all parties are supposed to be reported to the SJSU Student Life Center to help enforce capacity and safety.

"The parties usually are more organized when UPD is involved, and the parties are sure to end by 2 a.m.," McTeague said. "When parties go on too long is when troubles really become more evident as people become too drunk."

Around 11 p.m., the only criminal activity around the fraternities and sororities in-

involved people illegally dumping garbage or peeing in public.

Another officer on duty saw two dark shadows behind an apartment building, and stopped to check out the situation.

It turned out to be two sparsely dressed girls — going pee.

"It is more reassuring having the cops close by, because with any large gathering of people, you never know what troubles can occur," McTeague said. "UPD understands that we are college kids having fun and respect that while keeping the students reasonably safe at such engagements."

Taking Care of Business

The night became more eventful around 2 a.m., once the bars and clubs downtown started to close, and students started heading back to the dorms and

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Eco Pass fees may increase

By Jhenene Louis
Staff Writer

Twenty-three students gathered in the Ohlone room of the Student Union on Tuesday to discuss a possible \$3 increase to keep San Jose streets less congested.

Erica Kallio, a junior environmental studies major, led the panel discussion about the increase in the semester fees for the unlimited use of SJSU's Valley Transportation Authority Eco Passes.

Kallio, also a member of the Environmental Resource Center, said 30 percent of the SJSU's student population uses an Eco Pass, which allows students to ride VTA buses and light rail for free.

"Some students really rely on the VTA as a mode of transportation," said Candice Carbonell, a junior environmental studies major. "Even though I don't use public transportation, I think it's cool that we can take light rail any place at any time at such a low cost."

She said students should

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[Kirsten Aguilar / Spartan Daily]

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority employee Dino Guevarra speaks at a discussion held in the Ohlone Room in the Student Union on Tuesday about the status of the Eco Pass next semester.

Multiple medical marijuana clubs bud in Silicon Valley

By Samantha Rivera
Staff Writer

Rice crispy treats, lollipops, cookies and marijuana in its traditional form are offered at the San Jose Cannabis Buyers Collective, San Jose's first medical marijuana dispensary.

"I think it's a long time coming," said Erika Taylor Montgomery, spokeswoman for the dispensary. "There are over 75,000 patients in San Jose and there were no medical dispensaries."

Montgomery, a patient at the dispensary, said patients previously had to travel to San Francisco, Oakland or Santa Cruz to purchase their medical marijuana which was time consuming and also dangerous for patients who suffer from diseases like Parkinson's disease.

The dispensary opened four months ago and currently has a little under 2,000 registered patients, Montgomery said.

Students who have a verifiable medical marijuana card and are found with an amount of marijuana that does not exceed their prescribed amount

will not have it confiscated, said Michael Santos, detective sergeant for the University Police Department.

"We have dealt with medical marijuana in our past and know how to deal with people who have medical marijuana," Santos said. "We have no opposition to it and we don't have any position on having one (dispensary) in San Jose."

The dispensary is the only dispensary that requires its patients to be over 21 years old in San Jose and gives new patients a two-day waiting period before they can purchase medical marijuana, Montgomery said.

The two-day waiting period allows for the dispensary to verify that the card is not counterfeit and time to check with the patient's physicians, she said.

"All other clubs sell to those 18 years and older, but we don't because someone who is 18 may still be in high school, and we don't want to be in a position where we are serving students," Montgomery said.

The dispensary has no limit on how much marijuana they sell their patients since some

may not visit very often and like to stock up on it in one visit, she said.

Montgomery said she is aware some may possibly think of re-selling their medical marijuana, though it is clearly stated that is not allowed, but there would be no advantage since the price of it in the dispensary is the same as it would be for a street dealer.

Five other dispensaries have opened in San Jose within the last three weeks, Montgomery said.

"We are somewhat concerned that they opened so quickly and hope San Jose sets rules and regulations for the dispensaries," she said.

Montgomery said she thinks this is a tremendous step toward the legalization of marijuana.

She said as long as the city sets guidelines, situations like the one in Los Angeles, where there are over 500 unregulated dispensaries, can be avoided.

"I don't think San Jose citizens want that here," Montgomery said.

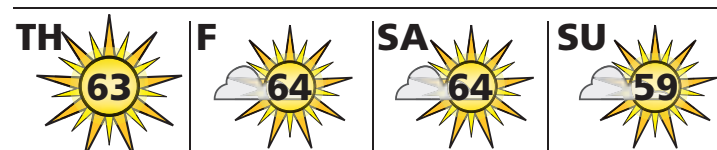
Kasey Rose, a junior child

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Albino children in Tanzania face danger, discrimination

Podcast

Two staff writers debate killing civilians in the game "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2"



[Courtesy of Activision]

Hear a podcast on "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2" at TheSpartanDaily.com.

Obama to boost troops' levels in Afghanistan with exit plan

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — Declaring “our security is at stake,” President Barack Obama ordered an additional 30,000 U.S. troops into the long war in Afghanistan on Tuesday night, but balanced the buildup with a pledge to an impatient nation to begin withdrawing American forces in 18 months.

In a prime-time speech at the U.S. Military Academy, the president said his new policy was designed to “bring this war to a successful conclusion.” The troop buildup will begin almost immediately — the first Marines will be in place by Christmas — and will cost \$30 billion for the first year alone.

“We must deny al-Qaida a safe haven,” Obama said in articulating U.S. military goals for a war that has dragged on for eight years. “We must reverse the Taliban’s momentum. ... And we must strengthen the capacity of Afghanistan’s security forces and government.”

The president said the additional forces would be deployed at “the fastest pace possible so that they can target the insurgency and secure key population centers.”

Their destination: “the epicenter of the violent extremism practiced by al-Qaida.”

“It is from here that we were attacked on 9/11, and it is from here that new attacks are being plotted as I speak,” the president said.

It marked the second time in his young presidency that Obama has added to the American force in Afghanistan, where the Taliban has recently made significant advances. When he became president last January, there were roughly 34,000 troops on the ground; there now are 71,000.

Obama’s announcement drew less-than-wholehearted support from congressional Democrats. Many of them favor a quick withdrawal, but others have already proposed

higher taxes to pay for the fighting.

Republicans reacted warily, as well. Officials said Sen. John McCain, who was Obama’s Republican opponent in last year’s presidential campaign, told Obama at an early evening meeting attended by numerous lawmakers that declaring a timetable for a withdrawal would merely send the Taliban underground until the Americans began to leave.

As a candidate, Obama called Afghanistan a war worth fighting, as opposed to Iraq, a conflict he opposed and has since begun easing out of.

A new survey by the Gallup organization, released Tuesday, showed only 35 percent of Americans now approve of Obama’s handling of the war; 55 percent disapprove.

