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Greek life expands beyond expected functions

by Scott Semmler

Blake Balajadia is no stranger to fraternity life on campus. He was a part of both a social fraternity and special interest fraternity during his time at SJSU.

"I've been around here a long time,"

Balajadia is now the assistant director for fraternity and sorority life at SJSU, and has been a part of Student Involvement since 2006.

SJSU is home to 400 student organizations on campus with every one treated equally and receiving the same amount of benefits, according to the Student Involvement at SJSU.

Special interest fraternities and social fraternities originate from much of the same premise, Balajadia said.

"All fraternities start out the same," he said. "It starts with an academic focus and some fraternities stay true to it."

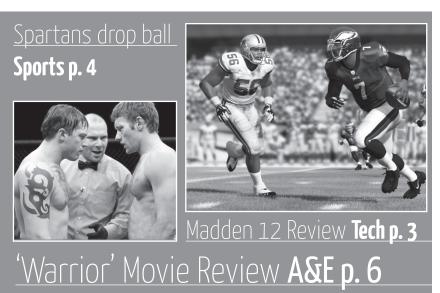
Balajadia said most characteristics about social and special fraternities are

"You recruit, you pledge, you become a member," he said. "You get to know the history, traditions and values, just like the social fraternities."

Aaron Crosby, a senior aerospace engineering major, can relate to Balajadia in that they have seen both sides of fraternity life at SJSU.

Crosby is a part of both the Beta Theta Pi social fraternity and Sig-

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San Jose State University President Mohammad Qayoumi adresses students at the conclusion of the Monday night town hall meeting in Barrett Ballroom. Photo by Raphael Kluzniok / Contributing Photographer

Student's concerns raised at town hall meeting

by Christina Molina

President Mohammad Qayoumi was in attendance among 40 SJSU students at the first student town hall meeting yesterday in the Barrett Ballroom of the Student Union.

"The initial date was supposed to be Sept. 19, then we switched it to today, but it's during the Greek community's recruitment so they didn't realize that when it was scheduled," said Cathy Busalacchi, executive director of student involvement.

The town hall meeting began with Oayoumi introducing what he would like addressed during the meeting.

He then sat down in the front row corner seat and took notes on every student's suggestions and comments.

The meeting, facilitated by communication studies Professor Rona Halualani, presented two questions on an overhead projector: "Where would you like to see San Jose State University in five to seven years?" and "What should SJSU accomplish in the next five to seven including Herlinda Aguirre, presiyears in the areas of integrative learning, inclusive excellence and community connections?"

Each person was given the opportunity to take the floor and discuss any of their concerns.

"In five to seven years, one thing I would love to see here on campus is a stronger adviser presence," said Katrina Swanson, director of student resource affairs.

For most majors, there aren't enough professors available for advising, according to Swanson.

She said she would like the option of graduate students taking the role of advising as an internship or possibly offer online advising for students.

Swanson went on to encourage awareness of sustainability, a safer campus and a stronger online presence for a school located in the heart of Silicon Valley.

Students proposed placing large bulletin boards throughout campus three times during the meeting,

dent of the SJSU Democratic Caucus, who said it would help inform the student body of upcoming events and crucial information.

"We need to step up advertising from the Associated Students and the administration," Aguirre said. "We could have more students present if this particular event was advertised more on campus."

She also argued to re-evaluate the housing policy at SJSU.

"I think that is something that can be fixed in five years," Aguirre said.

Other concerns raised in the meeting included more internship opportunities for students, promoting the study abroad program, cutting the cost of parking solutions and ending the cuts in classes needed for students to graduate.

"I would like to see you out there with the students volunteering ... at Leadership Today events and LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) graduation," Swanson said. "I would love to see your pres-

ence there knowing that you are making a connection with us."

At the end of the meeting, Qayoumi restated all of the concerns addressed by each student and provided a timeline as to how he will execute these suggestions into ac-

He said the month of October will be dedicated to collecting and analyzing comments made by the SJSU community. November would be a time for drafting a strategic plan and December would be the month the school would implement this strategic plan for the university.

"This plan will be the basis of how we do our budgets," Qayoumi said. "It will be a working document, a road map, as to how the university will be run."

There will be more than 20 additional town hall meetings with Qayoumi.

The next student-only town hall meeting will be held Sept. 21 at the Student Union's Barrett Ballroom from 6-8 p.m.

Dirty Brushes add new textures to campus on blue canvases



Junior chiropractic major Theresa Smith (left) and junior English major Michael Heazlit walk along the murals painted on the blue construction walls near the Student Union Monday afternoon. Photo by Vernon McKnight / Spartan Daily

by Scott Semmler Staff Writer

Art will continue to go up this semester on the 10-foot-tall blue walls surrounding the new Student Union construction site that started last year.

The group behind these artistic expressions is none other than the Dirty Brushes, a club started on campus a year-and-a-half ago through the School of Art and Design at SJSU.

With an estimated date of completion in 2013, Gale Antokal and the Dirty Brushes saw an opportunity.

"We looked at all this public wall space and said 'Let's do something,"

Antokal is the coordinator of pictorial art at SJSU, as well as the faculty sponsor for the Dirty Brushes.

"It is a wonderfully coordinated project between the art history and pictorial arts students," she said. "We wanted to show the community our new profile and proposed the idea."

