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Federal stimulus funds fail to reach SJSU student workers



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SJSU Jamba Juice employees Cesar Benito (left) and Eric Chin prepare a smoothie for a late-afternoon patron Monday in the Student Center. Benito is a junior art major who has worked at Jamba Juice for more than two years, while Chin is a senior recreation therapy major in his fourth year behind the counter.

\$200 million may have gone to other schools with first-time, work-study programs

By Leonard Lai
Staff Writer

President Barack Obama's plan to bolster the Federal Work-Study Program from his economic recovery plan, by supplying an additional \$200 million, has not reached SJSU.

"We have not received any of the extra stimulus funds," said Anthony Bettencourt, student services professional and work-study coordinator. "We have received our full allocation for the fall 2009 to spring 2010 school year."

He said that SJSU has not received the funds, because the money may have gone to somewhere else.

"Certain schools are receiving the work-study program for the first time, so they may have gotten the money," Bettencourt said. "Or other schools that received smaller allocations are now getting more money."

He said the university currently employs around 500 students on the work-study program, a program where students work part-

time to earn money toward their college education.

"It's a little early in the semester to tell if the number of students who would want to join the work-study program would increase," Bettencourt said. "It is a very popular program."

Students can look online on the Career Center's Web site to see which job openings are still available, Bettencourt said.

He said he isn't expecting the number of students in the program to change, because it has averaged 500 students for the past several years.

"If we do get additional funds though, one of two things could happen," Bettencourt said. "We would get new employers to offer more jobs or increase variety of jobs offered. Work-study students can choose jobs that are both on campus and off campus and still earn the same amount of money."

"The Student Union takes great pride in hiring as many financial aid students as the fund-

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Advisers to push superseniors toward commencement exit

By Elisha Maldonado
Senior Staff Writer

In an attempt to minimize the number of prospective SJSU students declined admission in the coming years, the university has implemented a plan that would require intrusive advising for students with a high number of units.

Whether it is the 120 units needed for a bachelor's degree, or 20 percent more than required for a degree, university officials say it is a must to intrude on students' academic path to ensure progress is being made to fulfill degree objectives, and to allow other students a chance.

"Enrolled students who are not making progress toward a degree in the current environment clearly keep other students from having an opportunity for higher education," said Veril Phillips, vice president for student affairs, in a June e-mail to faculty and staff. "We are turning away a significant number of well-qualified applicants for admission."

Dennis Jaehne, associate vice president for undergraduate studies, said the California State University system is turning away 40,000 students next year. In order to make sure the university and its students operate efficiently, he said officials were

forced to look at students with a high number of units, typically known as superseniors.

What they found, he said, were nearly 5,000 students who had more than the 120 units needed for a degree. And, regarding the "superseniors," he said, most had three or more semester's worth of work that is required for them to graduate.

"That's 5,000 students for three extra semesters that didn't get to come here because the people already here were just spinning around, for whatever reason," Jaehne said.

The university's intrusive advising plan, developed by members of the advising council, would combine advising by advisers within departments and those in academic advising and retention services.

Phillips said some students would not be permitted to enroll themselves in classes, "but will be required to have an adviser from the advising and retention center register them with input from major advisers when appropriate."

Though for some students, such as Reena Vandra, a senior biology major who said she is crossing her fingers and hoping to graduate in an extra year and a half, the university intruding

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Echo Pass usage continues to rise among SJSU students



[Chad Ziemendorf / Spartan Daily]

Pathik Shah, an electronic engineering graduate student, boards the VTA light rail in downtown San Jose as he said he has every day for the past year.

By Angela Marino
Staff Writer

More students are using their Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority passes, according to the Fall 2008 SJSU Student Commute Survey Report.

The commute survey states that ridership has increased 4.9 percent since Fall 2007.

Some benefits for students include new discounts with major transportation companies, according to the transportation solutions Web site.

"This year Transportation Solutions has signed a contract with Altamont Commuter Express to give a 50 percent discount to students and employees at SJSU," said Eyedin

Zonobi, a transportation solutions manager.

"There is new negotiation of the Eco Pass working with Amtrak," he said. "We are in the works to give a 20 percent discount to SJSU students."

The Eco Pass saves students money but also can help improve the environment, according to the commute survey.

"The environmental benefit for using an Eco Pass is to reduce your carbon footprint," Zonobi said. "Also you save money."

"I use the Eco Pass everyday, the pass is easy to use," said Lidya Lidya, a senior graphic design major. "You don't have to have cash and don't have to find parking."

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Events planned for 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance

By Marcos Blanco
Staff Writer

SJSU will be holding a couple of community events next week leading up to the 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance.

The Center for Community Learning and Leadership and the Cesar E. Chavez Community Action Center will be holding their sixth annual nonprofit Community Connections Fair next Thursday and Friday.

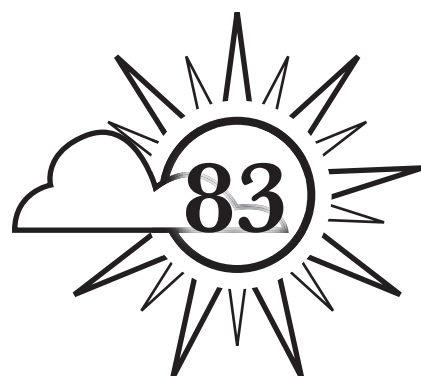
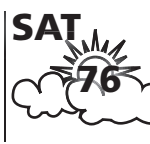
Michael Fallon, associate director for the Center for Community Learning and Leadership, said the purpose for the event is to connect faculty, students and organizations to community needs, using available resources.

"It enables our students to help in a myriad of ways," Fallon said. "There is a genuine need to be involved in helping the greater community."

Fallon said he expects to have more than 35 nonprofit organizations including AmeriCorps, Sacred Heart Community Service and "Veggielution" for this year's event. Fallon said the economic crisis and budget cuts have affected the organizations

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Three of the SJSU Society of Automotive Engineers members sit with their formula cars during the first week of fall semester in an effort to promote Spartan Racing and SAE in general. Mechanical engineering majors David Voth (in car), Silvo Perez (center) and Joey Penniman (right) will take part in the Club Auto Sport "Uncorked" event on September 12 - 13 at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

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attending the fair.