“After 18 months, our troops will begin to come home,” he said flatly.

In eight years of war, 849 Americans have been killed in Afghanistan, Pakistan and neighboring Uzbekistan, according to the Pentagon.

In addition to beefing up the U.S. presence, Obama has asked NATO allies to commit between 5,000 and 10,000 additional troops.

He said he was counting on Afghanistan eventually taking over its own security, and he warned, “The days of providing a blank check are over.” He said the United States would support Afghan ministries that combat corruption and “deliver for the people. We expect those who are ineffective or corrupt to be held accountable.”

As for neighboring Pakistan, the president said that country and the United States “share a common enemy” in Islamic terrorists. He said his policy will be to strengthen Pakistan’s capacity to target terrorists, and he said the U.S. has “made it clear that we cannot tolerate a safe haven for terror-

ists whose location is known.”

Most of the new forces will be combat troops. Military officials said the Army brigades were most likely to be sent from Fort Drum in New York and Fort Campbell in Kentucky; and Marines primarily from Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

Officials said the additional 30,000 troops included about 5,000 dedicated trainers, underscoring the president’s emphasis on preparing Afghans to take over their own security. They added the president is making clear to his generals that all troops, even if designated as combat, must consider themselves trainers.

These aides said that by announcing a date for beginning a withdrawal, the president was not setting an end date for the war.

But that was a point on which McCain chose to engage the president at a pre-speech meeting with lawmakers before Obama departed for West Point. “The way that you win wars is to break the enemy’s will, not to announce dates that you are leaving,” McCain said later.

Obama’s address represents the beginning of a sales job to restore support for the war effort among an American public grown increasingly pessimistic about success — and among some fellow Democrats in Congress wary of or even opposed to spending billions more dollars and putting tens of thousands more U.S. soldiers and Marines in harm’s way.

Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., and liberal House Democrats threatened to try to block funding for the troop increase.

Sen. Carl Levin, the Michigan Democrat who chairs a military oversight panel, said he didn’t think Democrats would yank funding for the troops or try to force Obama’s hand to pull them out faster.

SJSU students start the school day sunny side up

By Alicia Johnson
Staff Writer

Dining Commons statistics show that students who live on campus do take a break from their busy class schedules to eat the most important meal of the day, breakfast.

Several eateries on campus cater to the morning crowd, such as the Dining Commons, which serves breakfast daily from 7 to 11 a.m.

George Gemette, Dining Commons retail operations manager, said the Dining Commons receives a large morning rush.

“We have over half of our students come in and eat breakfast on the meal plan,” he said. “So that’s about 800 students a day.”

According to the Calorie Lab Web site, college students gain the most weight during their freshman year of college because of unhealthy eating habits and a lack of exercise.

Junior aviation major Keevin Lim said he enjoys taking his morning cereal break.

“Not just the fact that its health, it’s kind of refreshing in the morning,” Lim said. “In a way, breakfast is also another stress reliever, because you get to spend time on something you actually like to do.”

Gemette said having a meal plan makes the meal selection process at the Dining Commons easy and affordable.

“We also have fresh waffles that they can make, lots of fruit, lots of vegetarian options like soy-based chorizo, he said. “They eat a lot of donuts — lots and lots of donuts. We go through about 160 donuts a day, plus about another 140 pastries.”

Gemette said there are about 1,500 students on meal plans.

Vu Nguyen, a senior civil engineering major, said he commutes

to school and skips breakfast on most days.

“I usually wake up late to go to school,” he said. “I need time to drive to school and to get ready. Every day I have school, I skip breakfast. When I don’t have school, I eat breakfast.”

The Spartan Smart Cart sells fresh fruit, nuts, and drinks in front of Clark Hall on Tuesday mornings through the afternoon.

“Actually, the morning is the less busiest moment of the day,” political science major Frederic Spitz said. “Most people come for

lunch. We do have some people, but not that many.”

Spitz works at the Smart Cart and said he eats breakfast daily.

“You lose focus,” he said. “And if you eat breakfast, then you will get better grades — and that’s true. Your attention span gets better.”

Freshman history major Michelle Swanson said she eats breakfast every day.

“Like, yogurt or cereal,” she said. “You need to eat breakfast in the morning so your metabolism keeps going, so you don’t get hungry and overeat.”



[Kirsten Aguilar / Spartan Daily]
Virgita Diaz, a freshmen computer science major (left), and sociology student Yaira Lizarraga make waffles for breakfast at the Dining Commons on Tuesday morning.

ECO

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know about the Eco Pass and how it benefits students and faculty.

“The Eco Pass is a big part of the university even though people might not think about it that way,” said Carbonell. “A lot of people need and depend on this pass as their only mode of transportation, so it’s important that students learn about it and get the facts.”

Eyedid Zonobi, SJSU Transportation Solutions manager, said 88 percent of SJSU students commute to campus and 98 percent of those who commute are from Santa Clara County.

Cathy Bui, a junior environmental studies major, said that she has been using her Eco Pass

to ride on VTA for four semesters, which is her single mode of transportation.

“After my house burned down, I lost everything, including my car,” Bui said. “I had to rely on family to take me around where I needed to go. Fortunately, I still had my Eco Pass.”

“Three dollars a semester is a small price to pay when it comes to a healthier environment.”

Cheryl Vargas, associate students executive director, said one of the key indicators to continue the program is the need for additional funding.

“All Associated Student fees require a student vote for approval to increase them,” she said.

Vargas said that before the fee increase can go to the students it has to go through the university administration, Rose Lee,

the vice president for administration and finance, and the Campus Fee Advisory Committee.

She said those meetings will happen within the next two weeks, and if President Jon Whitmore approves the fee increase, then students will be able to vote.

Vargas said students probably won’t be able to vote until March, and the fee increase will most likely not take affect until the fall.

“The number of students who use the Eco Pass is rising,” Kallio said. “If students decide to vote against the fee increase there is going to be more congestion in the streets of San Jose, and parking is going to be a huge issue.”

“If we don’t spend the money on Eco Pass, then we will have to spend on traffic problems.”

MEDICAL

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development major, said she thinks marijuana should be legalized.

“(The) crime rate will go down and we can tax it,” she said.

Santos said he thinks there are other cities or counties with many dispensaries, but that hasn’t led to the legalization of marijuana in the state.

He said he thinks it will take a lot more for than many dispensaries opening for society to accept the legalization of marijuana.

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Alumna provides H1N1 vaccines for San Jose Unified students

By Ben Cadena
Staff Writer

An SJSU alumna has created a program to inoculate all the San Jose Unified School District students against the H1N1 virus this fall.