The idea of painting on the walls went through Cathy Busalacchi, the associate vice president of student affairs at SJSU, who with Brian Taylor, photography chairman for the art department, were able to give the students permission to paint in front of

the Art and Music buildings. Busalacchi said they painted the walls blue to minimize graffiti, but

they wanted to fill the empty space with something other than SJSU advertisements.

"We wanted some kind of thought

behind it," she said. The art on the blue walls began in the spring and are a mix of self-portraits and reproductions of works from sources, according to An-

"We didn't want to paint just anything," said Miranda Fry, president of the Dirty Brushes. "We wanted it to be a meaningful experience for anyone who walked by."

Fry said that choosing famous portraits with an emphasis on diversity of men and women from all over the world was their main goal.

Dirty Brushes member and pictorial arts major Briana Romero said the groups members wanted to show artwork on campus through portraits of famous artists.

"We felt there hasn't been any real art on campus," she said. "We wanted something new and fresh."

Since then, Romero and Antokal said the club has taken off.

"It started through small events," Romero said. "It added cultural art and feeling to the university."

The outside community is excited about it, she said.

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Fraternities: Beyond traditional

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ma Gamma Tau aerospace engineering fraternity.

He said he received more training and experience through events and rush in social fraternities.

"Social fraternities are definitely more developed," he

Crosby also said that special interest and social fraternities had one glaring difference between them.

"The biggest difference was the requirements," he said. "There were different types of commitments for each."

Melissa Estuesta is president of Alpha Phi Sigma, a special interest honor society for criminal justice majors.

Estuesta, senior forensic science major, said most organizations on campus function relatively the same, although Alpha Phi Sigma and other organizations like it demand a little more.

"For us, you have to meet specific requirements," she said. According to Estuesta, requirements that must be met for Alpha Phi Sigma are to be enrolled in four justice studies courses, carry a 3.2 GPA and attend a majority of group meet-

Despite her special interest organization functioning differently from other social organizations, Estuesta said there is no animosity toward the others.

"There were past conflicts between social and honor (organizations)," she said. "But we wanted to stop the tension."

She said they now invite each other, as well as work together during events.

Julie Denoga, president of Alpha Phi Omega, said her special interest fraternity has taken that same approach.

"Recently, we've been involved with other Pan-Hellenic fraternities," she said. "We work with other fraternities on campus to have philanthropies."

Denoga's special interest fraternity is centered around community service and focuses on "leadership and friendship."

In the end, Balajadia said, "Students join (fraternities) for the personal development and character growth."

He said the overall perception is that the social fraternities have parties and the special interest fraternities do not.

"They think special interest fraternities are only for smart kids," Balajadia said. "They have more in common than you think."



Murals decorate the blue walls surrounding the construction zone for the Student Union expansion. Photo by Donovan Farnham / Contributing Photographer

Brushes: Painting the walkway

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Romero said some people and certain departments want the Dirty Brushes to paint in their area of campus, and that the club is more than happy to do that.

The Dirty Brushes have also taken their work off-campus by organizing events to show off their artistic expression and further promote their club.

Their next event is in October and will be a gallery at

that will run September 19-23. Currently, the Dirty Brushes are working on a project for the San Jose Family Center, which is planned for February 2012.

"We want (the children) to be able to relate to the murals Dirty Brushes are going to wait and learn about the beautiful place they live in, California," Fry said.

share their art.

"Fine art tends to be low priority," Romero said. "We

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"We designated other parts of the blue wall to continue to make paintings," Antokal said. "The goal is to go to the end of the wall."

Further down the road, the and see on future assignments around campus.

Antokal said they hope to Antokal said the group is recycle the paintings on the always looking for ways to blue walls before the new Student Union is finished.

> The Dirty Brushes meet every Monday to discuss their paintings and upcoming events, and Antokal said they always welcome new members willing to further express their

Watchers are keeping an space agency, told the German ever more close eye on the Café Pomegranate, located on want to show that artistic Press Agency dpa. "The men men now as they reach their San Fernando street just behind expression is important." want to finally see their famiexhaustion points. San Jose City Hall. As for the art on the blue lies and the sun again." "Most experiments have Romero said there will also construction walls, that will The DLR is assisting with been completed and the level be a gallery in the Art building not stop any time soon. the project. of work has dipped off, which We wanted it to be a meaningful

Miranda Fry, president of the Dirty Brushes

experience for anyone who walked by.

Mars mission test subjects tired after extensive period of isolation

McClatchy Tribune

MOSCOW – Six men who have been isolated together since June 2010 in a simulated mission to Mars are reaching their mental limits, with only two months left to go in the experiment, researchers said Sunday.

The crew of three Russians, one Italian, a Chinese national and a Frenchman were in simulator trying to simulate 520 days in space, the length of time scientists estimate would be needed for a round trip to the red planet.

The men are "mentally

in a testing container in Moscow, project manager Yevgeni Dyomin told the Interfax news

"The impatience is huge," Peter Graef of DLR, the German

Dyomin said the men are however determined to push through until the project ends in November.

"spaceship" reminds somewhat of the reality TV show "Big Brother," with the

drained" after their experience men's activities documented round the clock by cameras to see whether they manage to complete the 105 research assignments with which they have been tasked.

> means the stay in a bare environment is getting even more monotonous," said Graef.

> Experts say they are doing what they can to keep moods up. They add that no actual trip to Mars is in the planning.



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Getting rid of my 'dumbphone'



Sonia Ayala

There are so many electronic toys in today's world that I just can't make up my mind whether I should buy

I just can't seem to catch up with the latest technology these days, especially when it comes to phones and computers, and I don't intend to try.