"It's a small factor, but it has impacted us," Fallon said. "It'll be interesting to see what the response is to Community Connections."

Maribel Martinez, program coordinator for the Cesar E. Chavez Community Action Center, said she remains positive despite the effects of the crisis and budgets cuts.

"The students have something to contribute and make positive changes in the community," she said. "We need to come together and we ourselves

are our greatest resource."

In addition to Community Connections, Martinez said the Cesar E. Chavez Community Action Center will be doing two community projects for Service Day on Sept. 11: bridge painting and cleaning restoration, and La Mesa Verde — a beautification project cosponsored by Sacred Heart Community Service to build raised-bed gardens in local neighborhoods.

"Planting these gardens will hopefully reach out to community building," Martinez said.

Fallon said the two events will benefit each other.

"It's a nice juxtaposition and one will reinforce the other," he said. "This is a good call

for students to help their communities."

Jeanette Ramos, a student administrative assistant for the Community Center for Learning and Leadership and the person running Community Connections this year, said this is a good time for students to get involved with the community.

"I think it's important that students have an opportunity to meet community organizations," she said. "It opens up the options to see what other stuff they can do."

Ramos, who has been involved with Community Connections in 2007 and 2008, said she has always stayed connected.

"I really believe in a goal, a

commitment to the community," Ramos said. "You're trying to do something for the betterment of people."

Ramos said both events will bring more people together.

"If we look at history, great tragedies unite people," she said. "It inspires people to do something more."

Martinez said she agreed.

"(This) is to get students excited and motivated," she said. "It's to continue to strengthen the relationship with the community in general."

"Some are doing it for volunteer work and some are doing it for a class," Ramos said. "It's going to be a great experience for them."

Wu spends summer in Foreign Service

By Jill Abell
Staff Writer

After watching Colin Powell speak to a crowd at the Special Librarian Association Conference in Washington D.C., Ryan Wu got to talk face to face with the retired four-star general.

Ryan Wu, a senior global studies major, was the first SJSU student to participate in an internship with the Department of State in the Foreign Service Institute.

Although he could not divulge the details of his internship projects, Wu said that he tutored diplomats and Foreign Service officers in two different languages.

During his internship, Wu said he had the opportunity to meet with Powell.

"I spoke with him and took photos," Wu said. "I told him who I work for. He said, 'Thank you' for your service, shook my hand and gave me a one hand hug."

"I had a chance to go to the VIP reception right after his keynote remark — I didn't have an invite to go in but he got us in."

Wu said he was overwhelmed when he met Colin Powell and was taken aback by the experience.

"Ivy league schools mostly participated in the internship," said Chris Cox, professor of global studies and sociology. "He was able to represent for San Jose State. Not just privileged kids from Yale that get to participate. He was able to do that and also to hold his own," Cox said.

Terry Christensen, a political science professor, confirmed in an e-mail that Wu is the first SJSU student to get an internship with the Department of State.

Wu applied for the internship last summer. He said the application process was lengthy.

Wu said more than 700 other students across the country applied for the internship. Approximately 100 to 200 students were accepted into the program. Half of those students were assigned to U.S. embassies around the world.

"U.S. citizenship and good academic standing are required, along with the successful completion of a background investigation and the ability to receive either a secret or

top secret clearance," according to the Department of State Web Site.

Applicants must meet all deadlines, they must be at the junior or senior level in college, they must pass a background check and finally interview with an agent, Wu said.

According to an e-mail from Christensen, Wu found, applied and completed the internship with the Department of State on his own.

Wu said there were some difficulties during the internship.

"It's not always easy to work for the government," Wu said. "You have to follow a step by step procedure even though it will take you much longer and costly to complete even a simple task. Expectations are set very high."

"I never had a typical day. It was always depending on who you encounter or who you are working with," Wu said.

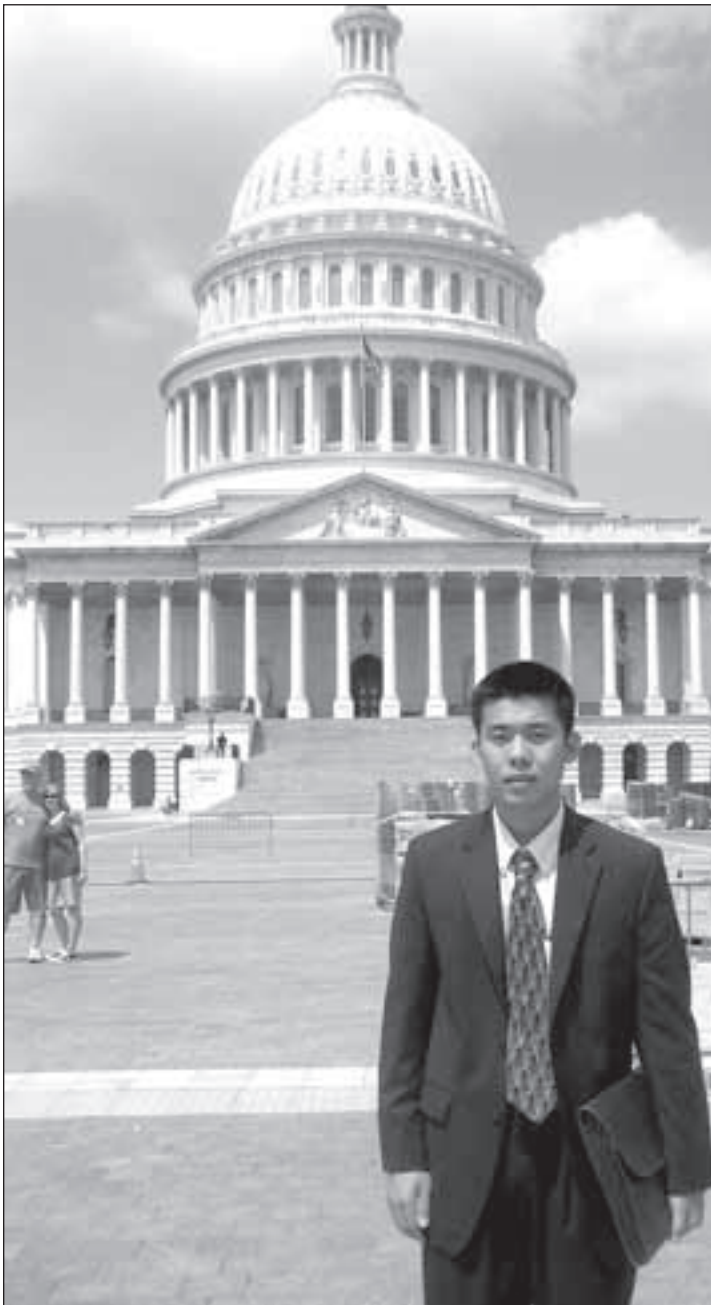
Cox said that he has known Wu for three years.