"Many things that I thought were maybe not going to be used like statistics have been invaluable to my work," Melinda Landau, chief nurse for the San Jose Unified School District, said about her studies at SJSU 20 years ago. "They (the professors) taught in a most intelligent way."

She said the school of nursing needs to reinstate the public health nurse program because it could have a strong effect on the community.

"From my previous experience, both in Saratoga schools and Campbell schools, kids in Saratoga had 30 asthma inhalers for 30 kids," Landau said. "In Campbell there were two inhalers for at least as many kids that had asthma."

Landau, manager of health and family support programs at the district since 2007, said she knows many families without

health care plans who are being tested in rough economic times.

She said she proposed the inoculation program to Dr. Marty Fensterheib, Santa Clara County's chief public health officer, who she said was doubtful at first, but then supported her efforts.

"I couldn't believe the amount of logistics in getting the vaccine," she said. "It must be refrigerated and temperature-controlled with a fail-safe refrigerator that needs a 24-hour generator backup, and two-hour checks on the temperature of the vaccine to make sure it's still viable. The county came up with the refrigerator."

"Parent slips went out and the first vaccinations began at Lowell Elementary School in San Jose on Nov. 16. One hundred twenty-six, or half, of the schools' approximately 385 students were vaccinated, and many had already been vaccinated at the Fairgrounds mass inoculation the weekend before."

Jody Lax, Lowell Elementary School principal, said the program worked despite the troubles.

"The day went in a very organized manner with a few tears," she said. "But that was small in comparison to complications to the H1N1 flu and that there have been no reported cases at Lowell so far this year."

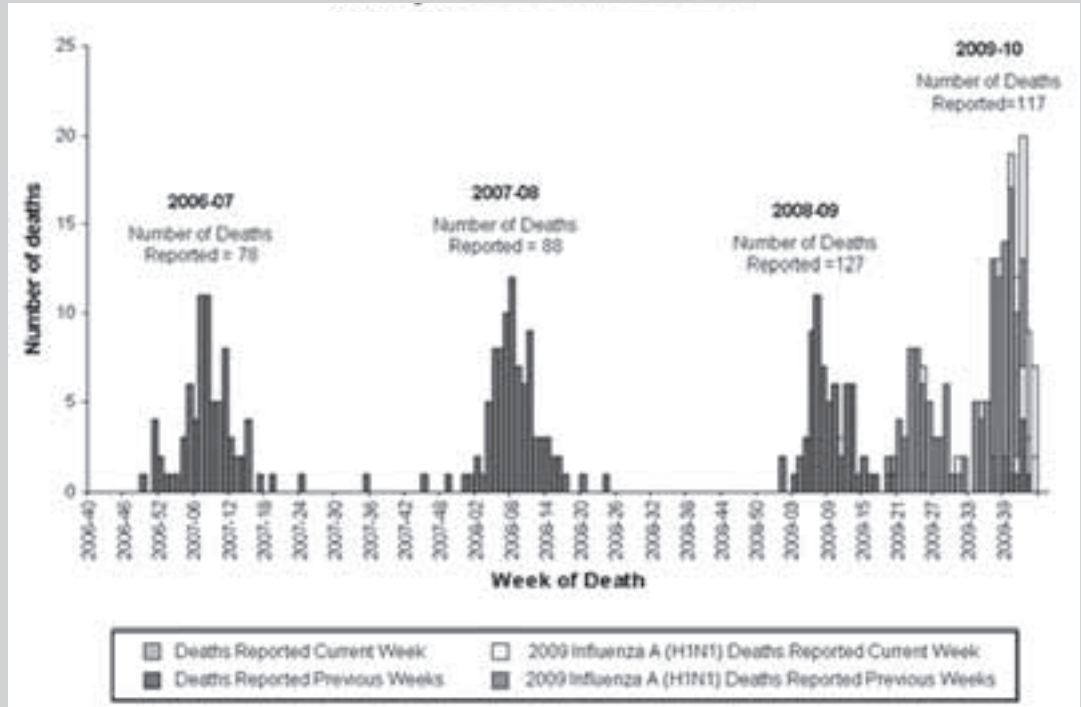
SJSU's Health Center still is targeting those who have not received the H1N1 vaccine.

"There is still vaccine available at the Student Health Center, and we want to give the at-risk groups their vaccine," said Roger Elrod, Student Health Center director. "Those include people under 25, pregnant women and people with chronic conditions such as diabetes or asthma."

"It will be available Thursday and Friday at the Student Health Center. 80 percent of flu cases are H1N1 and the wave that passed since April is on the wane. But Centers for Disease Control expect at least one more wave in December, possibly more, and the only protection is the H1N1 vaccine."

Elrod said Landau should be praised for bringing H1N1 vaccines to people who can't afford to pay for it, or to have enough time to obtain it.

Number of influenza-associated pediatric deaths by week of death: 2006-07 season to present



[Courtesy of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention]

Living on campus provides many perks, university official says

By Jhenene Louis
Staff Writer

Students miss out on valuable college lessons when making the decision to live off campus during their first couple years of college, said an SJSU official.

Kevena Brown, community relations coordinator for University Housing Services, was a commuter student who lived at home with her parents during her first year at SJSU, and said she had a hard time transitioning into college.

"When I started my first year at State, I didn't know anyone," Brown said. "Most of my friends went to De Anza College. By the middle of the semester, I was just coming to school and sitting in the music room."

She said she would sometimes go to sleep, or would sit and listen to music in order to avoid going to class.

"I wasn't interested in putting any effort toward my homework or studying, because I felt a strong disconnection from the campus," Brown said.

Sophomore business major Christina Thomas said even though she moved off campus her second year because of fee increases, she was happy she

lived on campus during her first year.

"I loved my roommates in the Hoover dorms," Thomas said. "I was nervous about how college life would be, or how overwhelmed I would get with my classes, but we all helped each other with classes and homework. I didn't feel like I was going through the experience by myself."

Brown said students who live on campus earn higher GPAs, graduate at higher rates and have a higher level of satisfaction with their overall college experience.

"Living on campus provides greater access to getting involved with student organizations, and eases a student's ability to become part of the SJSU community," Brown said.

Justin McCall, a junior computer engineering major who lives off campus, said that he would have had the same experiences in college life if he had decided to live on campus.

"SJSU is totally a commuter school, especially with the rise of tuition," he said. "More students had to move off campus this year and work instead of doing extracurricular activities at school. I don't feel like I missed anything spectacular by not living here. If

anything I benefited, because I save money by living at home."

According to the University Housing Services Web site, the cost for a double occupancy suite is \$3,255 per semester, a price which does not include a meal plan that costs \$1,700 per semester.

"Living off campus was the best decision I ever made," McCall said. "I can barely pay my books, let alone rent."