However, there is one piece of technology that I always look forward to getting a hold of every two years and that's a brand new phone.

I've had my LG EnV3 phone from Verizon Wireless for about two years now. I liked that I could upload music to it and access my pictures and contacts without even having to flip my phone open, and the keypad let me text my friends faster.

But now I'm so ready for an upgrade and I'm happy to say that my two-year contract has finally expired.

I should be buying my new phone in a couple of weeks. The only thing I'm not looking forward to is paying \$100 to \$150 for a brand new smartphone - in contrast, my EnV3 was only \$50 on the Verizon Wireless website.

I know that smartphones are really cool and that everyone has them, but is it really worth getting one?

When I first got my EnV3, it was the newest phone on the market and everyone had it but now everyone frowns upon my phone because it doesn't have a touch screen and it still has a manual keypad.

I know that I will probably end up getting an Android phone anyway because I love how it has an awesome touch screen and I can't wait to take advantage of all the perks that come with having a smartphone.

I can download music on my phone, and I look forward to streaming Alicia Keys' music videos from YouTube or songs on Pandora and without having to buy the CD at a music store.

I can't wait to purchase songs from iTunes with the click of a button, and I'm really happy that I will finally be able to download the latest version of Angry Birds or the Deal or No Deal game, which is something I could never do on my EnV3.

I know cannot fight new technology when it comes to getting a new phone — or any other piece of technology for that matter — so I might as well just go with it and embrace the Android that is going to make having a phone 100 percent more fun.

I will no longer have to waste my energy clicking buttons on my old EnV3 when I could just tap the screen and have it go wherever I want with the touch of a button.

I know my new device is going to take a while to get used to, but the positives outweigh the negatives.

One of the things I'm going to miss is having a phone with a battery life that lasts two to three days because I know that the smartphone's battery life lasts half a day at the minimum, but I'm sure I will learn how to cope with its somehow.

I know that a lot of responsibility comes with buying a smartphone, such as not dropping it and keeping it scratch-free because one little accident could leave me without a phone at all, but I'm willing to take the chance.

New Madden NFL 12 brings more passing, better CGI

by Scott Semmler

Madden NFL 12 was released on Aug. 30 to a video game world of cult-like followers, most of whom come back every year to buy one of the highest grossing video games in history.

The game continues to be the sports video game by which the are measured, based on the features it offers and its evercontinuing closeness to reality.

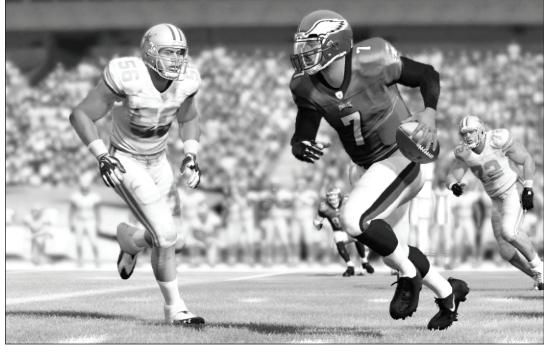
Every year though, the Madden series is judged by what new features the game adds.

Being atop the sports video game circuit requires you to continually make the video game that much better every year. However, that is not the case with the game this year. There seems to be so much now can directly control more the makers of this game could have focused on.

Madden 12 does have its usual set of new features, though. EA Sports has added all new details to the defensive side of the ball, with tackling and pass coverage at the forefront.

There will be no more stubborn, robotic players on defense. The new game's features include players in zone and man coverage being able to react to plays, as well as know when plays break down.

EA Sports is calling it a feature that enables "a defensive team that truly works together."



Other than that, the user the tackling feature of the game, and there are new custom playbooks that allow players to choose 400 offensive or defensive plays from 75 playbooks.

The playbooks impressed me the most. The Indianapolis Colts' playbook is more pass-heavy, as would be required because of their All-Pro quarterback Peyton Manning. The Philadelphia Eagles' playbook is much the same, with plays set up for speedy quarterback Michael Vick and his ability to run up-field when plays break down.

Pregame introductions are

also relatively new to the Madden franchise. Every team now has their own unique and accurate presentation ranging from the stadium characteristics to how the players are introduced onto the field.

To keep it local, players for the San Francisco 49ers are introduced and led out of the blown up version of the 49ers' signature helmet by their mascot, Sourdough Sam.

Madden 12 continues to offer their basic game modes, including Franchise, Superstar, Practice, Games and Madden Moments Live. Each has their own set of functions and minor new features, but nothing that

totally changes the game.

The play-by-play and commentary was a feature that I was happy with.

For the second year, the Madden franchise brought back sports announcer Gus Johnson, the high-energy, catchphrase machine that most sports fans are familiar with. He adds a human-like quality, or at least as much as virtually possible, to the game that previous editions had lacked.

The entire game continues to be one of the more welldone sports video games on the market today, but some of the more basic features still need work.

One that continues to

The Philidelphia Eagles, with star player quarterback Michael Vick, are just one team you can pick to play in the newest version of the Madden football

Screenshot Courtesy EA Sports

Available now on Android, PlayStation 2, iOS, PlayStation 3, PlayStation Portable, Wii, Xbox 360

Reviewed version: PlayStation 3

bother me is the play action mode on offense, in which the quarterback has little if not any, time to carry out the play. This could be due to either the team the user is playing with, as every team has a different talent-level on their offensive line, but every year I hear complaints about it.