"I think what really makes him stand out as a student is that he's really smart and that he speaks multiple languages," Cox said.

"Ryan is a motivated student that has many connections all around the United States," said Nick Gallucci, an electrical engineer major.

Wu said he came back from the internship with invaluable contacts and as a result, with a different position as the foreign affairs campus coordinator with the Department of State for 2009-10.

Wu said that out of the forty interns who received the title, he was one of the two from California.



[Photo courtesy of Ryan Wu]

Ryan Wu stands in front of the U.S. Capitol Building.

VTA

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VTA passengers of buses and light rail are 29.8 percent of the student population. About 44 percent of the students on campus use an alternate mode of transportation, including buses, light rail, Caltrain, ACE, bikes, etc.

According to the VTA Web site, fees for riding public transportation will increase on Oct. 1, 2009.

"The ridership for VTA has decreased outside of the SJSU students — SJSU is the second largest purchaser for VTA in Santa Clara County," said Sarah Bronstein, Associated Students director of community and environmental affairs. "VTA is not seeing a student perspective in the fee increase."

"The fee increase would cost the Associated Students \$180,000 more to cover the Eco Pass campus wide," Bronstein said. "The VTA fee increase is determined by the population on campus, not the students who use the Eco Pass."

"I don't use the Eco Pass much

anymore," said Tiffany Rodriguez, a sophomore business major. "I used it a lot during my first semester, because it was convenient without the hassle of parking — now I live near campus so, I am able to walk to class."

The commute survey states that 38.4 percent of students drive alone to campus, including driving to a Park and Ride. The percentage has decreased compared to Fall 2005, when 52 percent of students were driving to campus alone, according to the survey.

The commute survey for Fall 2009 is currently being processed.

The Transportation Solutions Web site states that the Eco Pass is valid on VTA buses, VTA Light Rail and AC Transit buses. The Eco Pass is not valid on ACE, Amtrak, BART, Caltrain, Highway 17 Express, Dumbarton Express and Monterey-Salinas Transit.

"We encourage students to use the Eco Pass — it is already part of their fees," Bronstein said. "Students should take advantage and save money. It is a win-win situation for everybody."



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Andrew Caine, a SJSU junior business marketing major, waits for the VTA light rail train as it approaches the Paseo de San Antonio platform in downtown San Jose.

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How are you preparing for the H1N1 virus?

Aaron Gravelle
Senior, Business Management



I was actually at a bachelor party about a month ago, and everyone on the trip contracted the swine flu.

Alex Calderine
Junior, Liberal Studies



I work at the bookstore, and we have to wash our hands every 10 minutes, and avoid touching our eyes or face.

David Silva
Sophomore, Graphic Design



So few people die from it — I think it's blown out of proportion.

Brittany Tran
Freshman, Child and Adolescent Development



Well, my mom is a nurse, and she tells me to get a flu shot.

Alexander Lu
Senior, Computer Engineering



I don't go to places with a lot of people — try to avoid really large crowds.

Caroline Calderon
Freshman, Nursing



I'm not concerned about it. I never really took the time to think about it.

New industrial and technology concentrations are green and mobile



[Chad Ziemendorf / Spartan Daily]

David Pereira, a junior industrial manufacturing major, saws a piece of metal during technology Professor Samuel Obi's class in SJSU's Industrial Studies building Wednesday afternoon.

By Suzanne Yada
Staff Writer

Two new concentrations that reflect changing times were added to the industrial technology degree this semester, said Seth Bates, department chair of aviation and technology.

One new concentration focuses on green product design, and the other focuses on mobile technology, Bates said.

Brandon Pratt, a senior who switched to the new sustainable manufacturing and green product design concentration, said the change will make him more marketable to employers.

"Green is the new thing," he said. "You have to go green or else you won't be up with the times."

Joyce Doctor, a senior in the computer electronics and network technology concentration, said it was good that SJSU is updating the curriculum to address mobile technology.

"Everything is going wireless now," she said. "Whether I do it at work or at home, everyone is going to work with wireless at one point."

Manufacturing goes green

The manufacturing systems concentration has the same official title as previous semesters, but new courses have been added and existing

courses have been revamped, Bates said.

Samuel Obi, a professor in the manufacturing systems concentration, said he teaches students how to think green when choosing materials to develop products.

"It can be biodegradable, it can be recyclable, it can be reusable," he said. "There are many ways to make something environmentally friendly."

Bates said it's the first degree concentration on campus completely reworked to address green and sustainability issues.

"It used to be the word 'green' was always associated with the term 'environmental,' and the world was divided into tree-huggers and conservatives," Bates said. "That division has mostly disappeared."

An advisory board and a group of eight students from a variety of backgrounds worked to develop the new program over two years, Bates said.

The team of students started working on the project in Spring 2007 and researched how other schools have taught sustainability, Bates said.

The team's input was used directly into the new curriculum, along with input from the industry, he said.