Though students may think they are saving money by living with a roommate off campus, Brown said the price of living is sometimes the same, if not more.

"Everyone's situation is different," she said. "But when you're looking at a commuter student who is trying to make a difference when it comes to price of living on or off campus, I would recommend to them that they stay on campus because that person is going to be paying rent anyway."

Brown said a lot of students look at SJSU's prices and say it's too expensive, but she said when you factor in all the basic utilities, it's about the same as living off campus.

Brown said living on campus can be beneficial for students

who live far from home and are battling depression because of it.

"We are very fortunate that we have live-in faculty and residential advisers, that the students with depression or who feel displaced will not fall under the radar," Brown said. "At least we can give them some encouragement and get them involved with clubs so that they can feel a part of the college experience."

Junior kinesiology major

Katrice Dominguez said she does not mind paying more for housing, because she would rather have her privacy.

"I hated living in the bricks on campus," Dominguez said. "The only thing great about living on campus is the air conditioning. My roommate and I pay \$900 each for a two bed, two bath."

"It's expensive but at least I don't have to leave my room to

use the bathroom." Brown said that with tuitions rising, students should not be discouraged from living on campus.

"Students need to remember that the point of college is education," Brown said. "Whether you're living locally or coming from out of the area, all students can benefit from living on campus because it can enhance their ability for success."

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Assets	2009	2008
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 996,600	\$ 511,276
Investment	\$ 242,248	\$ 3,135,108
Accounts Receivable	\$ 460,274	\$ 228,868
Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets	\$ 32,385	\$ 11,720
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,731,517	\$ 3,886,972
Investments	\$ 4,280,092	\$ 2,232,076
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 1,858,508	\$ 1,360,678
Total Assets	\$ 7,870,117	\$ 7,479,728
Liabilities and Fund Balances		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 564,486	\$ 448,726
Accrued Payroll and Related Expenses	\$ 335,514	\$ 312,528
Other Accrued Liabilities	\$ 205,303	\$ 200,188
Depository Accounts	\$ 121,771	\$ 297,562
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 1,227,074	\$ 1,259,004
Noncurrent Liabilities		
OPEB - Other Postemployment Benefits Obligation	\$ 315,667	\$ 157,750*
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,542,741	\$ 1,416,754
Fund Balances	\$ 6,327,356	\$ 6,062,954
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 7,870,117	\$ 7,479,728

*\$157,750 was included in "Other Accrued Liabilities" in year 2008.

Full and complete audited financials are available for review in the Administration Office of the Event Center or at www.union.sjsu.edu.

Born to play

By Ryan Buchan
Senior Staff Writer

In a hockey practice in November 2007, Simon Guertin, an SJSU club hockey player, said he skated hard toward the boards to get the puck when his stick got stuck against the wall and plunged into his chest.

"I could barely breathe," Guertin said. "I barely could talk. Everything was hurt. I was bent over, and I couldn't move. I knew it was pretty serious because I usually get up, and it was hurting so much. I felt like I may have broke a couple of ribs, maybe my lung was collapsed."

Guertin's stick had lacerated his liver.

"I was scared," SJSU hockey center Andy Dickerson said. "At first, we knew it was bad, but we didn't know exactly how bad it was. And then we found out a little later it was really bad. We didn't think he was going to be able to come back."

Six months after the injury, Guertin said doctors told him he was still not ready, and he spent a year and a half not playing hockey. Guertin said he tried to help as much as he could while he was injured.

"As soon as I could not play anymore, I would still go out and practice with them as a coach," he said. "Just go out there to make sure everything was OK, set up drills, talk with the players. I stayed on the team."

After a year and a half off the ice, Guertin was back in the Spartans' lineup in early October 2009 against the USC Trojans.

"I love the thrills and the emotion on the ice — being in an actual game," Guertin said. "Practice and being in a game is completely different. You can practice as much as you want, but during a game you have to have a game face — it's game time. I love to feed off the environment, off the crowd, off the refs, off of everything, so for me it was great to be back in the environment."

"He is like sandpaper to other teams. Just frustrates the hell out of them."

- Andy Dickerson
Center

On Oct. 16, Guertin scored his first goal since his injury against Long Beach State.

"He is the type of kid that will come back all the time," SJSU head coach Ron Glasow said. "He has gotten hurt a number of times playing. I have seen him down many times. He has always come back, and he is a great hockey player."

The Spartans have featured Guertin in their starting lineup in multiple games this season.

"He is a different player than he was before," Dickerson said. "Because, one, he got married, so he is a little bit calmer out there. He knows he has a wife he has to come home to that will beat him up if he doesn't play well. And he has put on 30-35 pounds, so he is much heavier. He carries a much bigger punch when he comes after players."

Guertin said hockey has always been a big part of his life.

He started ice skating around the age of 3 and was playing hockey by the age of 5 while living in Canada.

"It was kind of a family tradition, me being Canadian and living in Montreal," Guertin said. "Everyone played hockey — everyone ice skates and everyone loves hockey. It's a culture over there. It is almost like a religion."

He said he lived in an area of Canada where people spoke mostly French, and he went to a French school until seventh grade when his family moved to California.

"It went from all French to all English," he said. "There was no transition period. It was one day, I was in Montreal speaking French to all my friends, and the next day here in California without a word of English. ... It's a huge culture shock for someone that is from a different country."