It seems as though EA Sports has focused more on raising the bar in the new features department, but has forgotten about the true basics of the game.

Until then, the Madden series will continue to be known as a game that continues to never change.

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TECH OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS

by Jeffrey Cianci

In 2001, Windows XP was the new hotness and Snake crawled around on nearly every cell phone.

Smaller and smaller pocket-sized cell phones were replacing the large clunky car phones of the '80s.

A video game revolution was underway, with electronic superstar Sony competing with gaming powerhouse Nintendo and computer legend Microsoft, as the three put out their new video game consoles the PlayStation 2, GameCube and Xbox.

The new medium of commercial-free satellite radio also made its debut in 2001, sending a worry through public radio that a revolution on the airwaves was afoot.

Ten years later, we look at some of the technology then and now.

Cellphones

In 2001 one of the more popular cellphones available **2001** was Nokia's 8210, a small "brick" style phone with a monochromatic screen and basic keyboard which retailed new for a staggering \$799. The phone's more popular features included text messaging with predictive text and four games including Snake and Tetris. Features that we take for granted today such as color screens and email capability were reserved for only the most elite devices.





Today, what can a cell phone not do for you? With the arrival of today's smartphones and their ability to download applications such as GPS, HD video recorders and face-to-face conference software such as Skype, today's cellphones have clearly evolved tremendously in just a decade. **2011**

"Revolutionary" gimmicks



In December 2001 the Segway was unveiled to the world. The product of inventor Dean Kamen, the Segway was supposed to revolutionize the way we moved in urban environments. Debuting with a price tag of nearly \$5,000, the high tech scooter failed to capture the customer base required for the planned transportation revolution. On a peculiar note — Segway's company owner, Jimi Heselden, died when his scooter crashed over a hill near his home in 2010.

It is safe to say 3-D TVs will be a topic of humor in years to come; it's a 50-year-old technology repurposed for home entertainment. With systems starting at nearly \$2,000, plus the cost of 3-D movie players and glasses, 3-D TV seems a little pricey for the ability to swat at images coming at you from your television.

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2001

2001 brought the arrival of XM Satellite Radio, again an invention that was supposed to revolutionize how radio was made and enjoyed. With receivers starting at \$150, plus a monthly subscription of nearly \$13 a month, the two companies tried to lure customers in with their exclusive programming and commercial-free radio. However, the company would eventually merge with competitor, Sirius Satellite Radio, in 2008.

Today free online music services such as Pandora and Grooveshark offer listeners a customizable playlist, often at no cost. While Grooveshark lets you ultimately choose what you would like to hear, Pandora creates a mix based on your preferences for a particular song or artist.



Video Gaming

In 2001 a platform war was on between Sony's PlayStation 2 and Nintendo's GameCube against newcomer Microsoft's Xbox. While the PlayStation 2 was on the market with an established following, many in the industry wondered if the town was big enough for all three. Speaking of the upcoming Xbox in 2001, CNN wrote, "Are you willing to take a risk on a brand-new, unproven game system (Xbox) with a large variety of unproven game titles (Amped, Fuzion Frenzy, Halo, etc.)"







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Spartans lose twice in volleyball tourney; Gauchos take crown

by Jeffrey Cianci.

SJSU women's volleyball team fell to UC Santa Barbara on Saturday night as the Gauchos took three out of four rounds in the final match of the Santa Clara Invitational, bringing their record to 2-6.

In the first match of the invitational on Friday evening, the Spartans were defeated in three close-scoring rounds of play against North Dakota.

Freshman Savanah Leaf had a team-high 18 kills in Saturday's match, however Leaf said she still has room to improve in her first year as a Spartan.

"I'm proud of what I've done so far, but I know myself and I know I can work a lot harder − I can get more balls and make more kills," she said.

In Saturday evening's loss, SJSU won the first set of play 25-22, with junior setter Caitlin Andrade setting up the kill shot for blocker Alex Akana for the win.

Andrade, who posted 45 assists on the evening, has 2,068 career assists, putting her 24 short of reaching the rank of ninth-place all-times assists at SJSU.

The Spartans however, would let the Gauchos get away from them in the next three sets, allowing UC Santa Barbara to win the match 3-1.

Head Coach Oscar Crespo said he was pleased with the skill being shown by his team and young players like Leaf despite the two losses this week-

"We competed very nicelyit's disappointing to have those two losses in there, but the results are not always in those wins," Crespo said, pointing to the close scores this weekend against what he described as skilled opponents.

Tough defense played close to the net by juniors Krista Miller and Alex Akana was a solid attempt to keep the Gauchos at bay.

Akana, who had four blocks on the evening, said the team had improved from Friday with a stronger finish in the beginning but couldn't stay on the heels of the aggressive play from the Gau-

"We just couldn't seem to finish the matches - we kinda started to fall apart, but for the most part we held it together," she said, adding that improvements on serving and digs should help the team this season. "We couldn't execute on the little things like serving and digging — were going to toughen up our serves and minus er-

In the final three sets of play, aggressive digs by players such as junior defensive specialist Katie Turner, who had 13 for the evening, were outweighed by several service errors by the Spartans and lively round of volley by the Gauchos.