The program itself was designed to be more efficient — there are six less units

required to complete it, Bates said.

Mobile technology

For students interested in wireless technology, the industrial technology degree now offers a computer electronics and network technology concentration, Bates said.

Technology Professor Julio Garcia helped develop the program, which was previously named electronics and computer technology, Garcia said.

One of the major changes is the addition of electives so students can choose their own specialization, he said.

Joyce Doctor, who switched to the new concentration, said that much of her coursework remains similar to her previous courses but with an added emphasis on networks. She said the program still provides a solid beginning for students.

"Tech changes every day," she said. "But it (the program) does give you a good foundation for what you have to do. The rest you have to learn on the job."

Garcia said his revamped program prepares students for the future.

"Based on my experience, and I've been teaching for over 25 years, this is quite interesting, challenging, and it will prepare whoever takes this program for anything in life," he said.

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Restaurant of the Week: Henry's World Famous Hi-Life Taste the hi-life of Henry's barbecue



[My Nguyen / Spartan Daily]

Henry's World Famous Hi-life is located at 301 West St. John near downtown San Jose.

By My Nguyen
Staff Writer

Vegetarians, be warned — this article is dripping of red, juicy, meaty goodness.

Henry's World Famous Hi-Life is located in downtown San Jose and has been serving it up since 1960.

Featured on the Travel Channel's "Man v. Food," Henry's specializes in steaks, ribs, chicken and pork chops, but is most famous for its baby back ribs.

The building is bright red and resembles an old-fashioned barn with neon signs and lights. If a night club and a barn married and had kids, Henry's would be the offspring.

According to its Web site, the restaurant is an "example of a neighborhood of working men and their families who immigrated to San Jose from Europe." The bar area looks like a Wild West saloon with its wood bars and geezers packed onto the stools.

I wouldn't be surprised to hear someone yell out "howdy." The only way I could tell that this place was in the 20th century was the San Jose Sharks, SJSU Spartans and San Francisco 49ers signs plastered on the walls.

The servers were very friendly and efficient. My water glass was always filled and the servers stopped by often to ask how everything was.

Ordering was a bit odd. I ordered off a menu on the wall and was seated after I received my food. There's not a lot of choose from, but everything was done exceptionally well. The soft, warm and crusty bread

came out in thick slices and was drenched in garlic and butter — I could feel my arteries clogging up. The barbecue sauce was smoky and spicy with a tangy citrus aftertaste.

I could have made a meal out of the bread and sauce alone. That would have been easier on my wallet.

My order of baby back ribs came with a large baked potato, smothered in seasoned butter and chives. I'm not a baked potato fan. I like my potato fried, mashed, or hashed, but I ate the entire potato, skin and all.

My meal also came with a typical salad with dressing. I'm not a fresh produce kind of person — give me a slab of meat, and I'm one happy carnivore.

The ribs were juicy and tender. The meat literally fell off the bones and melted in my mouth. The ribs were grilled in a brick barbecue, which intensified the authentic smoky flavor.

The food was definitely plentiful and hearty — it better be considering the price. I had a lot of leftovers, as everyone else did.

The atmosphere and people at Henry's alone will bring you back but if they don't, the food will. The price is a bit hefty — you'll get a half rack of baby back ribs for \$14.50.

The restaurant was clean and well maintained, but the parking was limited. I wouldn't recommend parking on the streets, because my car got sideswiped when I did — at least I had a good meal.

Don't be skeptical about the appearance — I've always found that seemingly odd places are always the best for good food. Henry's is no exception.

CD Review: "New Again"

Hating Taking Back Sunday's new sound

By Jill Abell
Staff Writer

Consisting of 11 nearly identical songs, Taking Back Sunday's album, "New Again," might as well have been a 38-minute track titled, "We Don't like Variety."

With a few exceptions, the breaks between the tracks are the only warning that a "different" song will begin.

If the title track "New Again" was intended to be the frame of the entire album, it would appear that the listener was in for a thin slice of formulaic punk-rock with lyrics that don't beg to be heard twice.

The formula is: contradictory lyrics, literally line-to-line nonsense, along with an unnecessary use of repetition.

A perfect example of nonsense lyrics are from the track "Summer, Man" that state: "Technicolored kind of black and white type / Counting one to seven through the roof."

More cryptic lyrics that repeat throughout the song "Swing" are: "Lover, lover, on the fence / Bat your eyes, ball a fist / And sing (swing) swing (swing) / Before you leave."

Pair titles such as, "Cut me Up", "Catholic Knees" and "Where my Mouth is" with skilled instrumentals and you get the punk-rock experience familiar to any Warped Tour fan.

"Sink Into Me" is the featured song on the album cover. It would be perfect for the "Twilight," vampire-fanatic audience, with lyrics such as, "You're all I see / Sink into me / Sharpen your teeth." The introduction demands attention, and the track seems to promise a continuum of ear-catching songs.

Unfortunately, the rest of the album does not deliver. The fol-



[Photo courtesy of Taking Back Sunday official Web site]

Taking Back Sunday released its CD "New Again" on June 2.

lowing track "Lonely, Lonely" is in no way vague. There is no need to listen through the entire song to figure out that Taking Back Sunday is feeling lonely.

The proceeding only gets worse with their song "Capital M-E." Lyrics include: "The vanities fell correctly beneath / The receding part of his twenties was capital M-E." I guess "Capital M-E" represents a father figure and seems like another case of daddy issues.

Similar to the All American Rejects, the band has the ability to whine about practically any topic.

Taking Back Sunday attempted to cash in on a song by the All American Rejects called, "Swing, Swing." The band chopped off one "swing" to create its bland

version, "Swing." This track mirrors the All American Rejects version with the ability to disregard the English language. Unlike the All American Rejects version, this song is a swing and a miss.

If "New Again" is literally the band's new sound or style, I want the old style back.

Granted, I am unfamiliar with other works by Taking Back Sunday, but I feel Blink-182 selected the band as an opener under a ruse, possibly to induce punk-rock chaos that can only be put back to order by a world class, headlining, punk-rock band.