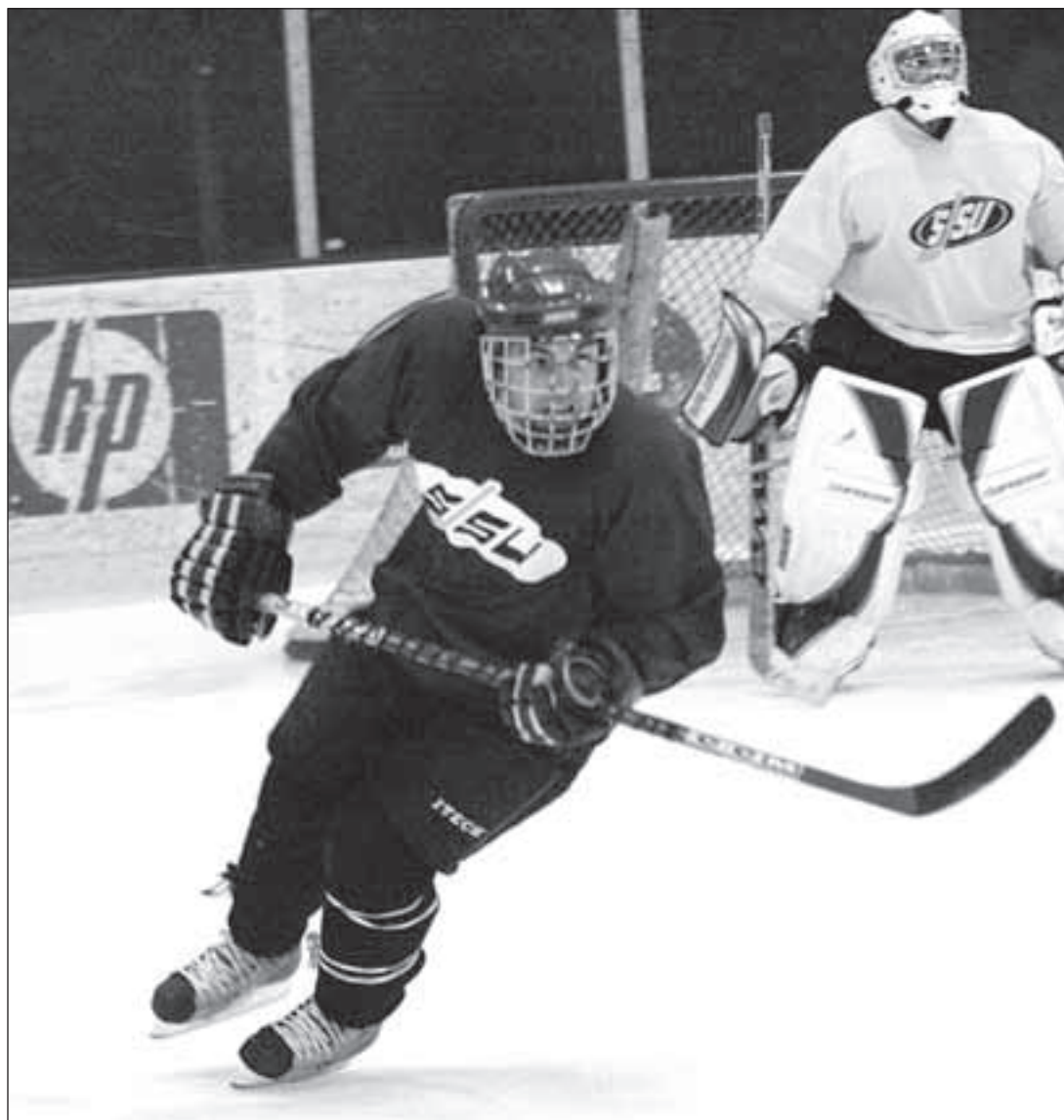
"When they told me we are moving to California, all I could think about is that if there is hockey here, I can play."

When his family arrived in America, his parents immediately put him in a hockey program to give him a chance to meet other children and get adjusted to American life, Guertin said.

During his time playing youth hockey, Guertin said he met some of his future teammates and coaches.

On the ice, Guertin often plays the role of agitator.

"He was an ass," Dickerson said, about playing against Guertin as a kid. "I did not like the guy, ... He is like sandpaper to other teams. Just frustrates the hell out of them."



[Ryan Buchan / Spartan Daily]

Winger Simon Guertin skates toward the puck during a drill at an SJSU club hockey practice on Oct. 14 at Sharks Ice.

When Guertin tried out for the SJSU hockey team, he was paired against Dickerson. Dickerson said Glasow knew about their dislike for each other and wanted to see the two battle it out for a spot on the team.

The first year the two players tried out, they did not make the cut.

The next time they tried out, they competed against each other again, and this time, they earned a spot on the roster.

"He is like a battering ram," Glasow said about Guertin.

"Sometimes, he will get in there and hit. He loves the game, and you can see it. He plays with a passion, and that's something a lot of guys don't have on this team."

Glasow paired Guertin and Dickerson to be roommates on the road, and the two players began to put their hatred aside and became friends, Dickerson said.

The sport of hockey has played a role in creating relationships for Guertin.

Guertin used to help out

during the SJSU hockey class. During that time, Guertin said he met a girl who he eventually began to date.

On June 28, 2008, while he was recovering from his injury, Guertin married that girl. Dickerson, the man who once hated Guertin, said he was in attendance at Guertin's wedding.

The Spartans have featured Guertin in their starting lineup in multiple games this season.

"I don't really want to get old, because I want to play hockey forever," Guertin said.



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Review: Tech
'Droid does'

The triumvirate of Verizon, Motorola and Google may give the iPhone a run for its money

By Husain Sumra
Staff Writer

I purchased the Motorola Droid about a week ago, and after having owned both an iPhone and a BlackBerry Bold, I'm very impressed.

Droid is fast.

Droid runs the second iteration of Google's Android operating system for mobile devices.

Yes, Droid has applications just like Apple's iPhone and can run many at the same time.

Google developed Android, so it's natural that Droid works with almost any Google services.

I tested the web browser against an iPhone 3G on AT&T's network and Droid beat it by half the time in both Google searches as well as loading a Web site.

The web browser isn't perfect, though. Zooming in on a particular part of a Web site can be annoying, because I can't pinch to zoom like I could with the iPhone.

Users can double tap on the area they want to zoom in on and there's on-screen zoom in and zoom out indicators tucked away in the corner so they don't get in the way, but it's not as effective.

When double tapping, I often tap one spot and instead I'm taken to another.

One of the best pieces of software, or at least the most exciting, is the new Google Maps Navigation.



[Joe Proudman / Spartan Daily]

The new Motorola Droid runs on the newest version of Google's Android operating system.

Google Maps Navigation is a free turn-by-turn voice GPS service, that's still in beta, provided by Google for free.

It's convenient not having to pay for a GPS device from TomTom or Garmin, but there are still problems with Google Maps Navigation.

The turn-by-turn directions will sometimes lead the user in the wrong direction.

Droid's hardware is both the best and worst part of the smartphone.

The hardware is a compact slider with a full QWERTY keyboard. The entire unit is made of metal and glass and screams quality.

It feels solid and heavy and that's a good thing because it doesn't feel like I will crush it in my hands like some other plastic smartphones.

The vibrant screen is the best part of the hardware.

It's easily the best looking screen I've seen on a smartphone, and it must be seen in person

to be fully appreciated.

Some parts of the hardware don't measure up to the overall build and the screen.

The physical keyboard is a bit soft and may put some people off as the directional pad is adjacent to the keyboard.

The directional pad makes it a bit difficult to stretch your right thumb to hit certain keys and it can feel awkward at first.

Users may opt to use the on-screen keyboard in both horizontal and vertical orientations, but the physical keyboard actually does get easier to use after an adjustment period.

There are only three physical buttons on the smartphone as the front four buttons are soft keys, which are part of the screen.

All the buttons feel loose and feel like small pieces of candy.

Despite the hardware setbacks and the sometimes wacky touch mechanics in the web browser, Droid is definitely a smartphone worth lusting over.