Spartan head coach Crespo was confident his team has the



Middle blocker Kylie Miraldi (7) spikes the ball through North Dakota's blockers. SJSU Volleyball fell to North Dakota's Fighting Sioux in three sets, 25-19, 25-22, 25-21, during the Spartans' home opener, Sept. 9, San Jose, Calif. Photo by Stan Olszewski / Spartan Daily

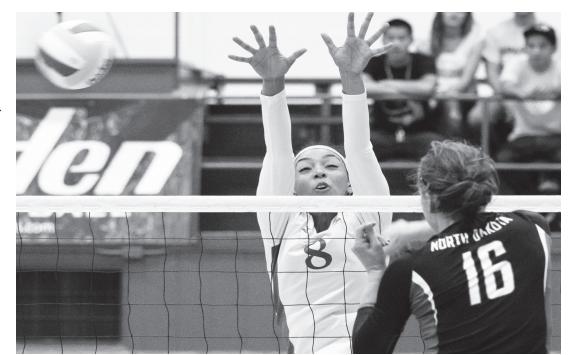
drive to play tough for the rest of the season.

"Were still growing, still developing - we keep talking about finding our spirit and I think were still working on that," he said, adding he was proud of his team's fight thus far.

UC Santa Barbara took the title as tournament champions with its win over SJSU, capping a three-match sweep of its com-

The Gauchos extended their winning streak to four and improved their record to 5-4.

SJSU women's volleyball team continues their season with the Hilton Stockton Invitational in Stockton this Thursday as they take on University of the Pacific, with conference play beginning Sept. 22 against Utah State in Utah.



SJSU's Savanah Leaf (8) tries to block Ronni Munkeby's (16) spike. Leaf recorded nine kills and 10 digs in the match against North Dakota, and added a team-high 18 kills in the second match against the tournament champion Gauchos of UC Santa Barbara. Photo by Stan Olszewski / Spartan Daily

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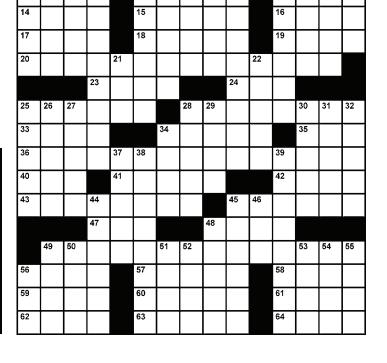
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Ten Years After 9/11: Did the world really change?



Salman Haqqi

Ten years ago I remember watching the second plane bank left and head nose-first into the South Tower and feeling a sense of something ominous in my gut, while almost entirely consumed by the seemingly unreal images unfolding on the TV screen.

The 10th anniversary of 9/11 will undoubtedly inundate newspapers and television channels with horrific images from the events of that day.

From the smoke hemorrhaging out from the Twin Towers before their bizarre collapse, to the many people plummeting to their deaths having leapt from the burning towers — these images have been seared into the consciousness of our generation.

It was, we were soon told, "the day that changed everything," the 21st Century's defining moment, the watershed by which we would forever divide world history: before, and

Nature recycles,

There is a vital reason why

we should go green. A part of the

world is churning towards sav-

ing it from the upcoming disas-

ters for their grandchildren, their

are starting to realize that they

need to protect Mother Nature

sound, it is true that the way

we are living our daily lives, our

ize that the multitude of consum-

ables we use these days and the

amount of wreckage it creates for

food and electricity on an

everyday basis but that doesn't

mean we can't use it in a main-

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that keep us vital for most of

our lives, we still need to under-

stand that we can have the same

commodity with more benefit to

ple can save the world by making

a slight adjustment in their lives.

ference just by turning down

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ing your car a break and taking

public transportation or making

There are a million ways peo-

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tained manner.

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Earth has an expiration date.

from having an expiration date.

This is the age where people

As wretched as this may

grandchildren and so on.

shouldn't we?

But Sept. 11, 2001, didn't change the world forever.

The world, however, is certainly a different place.

The question is: Which of the many changes are genuine consequences of 9/11?

One way of answering might be to ask what the world would be like if 9/11 had not happened.

There are obvious objections to counterfactual history, as speculating "what if?" is known by historians, if only because causality isn't easy to establish with certainty even in conventional historical research.

But it does throw up some neat ideas - not least that in the big scheme of things, 9/11, horrific and cataclysmic as it was, may not have changed much at all.

If the al-Qaida plotters had not pulled off 9/11, many security and foreign policy experts believe it would only have been a matter of time before they managed something else.

Alternatively, a steady accumulation of smaller attacks — an embassy in Africa here, a warship in the Red Sea there — may have provoked a large-scale U.S.

But the ensuing attack on Afghanistan did have

your feet and legs do the work

coming to class late because of

parking in addition to paying

way too much for parking per-

ing is not worth it when you're

spending more than 10 minutes

Paying almost \$400 for park-

I've been taking the Altamont

Commuter Express train from the

San Jose Diridon Station for more

than a year now and believe me it

toward a better future for us all.

People around the world have

less and less of the resources they

days has an effect on our planet.

We can make a difference by lim-

iting our lights, computers, video

I like the idea of clean pow-

er from windmills and solar

panels because it's not harm-

ing us in any way and it's cost

effective. My sister Iram, for ex-

ample, has been using solar power

outside and inside her house and is

brid cars because of the price

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A lot people don't buy hy-

saving almost \$450 a month.

Everything that we do these

need to survive.

games and television.

Making small changes can

has saved me a lot of money.

I've seen so many students

for once.

Now with that being said, we really stack up to painting a

have to use technology, clothes, prettier and bigger picture

mits per semester.

in the parking garage.

Aliza

Saeed

consequences — the most notable and disastrous of which was the destabilization of neighboring Pakistan.