Taking Back Sunday, feel free to "take back" this album. I want my 38 minutes back. I'll use my Sunday to rest my bleeding ears.

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Spartans prepare for battle against Trojans



Junior Lamon Muldrow gains a few extra yards while carrying a pile of defenders during a practice. Muldrow, who transferred from Sierra College, was rated as a four-out-of-five star recruit by the Web site Rivals, a site that rates collegiate players.



[Photos by Joe Proudman / Spartan Daily]

Sophomore running back Brandon Rutley, No. 15, throws a stiff arm during practice. Rutley led the team in kickoff return yards last season and was also second in rushing.



Kevin Jurovich, who missed most of the 2008 season because of mononucleosis, breaks a tackle during practice. Jurovich led the Spartans in receptions and receiving yards in 2007.

By Ryan Buchan
Senior Staff Writer

The Spartans face their biggest challenge of the season in their first game, heading to Los Angeles to play the No. 4 ranked USC Trojans on Saturday.

"We are not interested in lose or draw right now," said Spartans head coach Dick Tomey. "We are interested in winning. We're interested in finding out about ourselves ... so we can solve whatever issues we have."

USC finished in the top five in the AP Coaches' Poll every year since 2002.

"We are talking about the team that is the deepest and most talented in college football," Tomey said. "We're not talking about some outfit that has trouble in taking their scholarships."

This year the Trojans will have a different look after losing eight players on defense to the NFL and starting a true freshman at quarterback, said Trojans head coach Pete Carroll.

He said sophomore quarterback Aaron Corp sustained an injury during camp, and freshman quarterback Matt Barkley handled the pressure "beyond the expectations for first-time quarterback."

Tomey said he still expects the Trojans to field a very talented team, even with the changes.

"They do the same thing," Tomey said. "It may be different people, but they do the same thing."

The Spartans field a veteran group, including an all-senior defensive line.

"I think this is the right time to play this game, because this is the biggest group of seniors we have had," Tomey said. "These guys have spilled a lot of Spartan

blood. They have committed a lot of time and energy to help develop this program."

Starting defensive tackle Kalvin Cressel said he expects to create a lot of pressure for the Trojans freshman quarterback.

"Last year when we are at Nebraska ... we had a lot of pressure on the quarterback," Cressel said. "You can see that, just sitting in the pocket for a while, he was scared and a little jumpy, because he knew we were coming fast, and that is how we are going to make Matt Barkley feel."

On the other side of the ball, the Spartans look to improve from last year's offense, which ranked 112th out of 119 teams in total offense.

"I think we have more weapons this year," Tomey said. "We have more weapons up front, we have an experienced group of receivers, and we have a couple of new guys

"I think we have a chance to go out there and shock the world."
Kalvin Cressel
Defensive tackle

that are pretty good. The running back position is the deepest we have had."

Only four football bowl subdivision teams averaged less rushing yards per game than SJSU last season.

Against USC, the Spartans will have senior Patrick Perry, who missed the last two seasons because of a knee injury, taking most of the carries, Tomey said.

"Pat Perry was our best downhill runner that we have ever had at San Jose State," Tomey said. "We had no idea that he would return, because he suffered such a serious

knee injury, but he has returned. He is bigger, faster, stronger and more elusive than ever."

At quarterback, Tomey will play multiple players for the first game like he did last year.

"We don't scrimmage enough in the offseason to have the baptism of fire to take place significantly enough to determine this guy is the best," Tomey said. "And so we are going to let competition determine that. By the time we get into conference we want to have a number-one quarterback."

Tomey said senior Kyle Reed and junior Jordan La Secla will split time during the game at the quarterback position. Tomey did not say who would start.

Cressel said this offseason he has seen a lot of teammates work harder than previous years.

"There were more people trying to come by and come down and work harder," Cressel said. "Most people say it is because who we are playing. I think it's just we want to be good."

"I think it is more on how we finished the season last year — we definitely took that to heart and we definitely worked on that and we had more people finish this summer than we had."

Cressel said he thinks the hard work in the offseason can pay off in the form of an upset.

"To them it's another game, but for us it's like our Super Bowl," Cressel said. "And we also know that they have Ohio State the very next game, and they probably are thinking about them. I think we have a chance to go out there and shock the world."

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Prediction — just short of the playoffs

Sports Commentary

By Joey Akeley
Sports Editor

After finishing with four wins in five games to end last year's 7-9 season, the feeling among San Francisco 49ers fans is that this is the year the team can make the jump to NFC West Division Champions.

Yet, with so many question marks on the offensive line and in the defensive backfield, expect another 49ers season ending too soon.

The offense is led by Shaun Hill, who was announced as the team's starting quarterback after the 49ers preseason victory over the Oakland Raiders.

Hill went 7-3 as the starting quarterback for the 49ers over the last two seasons, far and away the best record of any 49ers start.

The 49ers offensive line has been in disarray for years now, particularly last season when they allowed more sacks than any team.

Starting left tackle Joe Staley was one of the worst offensive tackles last year in terms of sacks allowed.

The retirement of right tackle Marvel Smith makes this offensive line very young and thin. Adam Snyder has the talent to fill the void at right tackle, but he lacks experience.

Frank Gore leads a rushing attack that has been mediocre since the retirement of Larry Allen in 2006. Gore has rushed for more than 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons, and it has been reported that he expects a big year under run-heavy offensive coordinator Jimmy Raye.

It won't help Hill that wide

receiver and 10th overall pick Michael Crabtree is still not signed. Expect wide receiver Josh Morgan and tight end Vernon Davis to step up and make plays in the passing game this season.

The defense was instrumental in the 49ers 4-1 finish last season, allowing just over 16 points per game in that span. San Francisco's heart and soul is middle linebacker Patrick Willis.

Over the last two seasons, Willis has led the league in solo tackles and total tackles. Joined by veteran Takeo Spikes, pass rush specialist Parys Haralson and rising star Manny Lawson, the linebacker corps has a chance to be one of the best in the league.