'Irish Car Bomb' explodes into chocolate-flavored drink

Drink of the Week

By Leonard Lai
Staff Writer

After a long week of working myself to the bones, I decided I deserved a little break.

With the weekend coming and with a little bit of extra money to burn, I decided it was time to invest in the necessary materials to make my alcoholic drink of choice.

A good friend introduced me to this drink a couple of years back, and I'm glad he did, because I did not enjoy any type of alcohol at all — until he showed me this gem.

After spending about \$15 on a bottle of Baileys Irish Cream, \$20 on Jameson Irish Whiskey and \$16 on Guinness Draft, I had all I need to make an "Irish Car Bomb."

Not exactly the cheapest drink, but I'm someone who drinks alcohol for the taste.

Quite frankly there are few alcoholic drinks I would consider tasty enough to enjoy.

Gathering the vessels to make this drink won't be difficult because they can most likely be found around the kitchen.

To make this drink, I needed a shot glass and a beer mug.

First, I filled half the shot glass with Baileys and then layered the Jameson on the top half — and yes, it must be done in that order.

I topped the beer mug full with Guinness, and then came the hard part.

In order to enjoy the drink properly, the shot glass of Baileys and Jameson must be dropped into the mug of Guinness, and then chugged like there is no tomorrow.

If the drink isn't finished quickly enough, it will curdle and the cup will be filled instead with a cheese-like substance.

This is the result of a reaction between the acidity of the beer and the dairy products present in the Baileys.

When made properly the drink tastes like a chocolate milkshake. Whenever I finish one I always desire another one after.

Drinking an "Irish Car Bomb" on a full stomach may be a bad idea, because the required chugging has caused my own stomach to groan for taking in too much at once.

It may upset the stomach attempting to consume a drink really fast, so be prepared and confident to finish a glass in about five seconds, before trying to devour this delicacy.

I always enjoy this drink as a social drink because everyone always counts down before the shot glass gets dropped in.

Then it turns into a competition to see who can finish their glass first and who ends up with a cup of cheese instead.

The average price of this drink at a bar ranges between \$8 and \$10.

Don't refer to the drink as an "Irish Car Bomb" when ordering it at an authentic Irish pub.

Pub patrons who call the drink by that name may be laughed at or end up with a black eye.

I have read forums relating to this drink that warn potential drinkers to call the drink by its other names such as "Lunch box," "Depth Charge" and "Car Bomb."



[Hank Drew / Spartan Daily]

A shot of Jameson and Baileys is dropped into a mug of Guinness to make an "Irish Car Bomb."

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International student adapts to life in America

By Regina Aquino Staff Writer

Children begin to gain a sense of responsibility, along with a growing sense of independence 11 years old, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Wei-Ju Chen, a senior psychology major, welcomed this new sense of responsibility and independence when she was 11 years old.

"I came here in 2000 by myself," Chen said. "My parents stayed back in Taiwan to work."

As an international student, Chen said her first place of residence in the United States was in the city of Ukiah, located in northern California, where she attended a private junior high school at a Buddhist temple and lived in a dorm on campus.

"Ukiah is a small town, and our school was really different," she said. "The whole city is a Buddhist temple, so we're not allowed to go out of the city. We went out once a month to Wal-Mart or Safeway to buy groceries that you need, but besides that, we don't go out."

Along with adjusting to a new school, Chen said she was faced with cultural differences, language barriers and separation from her family.

She said the difference in language was the most challenging for her at a young age.

"Truthfully, it was really, really hard for me," she said. "I didn't know how to speak English except for 'Hi, how are you,' or 'There's a bird,' or something like that. I can't really communicate with others so I had a really hard time making friends."

Chen said she recalls one moment when she had difficulty at a bank.

"I think I was twelve, and I didn't really know how to speak English, but I wanted to withdraw money from the bank and I didn't know the word, 'withdrawal,' she said. "So I was really anxious because I didn't know what to say

when I got to the cashier. I went up to the cashier and said, 'I want money.'"

Chen said she is able to laugh at the memory now, but as a child, the language barrier was frustrating.

"It was pretty embarrassing," she said. "If I think about it now, it's pretty funny. But a lot of times, truthfully, I cried a lot of times in the bathroom at school because during math class, I couldn't do the homework because I couldn't even understand the question."

Chen said she took ESL classes in junior high school, but tried different methods to strengthen her English skills.

"I tried to talk to more people, but I couldn't really understand what they were saying, so I tried to figure out from their facial expressions and how people interact," she said. "Watching movies really helped a lot with conversation — with the slang and stuff."

Chen said that the first movie she watched without subtitles was "The Sixth Sense."

"It was really good, but I couldn't understand what happened," she said. "I knew the little boy was seeing ghosts, but nothing else."

Despite the challenges she faced as a young child, Chen said it was her decision to come to the United States because she liked the environment and preferred the educational system over that of Taiwan.

"In Taiwan, we're focused more on teamwork, but here it's more individuality and focused more on creativity," she said. "A lot of the culture and teaching styles are different in Taiwan, at least back then."

Chen said that in Taiwan, teachers were allowed to physically discipline their students.

"They couldn't hit the students,

like, too violently, otherwise they would get sued," she said. "But, moderately, they could hit students back then. Now I don't think it's legal. I'm not sure."

In Taiwan, students are also expected to behave in a certain manner and treat their teachers in a certain way, Chen said.

"Like, the way we respect teachers in school is to be quiet, and we don't express any ideas or thoughts that you have — especially those thoughts that are different from the teacher's," she said.

Chen said she noticed a difference in the way students address their professors in the United States.

"One thing I noticed here is that we're allowed to call teachers by their first name," she said. "In Taiwan, it's rude and disrespectful to call teachers, or even elders, by their first name."

Chen said she took a California Senior psychology major proficiency exam and passed,

which enabled her to skip her senior year of high school.

"That saves a lot of money for international students," she said. "But because of that, I couldn't go to a four-year college. I had to go to a community college first, so I went to Foothill College."

Chen said she did most of her socializing during her first years in college and focused more on her school work when she transferred to SJSU in January 2008.

"The experience is totally different here and, of course, the courses are harder than community college," she said. "Basically, I like it here because there's a lot of resources I never knew."

Chen said she started doing research and volunteer work when she started attending SJSU.

"So, I like it a lot because I gain a lot of experiences here," she said.

Chen said she met her mentor, Wei-Chien Lee, while doing vol-

unteer work through the counseling service.

"I've been her mentor for two years now," Lee said. "She is actually one of the mental health ambassadors of the counseling services."

Lee said working with Chen is fun and said she likes how Chen is thoughtful and considerate with her clients.