It's hard to fathom Pakistan without constant bomb blasts, a crippling economy, a mismatched budget and countless

on terror and the Pakistani government's open alliance with the U.S. government in a "crackdown" on insurgents and other rebellious factions, life in Pakistan got a lot more complicated and violent.

Before 9/11, Pakistan had suf-

regimes supported this group until 9/11. Hence the strength and power of the Taliban is a product of the support rendered by the U.S. and Pakistani governments.

For Pakistanis, it was easy to connect the dots. 9/11 happened,

America invaded Afghanistan,

and Pakistan went to hell. That's

the most common narrative

tain that the alliance with the

U.S. against Islamic militants

has destroyed the country's

investment climate, caused

widespread unemployment and

the alliance has cost it \$67 bil-

ziristan and other agencies have

killed thousands of innocent

Pakistani men, women and

children, leading to a massive

divide between the government

lion over the last 10 years.

The government estimates

The drone attacks in Wa-

ravaged productivity.

Pakistan's leaders main-

that's offered.

The majority believes that Pakistani government betrayed the people by allowing drone attacks in the region (as revealed by WikiLeaks), while the government continues to win the support of the several elites the country has.

Terrorist groups and other extremists continue to destroy the sanctity and sanity of those living within the country.

In a global sense the killing of 9/11 mastermind Osama bin Laden may have brought a sense of closure but a decade later, 9/11 changed the world rather less than we intuitively think that it did.

That seems a strange thing to claim after a decade in which the content and atmosphere of international and domestic politics were often dominated by the attack on the twin towers and the reaction to them.

Yet the forces doing most to reshape our world now — the global shift in power eastwards to China and India, the consequences of the financial crash of 2008, and the shifting demographics of western societies - were little affected by the disruptive impact of 9/11, and their effects seem likely to long outlast it.

Before 9/11, Pakistan had suffered just one suicide bombing.

lives lost in a war more than half of the population does not understand, but life in Pakistan before the atrocious attacks of 9/11 was less turbulent and could be classified as peaceful in relative terms.

Everyday routines and other matters were never as bloody and gory as they are today. Pakistan has always been mired in some sort of political strife or upheaval, but the aftermath of 9/11 catalyzed its spiral into the abyss.

The paranoia and constant worry people experience wasn't this rampant before. If there were bomb blasts, they

However, after the war

their current benefits rather than

long-term benefits for owning a

owning a hybrid can not only

help them now but in the future

as well toward preventing pollu-

organic food. You're benefiting

the farms because, one, you're

saving them from pesticides and

chemical fertilizers and two,

farmers aren't being exposed to

gases are all non-renewable fossil

fuels taken out from the Earth's

warming, causing the surface

temperatures of the Earth to rise,

which can cause a unhealthy site

for the growth of plants and veg-

able resource and clean water is

an essential part of life. By be-

ing mindful about turning your

faucet off when not in use, you

are reducing strain on municipal

Census Bureau, the world

reached 1 billion people in 1800; 2

billion by 1922 and more than 6

billion by 2000. The world only

has so many natural resources,

and as the population increases,

to recycle. Make sure your bot-

tles, cans and papers go in a sepa-

rate area from your trash. The

more trash you throw away, the

more full the landfills get.

The easier way to be green is

the U.S.

treatment systems.

resources decrease.

According to

Also, water is not a renew-

Coal, petroleum and natural

Carbon dioxide causes global

harmful chemicals.

Another great way is eating

They don't understand that

hybrid.

fered just one suicide bombing — a 1995 attack on the Egyptian Embassy in the capital, Islamabad that killed 15 people. In the last decade, suicide bombers have struck Pakistani targets more than 290 times.

The country averaged nearly six terrorist attacks of various kinds each day in 2010, according to a report by the Pak Institute for Peace Studies.

To understand the nature of the U.S.-Pakistan alliance in the ridiculously named "War on Terror," one must remember the hypocritical and shady business of both governments funding the very same group they attack today: the Taliban.

It is understood that both

and the average citizen. San Jose: The perfect college town

When I moved to San Jose my freshman year of college, I had no idea what to expect.

Being from Southern California, which to some is like another state, I knew very little of this city other than the weather being cooler and the people slightly calmer.

I didn't have a job my first year away from home - my family was supportive of me focusing on school.

portation, and that has not changed much in the last three With all of this in mind, I

I had no means of trans-

experience would go versus staying in Southern California. "NorCal" has been my most

was eager to see how well my

rewarding experience thus far. First, those amazing VTA passes that come with our

I would have never been introduced to most of the city without it.

overpriced college payments.

I am not from a place where public transportation is favored over cars.

Additionally, I am not from a city where most things are in your neighborhood.

San Jose State University sits in the heart of downtown therefore the entire city is my neighborhood.

Eateries, movies, coffee

Christina Molina

shops and museums are a mere

ten-minute walk. That kind of convenience is precious to any college student.

An even greater convenience than having so many things close is getting things

You know you are in college when you start asking for that student discount everywhere you go.

Thankfully, San Jose offers student movie rates and dis-To my surprise, moving to counts at most restaurants and attractions.

> The only thing more beautiful than San Jose is the easy access to other beautiful cities.

The charming Santa Cruz is a simple bus ride over the hill and the alluring city of San Francisco is an hour away via Caltrain.

I don't think I would visit these cities as much as I do if public transportation wasn't easily available.