Defensive end Justin Smith will continue to demand double teams by opposing players. He was second on the team in sacks a

injury, the 49ers have a hole at cornerback.

The 49ers signed veteran Dre Bly to fill the void, but he is coming off an awful season in Denver.

The free safety position lacks play-making ability. The combination of Mark Roman and Dashon Goldson has only one interception in the last three seasons.

What does it all mean? The 49ers aren't far away from being a playoff team. They have a solid front seven on defense, a great running back and an improving offensive line.

But, you can expect Shaun Hill to have some bumps in the road, and the thought of Mark Roman or Dashon Goldson being the last

49ers Schedule

- 09/13 @ Arizona
- 09/20 vs. Seattle
- 09/27 @ Minnesota
- 10/04 vs. St. Louis
- 10/11 vs. Atlanta
- 10/25 @ Houston
- 11/01 @ Indianapolis
- 11/08 vs. Tennessee
- 11/15 vs. Chicago
- 11/22 @ Green Bay
- 11/29 vs. Jacksonville
- 12/06 @ Seattle
- 12/14 vs. Arizona
- 12/20 @ Philadelphia
- 12/27 vs. Detroit
- 01/03 @ St. Louis



[Courtesy of sportslogos.net]

season ago with seven.

The defensive problem is the secondary. With Walt Harris out for the year after a training camp

line of defense scares me. An 8-8 season sounds about right to me.

Raiders continue losing tradition in 2009

Sports Commentary

By Adam Murphy
Sports Editor

The Oakland Raiders are the Nicole Richies of the NFL. They are pure trash.

But if a trashy socialite like Nicole Richie can clean up her im-

age, then why can't the Raiders?

Let me tell you why they can't.

It's hard to single in on one area that makes the Raiders so consistently bad.

A combined 24 wins the past five seasons gives a good indication of just how bad this team has been for half a decade.

An average team, going 8-8, would take three years to get to 24 wins. Head coach Tom Cable allegedly attacked assistant coach Randy Hanson, tarnishing the Raiders name to a level previously thought unreachable.

It seems as if every year the Raiders sign middle of the road players to lavish contracts, only to release them later.

The blame rests on the drooping shoulders of one man, and one man only.

Owner Al Davis is pushing 80-years-old, and it appears that he lost any sensibility quite some time ago.

Davis has bungled free agent signings and draft picks almost as much as quarterback JaMarcus Russell bungles a play. The offense

is the strength of this team, but that is only because the defense is so bad.

Run defense is a phrase unfamiliar to Al Davis. Other teams run at will against the Raiders.

According to the NFL Web site, the Raiders allowed the second most yards on the ground last season — 159.7 yards per game.

Running the ball against the Raiders makes sense not just because they can't stop the run, but also because the Raiders secondary is one of the better units in the league.

The Raiders saving grace is the run game. Three studs are capable of breaking the game open at any time.

Justin Fargas is the starter, and he may be the least talented of the three. What Fargas doesn't have in skill or athleticism he makes up for his heart and toughness.

Darren McFadden and Michael Bush are number two and three on the depth chart respectively, but both could take starting snaps for other teams.

So teams may stack nine guys

in the box every play, but the Raiders would be handing the ball to the other team if they try to run play action or throw consistently.

Russell doesn't have any weapons to throw at. His arm is freakishly strong, but he hasn't shown the finesse or accuracy needed to be a top passer in the NFL.

The Raiders can run, but they can't stop the run. They can't pass, but they can stop the pass.

If the Raiders somehow manage to get a lead, they can hold onto it, limiting any aerial damage and burning through the clock.

If the Raiders get behind early, which happens more often than not, they are going to have a hard time coming back.

Two of the best Raiders are their kickers, place kicker Sebastian Janikowski and punter Shane Lechler.

Lechler has the highest career punting average in history of the NFL at 46.8 yards, according to the ESPN Web site.

Lechler has benefitted from so many three-and-outs over the years, giving him the necessary



[Courtesy of Raiders.com]

practice to become what he is today.

He will most likely get plenty of kicks next year as well. The Raiders will continue being bottom dwellers in a weak AFC West

and Shane Lechler will again have a career year.

The black and silver will go 4-12 in the 2009 football season and the rebuilding process will be started all over again.

Raiders Schedule

- 09/14 vs. San Diego
- 09/20 @ Kansas City
- 09/27 vs. Denver
- 10/04 @ Houston
- 10/11 @ New York Giants
- 10/18 vs. Philadelphia
- 10/25 vs. New York Jets
- 11/01 @ San Diego
- 11/15 vs. Kansas City
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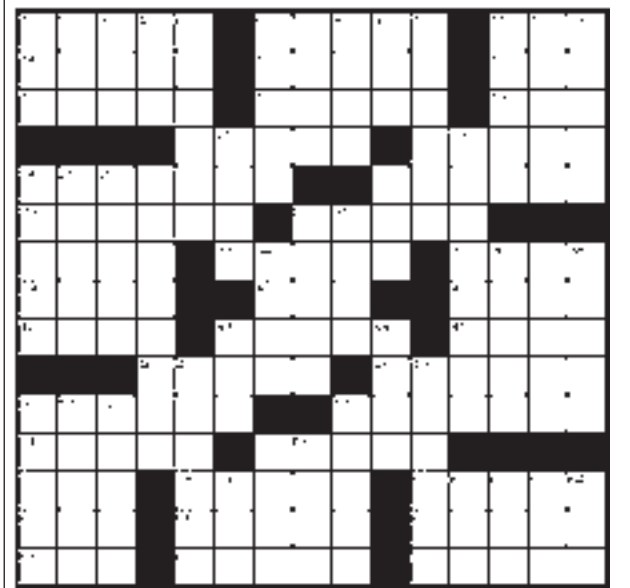
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Letter to the Editor

I am an SJSU English student and I feel as if I've been exploited by the Spartan Bookstore, which, as we all know, is overpriced. They have a program called "Double The Difference." Taken from the yellow bookmark they attach all receipts to, the program reads: "Buy your textbooks at the Spartan Bookstore. If you find the same book (same ISBN and edition) in the same condition (new or used) at any other Bay Area brick and mortar bookstore or at Amazon.com at a lower price within two weeks of purchase, return to Spartan Bookstore with your original receipt. After verifying the other store's price and availability, we'll refund you double the difference!"