"Sometimes I tease her about being too humble, because that's the Asian-American cultural value," Lee said. "But she's hard working, and she's just a wonderful person to work with."

Lee said she has seen Chen go through many changes over the two years she has worked with her.

"I think that she has made a lot of connections with the university community," she said. "She also had the opportunity to practice her leadership skills by giving a presentation at the annual conference for the California Psychological Association."

Between 20 to 30 graduate students attended the California Psychological Association conference held in April in Oakland, Lee said, and Chen was one of two undergraduate students to attend.

"This is a conference that many graduate students from Stanford, Berkeley, you know all the graduate students in California go to," she said. "And Wei-Ju was able to talk to the president of the California Psychological Association, and she had a very confident way to explain her research. I didn't see any fear, although she said she was very anxious."

Senior psychology major Yi-Fang Chiu said she met Chen a year ago while doing research at the Bill Wilson Center.

According to the Bill Wilson Center Web site, the center is located in Santa Clara and works with the community by providing counseling, housing, education and advocacy services to youth and families.

"I think she's a very compassionate and empathetic person," Chiu said. "I think she's always eager to help people as soon as she hears something about someone. She's always suggesting solutions."



[Chad Ziemendorf / Spartan Daily]

Wei-Ju Chen studies for a quiz in Clark Hall on November 23. Chen studies for hours everyday to keep up with her rigorous schedule.

Chiu said psychology has always interested Chen, and as she got deeper into the field, she figured out what she wanted to do.

"I remember when I first met her, she told me she wanted to be a psychologist, that's all," Chiu said. "And because the clinical programs are very hard to get in, and she wants to get in a good school, I asked her if she considered a non-clinical field, such as personality or social psychology or counseling."

"She said she considered personality once, but she thought, 'Okay, if I'm going to pay money to study something, I got to study what I really love.'"

Pursuing her education and attending graduate school is the next step in her educational goals, Chen said, but she is unsure of whether she will continue her studies in the

United States or back in Taiwan.

"I still consider my first home in Taiwan, because it's part of me and it's where I come from," she said. "I might have to see how Taiwan will be after five or six years and see if the field of psychology matches my interests."

While continuing her studies, living on her own and doing volunteer work, Chen said that she misses some things about Taiwan.

"One reason I would go back is for my family," she said. "Also, I think there's a lot more fun stuff in Taiwan, especially the food, because I'm vegetarian, and they have a lot more delicious vegetarian food."

"So I miss Taiwan, but I definitely do not regret the decision to come here and study."

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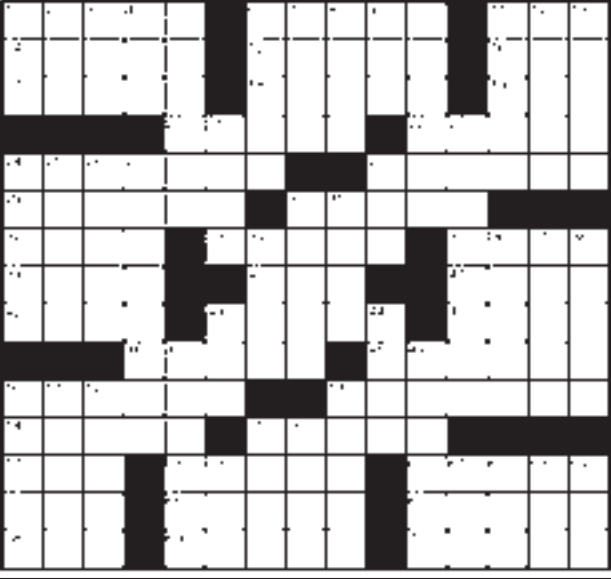
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Autopilot through life



Leonard Lai
Staff Writer

A driver should be fully focused on what is going on around him or her. Whether the person to your left or right wants to merge in front of you, or whenever the traffic light changes color, a driver should always be cautious, because something might go wrong at any moment.

I know I should be on my guard all the time while I'm driving, moving my eyes around to react to any danger headed my way, but most of the time I find myself not paying full attention to the road.

Maybe it's mental conditioning, because I've been using the same routes for years now, but I feel like I don't need to give my full focus on driving and still make it to my destination with my car intact.

If only life was like my daily drive, then I could halfheartedly go in and out

of my subconscious to experience life's everyday trials. I'm at peace whenever I drive. It's my only "real" break before I'm at school racking my brain on something else.

Whenever a traffic light changes color, or even when someone cuts me off, my body knows to adjust accordingly, speeding up or slowing down without losing my half-conscious state.

I take the 10 - minute drive I have from my house to school, and just let my body do the work, while I daze off to my dream state.

It doesn't matter what I think about during my drive — if I could make it in time for breakfast, would I have free time on the weekend, if the girl who sat in the back was checking me out from last night's class — I still find a way to my destination with little mental effort.

I wish I could be in a dream state not just during my drive, but for life in general.

It would be nice to be able to get

through everyday tasks, dodging them nimbly without much effort.

Walking across campus without getting hit by people strolling, on bicycles, on skateboards, and whoever drives one of those kart things would be a breeze if it could be done this way.

Being able to daze and zone out makes me realize that I don't spend enough time on myself, and that I'm devoting more time on things that consume me instead.

There was an episode of the TV show, "Scrubs," where a character was told to take 20 minutes out of the day for his or herself.

When that period starts, you could ignore everything around you and just do what you want to do.

Well, including both my drives to and from school, that's 20 minutes already, if only there was another way to spend 20 more minutes in addition to my time spent in my car.

It would be great if life had autopilot, to be able to go through trials without feeling like I was ever there at all and still maintaining a respectable grade.

That would be the ultimate dream.

Letter to the Editor

This letter is in response to "College pressure can lead to depression" that was published Nov. 19.

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your recent article, "College pressure can lead to depression." Did you know that 90 percent of students who contemplate or commit suicide never seek help? In the midst of budget constraints, studying, working, and getting ready for the holidays, stress and emotions seem to build up without our noticing.

Below are some common indicators for depression, which may lead to thoughts of suicide:

- Feelings of hopelessness
- Showing rage, anger or seeking revenge
- Feeling trapped — like there is no way out
- Increasing use of alcohol or drugs
- Withdrawing from friends, roommates, family or society

- Experiencing anxiety, agitation, inability to sleep, or sleeping all the time
- Showing dramatic changes in mood
- Expressing no reason for living, or no sense of purpose in life

If you or someone you know begins to experience any of the indicators above, make an appointment with your local health counselor or physician or stop by the campus health center for a check up. Just like how a persistent cough will lead us to the doctor's office, we need to be proactive with our mental health needs, too.