Although San Jose buses and trains are no chariots, they most certainly aren't as trashy and germ-infested as public transport vehicles from other

Now that I'm 21 and discovering the San Jose night life, I'm glad I can use a convenient and safer solution when going out, which is walking.

Being in Los Angeles requires driving from place to place, especially at night.

Since I rely on my legs to get me places, I couldn't be in a more perfect place at my age.

I almost feel guilty for praising northern California so

I know I could never abandon my love for sunny "SoCal."

I just have to acknowledge the fact that San Jose has made college enjoyable versus inac-

If I had to deal with being trapped at home because of a lack of transportation or lack of cash, my entire college experience would be tarnished.

I think northern California has done something for me that Southern California probably couldn't.

Plus, when I think of all the smog and traffic jams I am missing out on, I begin favoring my decision to move here a little more.

In a wide scope, it seems San Jose was made for people like me, taking in the experience at a much greater convenience.

In my eyes, San Jose is the perfect representation of a college town.



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MOVIE REVIEW



Tom Hardy (left) and Joel Edgerton (right) star as feuding brothers who enter a mixed martial arts tournament to win the cash prize to aid their respective causes. The film also stars Nick Nolte and Jennifer Morrison. Photo courtesy of allmoviephoto.com

'Warrior' delivers a solid knockout



UFC fans rejoice! The first good mixed martial arts movie of our generation has arrived and its name is "Warrior."

Though the film has its share of flaws and clichés, director Gavin O'Connor delivers a fiercely moving family drama centered around MMA.

The movie tells the story of two brothers, Brendan and Tommy, who separated as teenagers because of differing paths involving their abusive, alcoholic dad.

Brendan goes on to get married and start a family, eventually earning a job as a high school physics teacher, while Tommy is an ex-marine and Iraq War veteran.

The two happened to be skilled mixed martial artists though and when Brendan finds out his house is going into foreclosure and Tommy tries to raise money for of the war, the two enter an MMA middleweight tournament to win a \$5 million

Now the two are on a collision course and neither will back down on what they are fighting for, but only one can be on top at the end.

Originally, I was only interested in this film because I'm a UFC fan myself, but after watching this I can safely say you don't need to be a fan to enjoy this

For all its sports movie clichés, such as the underdog story angles, the fight training montage sequences and family grudge matches, the film flows remarkably well and will tug on your heartstrings more than once.

Joel Edgerton, who plays Brendan, turns in a valiant performance as a family man just trying to make a living and keep a roof over the head of his wife and kids.

Edgerton, who is an Australian actor, pulls off the Philly accent well and plays a very believable character and even looks intimidating as an MMA fighter in

Tom Hardy, an English actor himself, turns in an equally impressive performance as Brendan's ex-Marine brother who is filled with a lot of hate and anger at his father, played by Nick

Hardy's menacing stare and brooding visage is both intimidating and engrossing to the viewer as you can't help but get sucked into his lonely pessimistic world filled with rage.

The story itself flows along, smoothly transitioning from one scene to another pation up for the epic finale at the end of

Now being the MMA fan that I am, I can't finish this review without talking about the film's portrayal of the sport itself and for the most part the movie does

The fight scenes are impressive and quite hard-hitting. More often than not I found myself going "Oooo" and "Ahhh" at the grandeur of the takedowns and beat downs.

The film really does well at capturing the excitement, action and suspense of an MMA fight while also keeping the viewer engaged in the internalization of the characters during their fights.

There were a few things however that were a bit preposterous about the way director Gavin O'Connor did the fights,

For instance, anybody who watches UFC knows there would never be a middleweight tournament with two nights in a row of fighting.

The sheer exhaustion and beat downs one would take in just one fight in a 16man tournament would be more than enough for someone to take in a month

Also, the fights seem to emphasize a lot more striking that anything else and to anyone who watches this sport, once again, they would know most fights are mostly a grappling war.

Another thing I wasn't too hot about with the movie is that the brothers' family feud is never fully explained in depth.

Viewers will get there is bad blood between the characters and a lot of it has to the family of one of his fallen comrades that flawlessly builds the viewer's antici- do with their father but not much else is really explained beyond that.

> These are all nit-picky things though and even though it bothered me it didn't take me out of the movie (the noisy people in the theater that day did, though).

"Warrior" is a healthy mix of everything that is good about boxing movies, just with some kicks and jiu-jitsu mixed

The story will touch you emotionally while also keeping you fairly entertained.

In the end, the mark of a good sports movie is finding yourself rooting for the main character during their games, or fights in this case, and I guarantee "Warrior" will do just that for you.

Sex, emotions and singing in tragic 'Spring Awakening'

by Jaimie Collins

What happens when you combine raging hormones and sexual ignorance? The answer? Nothing good.

Kicking off the San Jose Repertory Theatre's 2011-2012 season and playing through Sept. 25, the renowned play Spring Awakening presents the story of 11 teenagers on the brink of adolescence in late 19th-century

Stuck in a society defined by religious rules, old-fashioned morals and excessive taboos, these youths struggle to understand what is happening to them in a time where sexual urges and actions were hush-hush.

The parents, in a naive act of selfishness, tell their children nothing and neglect to teach them what sex is or the repercussions it can have, resulting in detrimental and irreversible

As each one of them experiences the arousing of their inner sexuality and coming of age, these adolescents commence on a complicated journey of self-discovery, rebellion and con-

"Spring Awakening," which originally debuted on Broadway in 2006, is a rock musical adaptation of Frank Wedekind's 1892 German play of the same name.