This applies only to Amazon.com's retail price, and not to Amazon partners or other online retailers.

Recently, I ordered a used book online for \$45, which the Spartan Bookstore sells for \$105. I simply do the math, and figure that the Spartan Bookstore owes me a difference of \$10 dollars; and doubled makes \$20 smackers.

The cashier tells me that I need to buy the book for \$94 from Amazon to even be eligible for Double The Difference. After, I asked to speak to management but was denied access, they were "too swamped" to handle a customer complaint. The cashier had me fill out a paper requesting the Double The Difference. The school officials who are nickel-and-dime students are hiding behind "Employees Only" signs and throwing us forms to sign, and more bills to pay. Their Double The Difference policy makes no sense and is not even stated on the bookmark clearly.

The DTD scheme was created to boost buyer confidence in the bookstore's price system. They don't expect students to even do it, and for most students, the price difference to be doubled isn't even worth the time and effort for the few dollars it produces.

Sincerely,
Abel Vera

Because I got high in Mexico



Scott Reyburn
Grinds My Gears

You know what really grinds my gears?

Having Mexico beat us to the punch to decriminalize small amounts of drugs.

I'm being sarcastic, if you haven't noticed.

Jay and Silent Bob, pack your bags, because your business will be booming in Mexico.

Why, you ask, would our beloved drug dealing fictional characters created by Kevin Smith be moving their business to Mexico?

Well, because handing small amounts of drugs is no longer an arrestable offense!

Hooray beer!

Thanks to my boy, the man from the Red Stripe commercials, for the saying.

According to an Associated Press article, Mexico decriminalized small amounts of marijuana, cocaine and heroine on Aug. 21.

Prosecutors said the new law would set clear limits, keeping Mexico's corruption-prone police from shaking down casual users and offer addicts free treatment.

Are police officers going to bust out an expensive scale to weigh cocaine?

According to the article, anyone caught with drug amounts under this new personal-use limit will be encouraged to "seek treatment."

Those caught after their third time will be assigned mandatory treatment.

Police will just walk down the street and shout, "Get help, crackhead!"

The crackhead would reply, "Go suck on some donkey nipple!" And the officer would proceed to kindly walk away.

Bernardo Espino del Castillo of the Mexican attorney general's office said it's not legaliza-

tion, rather a regulation issue, that gives citizens greater legal certainty.

Is he serious?

I'm sorry, but there is no gray area when it comes to the possession of something illegal.

If it's legal, it's legal. If it's illegal, it's illegal.

Clear as day and night.

Forget the H1N1 virus scare in Mexico.

Its tourism is going to go up one thousand percent because of this law.

Students at San Diego State University and the University of California San Diego will experience a drop in grades.

Might as well take a vacation to Mexico and get the trifecta: get shitfaced, high as a kite and potentially try to catch swine flu.

It might add to the high, who knows?

Maybe throw in a donkey show to boot.

After reading the article, the first song that popped into my head was Afroman's "Because I Got High," and I proceeded to sing it in my head all day.

Maybe we should take cue

of Mexico's test run and do the same in the United States.

A theory I've had all along is make everything legal and the "illegal" edgy factor of being a druggie wouldn't stick.

There could potentially be a reduction in drug use.

I'm not here to write about whether there are health benefits or risks involved with marijuana, cocaine or heroine use.

Might as well take a vacation to Mexico and get the trifecta: get shitfaced, high as a kite, and potentially try to catch swine flu.

I'll leave that for the experts to determine or another opinion piece to assess.

All I'm here for is to tell pot smokers out there, smoke on — in Mexico.

Scott Reyburn is the Spartan Daily online editor. "Grinds My Gears" appears every other Thursday.

'Man Jose': An ideal place to find men or just a nickname hoax?



Stephanie Vallejo
Bird's The Word

"All the single ladies, put your hands up!"

I have good news for you. Beyonce must have been talking about the women in San Jose — or should I say "Man Jose."

It's true.

There are more men in San Jose than women. According to the U. S. Census Bureau Web site, there are 929,936 people total in San Jose and 50.8 percent of those are male.

Now dust off your calculators and do the math. That means 49.2 percent are female.

OK, I know that isn't too much of a difference, but it does provide evidence why San Jose was deemed "Man Jose."

Does it make a difference?

Even though our city's nickname is backed up with testosterone, it doesn't necessarily mean there are enough men for women — or enough men for men for that matter.

Our neighboring cities have more men too, such as Milpitas, with 52.6 percent men, according to the Bay Area Census Web site.

Santa Clara is just around the corner and has a close call percentage of men with 50.7 percent, according to the same census data.

These cities were lucky enough not to have two parts to their name. Especially without having a word that rhymes with man.

In a way, "Man Jose" is a derogatory name. Why point out the high number of dudes walking our streets?

I suppose the reason is because if our pet name was based on another high percentage of the city, it would be race.

And no one wants to go that road.

Although, if San Jose's nickname is based on the highest percentage of one race, the name would be "White Jose," because



illustration by Evan Suarez

47.5 percent reported to the census as being white.

Of course, the most recent census was in 2000, because they only conduct one every 10 years.

Next year "Man Jose" may become "Woman Jose" or "Pacific Islander Jose" or "Black Jose."

Of course, "Man Jose" may be factually incorrect. SJSU is home

to many students who are from different cities, states and countries. I'm pretty sure students' families don't report them as not living at home at the time of the census.

For me, I prefer the OG version of San Jose. El Pueblo de San Jose de Guadalupe. Doesn't that just roll off the tip of your tongue?

Despite the corny and somewhat embarrassing moniker, I wouldn't rely on a dating scene just because some desperate guy came up with a plan to lure unsuspecting women to San Jose.