Sincerely,

Cielo Avalos
California Office of Suicide Prevention and SJSU Alumna

Victoria's Secret and Disney try for 'whole new world'



Allie Figures
Figures it Out

"Red and yellow, black and white" — we're all precious in whose sight?

For the first time since its network television debut in 2001, the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show featured an Asian model.

Last night, 21-year-old Liu Wen took her first steps on the runway, fulfilling her dreams and easing some of the equal opportunity pressure.

Joining the ranks of models from South America, Europe and Africa, Wen is getting the chance to represent Asian girls just as Tyra Banks did for black girls.

Even though I am not of Asian descent, I consider Wen's accomplishment one for us all. Who knows where her career will lead her, but for now it was exciting to see Wen in the Victo-

ria's Secret Fashion Show helping break up the endless line of similar Caucasian models.

If you think eight years is a long time coming for an Asian model to get her chance to grace the runway, think again.

I would like to introduce you to Princess Tiana from Disney's latest movie "The Princess and the Frog" — the first black princess in 71 years of animated beauty and royalty.

The media mogul does go through great lengths to use its characters to represent the diversity of its audience. Princess Jasmine in "Aladdin" is Middle Eastern, Mulan is Asian and Pocahontas is Native American.

Set in the mystical Louisiana bayous, the movie follows our premier black princess through the typical journey of self-discovery and love.

According to NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, Disney took careful consideration when crafting this leading lady.

The media giant consulted Oprah Winfrey

and the NAACP on how to accurately portray black culture through the characters.

Little black and brown girls everywhere are supposed to look at Princess Tiana and finally see themselves represented.

When I look at the advertisement of the movie, will I find aspects of myself glaring back at me?

Princess Tiana has deep, dark brown skin, larger, deep-set eyes, a rounder nose, full lips and, coarse, curly hair. She looks enough like me, my sister and my little cousins that we should be proud of our induction in the Disney princess club.

But after watching the theatrical trailer, my princess crown began to tarnish slightly.

The trailer reveals that the love-troubled princess kisses a spellbound frog, and instead of him turning back into a prince, she is also transformed into an amphibian.

(Oh, my dear princess, girls everywhere feel for you, for we have kissed our fair share of frogs, and still no Prince Charming.)

Not long before the first black princess is

singing and dancing her way into my heart, she loses face time and has her beautiful brown skin changed to green.

Why must the first black princess have to turn into a little animal?

Instead of feeling stripped of my princess privileges, I will take whatever I can get and commend Disney for meeting me halfway.

Before you go thinking Disney finally has its bases covered, you must have forgotten about the other brown girls out there.

Disney has failed to feature a Latina or Hispanic girl in its princess lineup. They have had inanimate or non-human objects with Spanish accents, but no beautiful princesses.

At the same time, as I pat you on the back in congratulation, I shake my head at you for not representing the brown girls out there, who love and adore whatever you have to give even though they haven't had their own princess.

This is the last appearance of "Figures it Out." Allie Figures is the Spartan Daily features editor.

Ruminations

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apartments surrounding campus.

"I can safely say that the majority of our calls are related to some type of alcohol use, whether it's somebody being drunk in public, a minor being in possession of alcohol, someone driving under the influence, or even a fight that's fueled by alcohol consumption," Aguayo said.

As he drove down Fourth Street, Aguayo spotted a young man standing in the middle of the street, talking to himself.

Aguayo quickly got the young man out of the street and sat him down. Two friends of the young man showed up, and if not for his sober friends, Aguayo said he probably would have had to arrest the young man for being drunk in public.

Later that night other people did not have such luck.

Courtney Mierop, a junior forensic science major and member of the Kappa Delta sorority, said arrests for public intoxication around campus are expected, and many times necessary.

"It's good that it happens every once in a while because there are families that live around here," Mierop said. "It's a good lesson to be learned for those who can't control their drinking habits."

Throughout the night, Aguayo helped arrest at least three people for public intoxication, and other UPD officers on duty arrested a few more as well.

Sgt. John Laws of the UPD said officers don't usually arrest people for public intoxication just because they are disturbing other people.

"When they are unable to care for themselves, if they're so drunk they're putting themselves in danger, we have no choice but to put them somewhere where

they will be safe," Laws said.

As Aguayo drove through the campus, there was a group of friends who were clearly intoxicated, but because they were together and walking back toward the dorms, Aguayo simply asked if they were all right and continued to patrol.

About 20 minutes later while driving down San Salvador, Aguayo ran into the same group.

One of the males was braced against a pole and vomiting, and had somehow turned around and fell backward into his vomit, hitting his head on the sidewalk.

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- Sgt. Manuel Aguayo

UPD and his friends were beyond

the point of caring for themselves.

Another man in the group was also arrested after he started to interfere with the officers, telling them they couldn't arrest his friend.

"They're just going to jail for drunk in public for five to six hours," Aguayo said when he got back into the car. "We aren't going to charge the friend for delaying us."

Arresting people for being drunk in public is something Aguayo said he often does on his shifts.

"A person might be drunk, falling all over the place — they're the nicest guy in the world, and on any normal day you won't want to arrest them," he said. "It's more for their own good to just have them sit it out at the jail and have them sober up, because we can't just leave 'em there."

Over and out

Aguayo said dealing with people that are drunk in public is one of the easier parts of his job.

"The worst part about my job is seeing somebody else in pain," he said. "I can handle disorderly conduct, drunk in public, people

doing drugs, some of the victimless crimes that are deemed victimless by law."

Aguayo recalled the challenge he had faced while investigating a fatal auto collision.

"It's hard to talk to the family of a victim because you want to remain professional," he said.

"You want to be a law enforcement officer that can keep a straight face throughout the entire incident without showing any emotion because people lean on us for stability and for hope and for help."

As Aguayo drove on, dispatchers voiced intermittent tidbits from the UPD radio and San Jose police radio in the patrol car: "four unknown males following her...", "vehicle smashed in..." and "taking meds for mood stabilization."

Aguayo frequently drove exposed to the chilly night because he said he likes to use all of his senses when he's patrolling.

"I thought I heard someone say, 'hey,'" he said. "That's why I drive with the windows down. You can also smell things like marijuana."

One of the last events of the night involved a man prowling on the roof of some apartments and looking through windows around 10th Street.

He was arrested by another officer, and the suspect could not give an explanation for being on the roof other than he was looking for his friend.

It was time to make a final round through the campus.

"I'm looking for any vandalism that may have occurred, anyone who might be hiding in the bushes or someone who might be so intoxicated they end up in a bush somewhere," he said.

For the rest of this night the campus was apparently all clear.

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Sgt. Manuel Aguayo stops a car that was driving in the wrong direction on a one-way street Friday, Nov. 6. The driver was new to Downtown San Jose and got lost.



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