The modern version, which originally boasted "Glee's" Lea Michele as the female lead, went on to gain 11 Tony award nominations and won eight, including best musical, direction, original score and choreography.

Originally banned in Germany, this play is not for the easily offended or faint of heart, because of its portrayal of issues such as abortion, homosexuality, rape, child abuse and suicide, and for its use of harsh language and

From the first scene where the heroine begs her mother to tell her where babies come from to the powerful finale, this play is highly emotional and disturbing.

The mixtures of motifs are truly what bring this play to life.

Through the depiction of grief, love, anger, passion and confusion, I was able to connect with both the characters on stage and with the underlying mes-

This play would not be as compelling without the amazing cast, which includes SJSU

students Ernestine Balisi, Kristen Majetich and Manuel Rodriguez-Ruiz.

Each actor portrayed their role with confidence, passion and fervor, making every scene realistic, convincing and heartwrenching.

Through dramatic dialogue and authentically enacted emotions, the cast personalized the storyline, making it seem like a possible scenario from any normal teenager's life.

With only 13 members, the company is extremely versatile and talented.

Between dancing across the stage and dramatically delivering their lines on cue, the group also belts out the 19 original and catchy songs with strong and harmonious voices.

Unlike several other popular musicals with conversational lyrics such as "RENT" or "Phantom of the Opera," the pieces in this play take on a more abstract form, using elaborate language and a poetic script to create a haunting harmony.

The varied harmonies are accompanied by intricate dance moves that had my eyes glued to the stage throughout the perfor-

The entire production, which runs two hours and 30 minutes, was choreographed by Sonya Tayeh, who is famous for her modern dance routines on the show "So You Think You Can Dance?"

Tayeh has created another artistic masterpiece through her collaboration with director Rick Lombardo and the cast of "Spring Awakening."

Each and every dance piece was beautifully executed with grace and electrifying energy.

The choreography was made even more dynamic through the use of props. Throughout the performance the cast utilized a wooden table and two benches to execute the majority of the stunt work.

Embodying the figures of a tree trunk, a hayloft and even a grave, this simple table was used in almost every scene to make the setting more realistic.

These details were complemented by the elaborate use of bright lighting, on-stage projection screens and even fake fog to enhance the drama and excite-

Overall, this musical is a creative and original depiction of what it is like to be young and in love and is an experience that shouldn't be missed.

'Spatial Moments' art exhibit highlights photography at MLK

by Nick Celario

Photographer and SJSU information technology consultant James Murray's art will be on display on the fourth floor of the King Library until the end of Sep-

"I try to get people to look at something and ask themselves, 'Why does this look familiar?" Murray said.

He said that in his photography he wants to capture slices of the world around us that nobody notices.

Library Events Coordinator Candice McGee said she was introduced to Murray and his work when he used to work for the library's information technology department.

Murray said he now works in the Music building.

McGee said she has seen much of his work and wanted to display them in the

"It's different," she said. "He uses things that usually aren't photographed. He captures things that are usually taken for granted."

McGee said Murray is scheduled for a larger exhibit on the second floor of the library during the fall of 2012.

Software engineering major Tonmoy Dhan said he could tell that Murray puts a lot of thought into his photography.

"Most of the pictures are simple," Dhan said. "You could tell he thought about angles and lighting."

Dhan said he was particularly drawn to a piece, "Sunday Afternoon in Room 49," because of its simplicity.

Engineering major Alvin Prakash said he doesn't like the photographs because they're too simple.

"It's too boring," he said. "It's too black and white. There's no life to it."

Prakash also said the library might not be the best place to display art because it won't be as appreciated.

"If you stand here all day, I bet only 10 people would pass by here," he said. "The main reason you're at the library is to study."

However, mechanical engineering major Steven Tran said he liked the photographs because of the angles and

He said he liked an untitled piece because it looked like a squid.

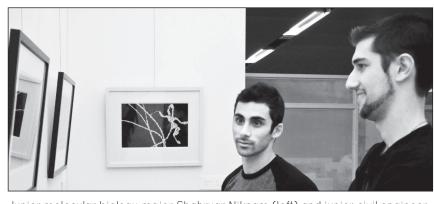
Murray said the photograph is actually a piece of kelp lying on a beach and that it was taken "seconds after a wave receded, leaving the sand still sparkling with moisture."

Murray said he has loved photography since his freshman year in high school in 1973 when he accidentally signed up for a photogra-

"I thought it was a calligraphy and printing class, but it turned out to be photographic printing," he said.

He said that at the time he didn't have an interest in photography, but the class introduced him to something that would turn into a "passionate hobby."

"The teacher took us to the darkroom and we watched him put paper



Junior molecular biology major Shahryar Niknam (left) and junior civil engineering major Mohammad Mostaghim evaluate the artwork for Spatial Moments exhibit Monday on the fourth floor gallery of King library Monday afternoon. The art will be on display until Sept. 30. Photo by Jasper Rubenstein / Spartan Daily

in liquid," Murray said. "Then the image appeared. It was like the greatest magic I've ever seen."

Murray said that when he walks around with his camera, he is attracted to geometric, structured patterns and he looks for a lot of lighting and texture.

He also said he tries to find common

things that look very abstract when up

Murray said he loves photography because he always wanted to do art, but couldn't draw well so cameras became his "creative outlet."

"Most things in life are not what they appear to be, and I try to express that idea through photography," Murray said.