Stephanie Vallejo is the Spartan Daily opinion editor. "Bird's The Word" appears every Thursday.

Clarification

In her article titled, "Suck my budget," Minh Pham clarifies that her comment regarding the "poorly performing staff" was directed only to those who are "nodding off in their chairs and staring blankly into their computers." She recognizes the hard work and service others continue to provide.

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Finding time to exercise isn't working out



Amber Simons
Staff Writer

I probably should go to the gym. Actually, I know I should go to the gym. I mean that's why I'm paying \$38 a month for my gym membership, right?

If you're like me, this thought seems to go through your mind a few times a day — when you're driving home, when you're sitting on the couch watching TV, when you're laying in bed and even when you're eating.

My nutrition and fitness professor mentioned in class how important it is to make time to get a good workout each day.

I'm pretty sure you're supposed to get about 20 minutes a day, or something like that.

So why is it that working out is always last on my list of priori-

ties? Well, not last — last is visiting the dentist.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy working out once I'm there, it's the getting to the gym that's the problem.

Why is it that we think the quick-fixes are so much easier than doing the actual workouts?

I have to get dressed, which is quite upsetting, because I can't fit into anything without the bulge I hate hanging over my pants or my thighs rubbing together in my gym shorts.

Then I have to worry about finding my buried tennis shoes

in my closet, and then I've got to stagger to the gym.

I have asthma, and by the time I've puffed my inhaler and walked to the gym, I feel like the workout should be completed. Forget about that Butts and Guts class I was planning on.

It's so much easier for me to walk to 7-Eleven to get a doughnut. I love doughnuts.

What I don't love is going to the beach in a bikini looking like I love to eat doughnuts.

And when I'm eating my doughnut while watching TV, every other commercial is about some quick fix to get rid of body fat: wraps, pills, diets, home videos — the list is endless.

I know you've seen them. We're on the same page.

I want to pick up my phone and buy everything. It's so much easier to do than practically crawling to my gym.

Why is it that we think the quick-fixes are so much easier

than doing the actual workouts?

We falsely believe they will be more beneficial, and we usually only use them in times of need, such as before a vacation or a special event.

If you're like me, the only time you actually go to workout is when your much-more-in-shape friend forces you to join this or her workout. And then you practically die doing it because you're not fit enough.

My friend Amanda told me to go with her to her gym for a step class. "It's easy," she said. The beginning was easy — I guess — but after I felt like a blind hippo balancing on a skateboard.

Amanda looked graceful and in shape, and I just looked a mess. Talk about stepping on my ego.

Then I became depressed, and I wanted a doughnut — the vicious cycle repeats.

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ing allows," said Mary Lewis, human resource manager of the Student Union.

Lewis said the Student Union is considered an "off-campus" site for financial aid funds.

Because of this the Student Union will not receive its funds until all other on-campus departments receive their funding, Lewis said.

Lewis said the Student Union employs about 40 work-study students each year.

The events department cannot hire work-study students because it operates as a for-profit enterprise, which goes against the policies of the Financial Aid Office, she said.

Lewis said the Student Union offers highly desirable jobs — students could work at the bowling alley and an arcade to attract people.

"We like students," Lewis said. "They are able-bodied people who are willing to work, and we want to put them to work."

"Without them there would only be 28 nonstudent employees, and it would be difficult to manage the Student Union with only 28 of us."

The delayed funds do not seem to affect one student who is already in the program.

"I don't get paid more even if there is additional money to the program, everything is still the same to me," said Martaleah Jackson, a senior biology major who works at the A.S. Computer Center. "The reason I like this program is because it's close to my classes, and because I can walk to them."

Sophomore Emerald Green, a prenursing major who works at the on-campus Burger King, said she was going to be in the work-study program, but didn't end up applying.

"My boss originally told me that I should go get a slip signed, but somewhere along the way I lost it, and I didn't bother to go back to look for it," she said.

Green said she didn't seem to mind.

"It's better for me this way," she said. "I would rather get paid every two weeks, instead of monthly from being in work-study."

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on her educational journey suits her just fine.

"I think it is great," that the university will step in to help seniors complete their education, Vandra said. Particularly because she said she thinks it is so difficult to choose the right classes that will count.

"It's hard trying to get into the classes I need, especially in the classes I am repeating," she said. "It's good they are trying to do something about it, and trying to help."

Michael Espero, a senior global studies major entering his fourth and final year at SJSU, said he can entertain both the student's and the university's points of view.

"I suppose it should be up to students to make decisions to guide their education," he said. "At the same time, I see they are trying to get students out of school, and perhaps the extra guidance is what they need."

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Today

Fall Welcome Days 2009: African-American New Student Welcome Reception from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Student Union Ballroom. For more information, contact Hyonchu Baker at hyonchu.yi@sjsu.edu.

Fall Welcome Days 2009: Building BB Open House from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Building BB. For more information, contact Maribel Martinez at (408) 924-4143.

Tomorrow

Fall Welcome Days 2009: College of Engineering New Student Welcome Reception from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Student Union Ballroom. For more information, contact Xuan Francis at (408) 924-3978.

Wednesday 9

Center for Community Learning and Leadership from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Seventh Street plaza. For more information, contact Jeanette at jeanette.ramos@sjsu.edu.

Time Management at 3 p.m. in Clark 118. For more information, contact Veronica Mendoza at veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu.

Thursday 10

Brown Bag Lunch with Dick Tomey from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Student Union Amphitheater. Participate in the question and answer session with football coach Dick Tomey. Coach Tomey will preview the upcoming home opener against Utah. For more information, contact Lisa Vlay at lisa.vlay@sjsu.edu.

Friday 11

Adventure Race 2009: Pillage and Plunder Each team will be faced with different physical challenges and brain puzzles throughout the SJSU campus. This event is free for student teams of four and \$20 for faculty and staff teams. Team leaders should visit the second floor of Building BB before Sept. 8 to sign up their group. For more information, visit as.sjsu.edu/ascr, contact 408-924-6218.

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