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Cyber-security concerns raised to students

By Stephanie Barraza
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In the cyber world, we are constantly under attack.

This was the theme of last Friday's Edward Oates Symposium: Security in the Cyber Age, hosted by the SJSU College of Science in the Barrett Ballroom of the Student Union.

Students from the College of Science and the College of Engineering were given a chance to listen to technology experts in the field of cybersecurity, which included security professionals, industry leaders, business representatives, education experts as well as SJSU alumnus Edward Oates.

The conference served to reach out to students and faculty on the vast career opportunities currently available in the field of cybersecurity, as well the importance of it in the digital age.

"The symposium on cybersecurity was very useful and answered some of the pertinent questions of the need for security in general and also in the cyberspace involving enterprises, corporations and governments," said Sonali Madireddi, a software engineering graduate student in the College of Engineering. "It is a pressing need of the day and everybody should realize the importance of it."

Business and industry leaders participated in panel discussions examining the current situations they are facing with their cybersecurity sectors, such as data breaches, and how students have the opportunity now to embrace this field.

"Cyber-security will be a coal industry for your careers," said Tami Gallupe, Oracle's director of global privacy and North American information security. "Your generation defines privacy. You are in a perfect opportunity to take advantage of your environment."

The panelist believed cybersecurity should be the number one priority in response to global security threats, citing examples in last week's news that headlined the U.S. Embassy attack in Libya and the release of the Apple iPhone 5.

"It's going to take another major catastrophe that is going to be a major cyber attack in order to get the kind of response that's needed," said Nathan Nayman, head of California state and local relations for Visa Inc. "If you follow global news, there have been parts of the grid in certain parts of this country and other countries that have been down for small periods of time, and many people are saying that this is just the tip of the iceberg of what can come."

Madireddi, who specializes in cloud computing, also believes in this philosophy of the need for cybersecurity.

"In the present age, cybersecurity should be the norm. Previously it was any add-on feature to the application (in) industries because the technology was not

SJSU WINS 40-20

Spartans crush Colorado State



San Jose State Spartan wide receiver Chandler Jones runs in a touchdown in the fourth quarter against the Colorado State Rams Saturday. The win put the Spartans' record at 2-1. **Photo by Raphael Kluzniok / Contributing Photographer**

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HEALTH

Teen pot use may contribute to testicular cancer

By Jonathan Roisman
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Young men who smoke marijuana may be at double the risk of developing testicular cancer than non-marijuana smokers, a new study found.

The study, which was released in the peer reviewed journal "Cancer" by researchers at the University of Southern California, compared recreational drug use of cocaine, marijuana, mushrooms, PCP, poppers and speed of two groups – one consisting of 163 men who were diagnosed with testicular cancer between the ages of 18 and 35, and a control group of 292 healthy men.

"A history of smoking marijuana is associated clearly with elevated risk of non seminoma tumors," said Victoria Cortessis, lead author and assistant professor of preventative medicine at USC Keck School of Medicine.

Cortessis said non-seminoma tumors are one of two main types of testicular cancer, along with seminoma tumors.

Some students at SJSU who smoke marijuana said they were not concerned about the study.

"I don't really trust any studies that come out that aren't widespread," said Louis, a senior political science major. "It's just one study – I need to see further studies that go on to prove this."

Louis, a daily marijuana smoker, said he would continue to smoke.

"So many of the things that scientists think they find are incorrect or misleading," he said.

Chris, a senior management information systems major, said he smokes marijuana daily and would continue to do so after hearing about the study.

"The study said it has a small correlation," he said, "but even if it

is true, than it's a very low chance (you) get testicular cancer from smoking pot."

Chris believed using other drugs could be just as dangerous.

"Who's to say smoking cigarettes or hookah or crack won't do the same thing," he said.

Cortessis said the study did not find men who smoked greater amounts of marijuana to be at greater risk of developing testicular cancer than men who smoked less marijuana.

She hypothesized men who began smoking marijuana early in their teenagers years could be at higher risk to develop testicular cancer.

"We didn't find that intensity in guys who smoked more were at a particularly higher risk," Cortessis said. "This is one of the reasons that I wonder whether it's the early use while the testicle is still developing (and) preparing for sexual maturity that might be most harmful."

Cortessis conjectured that something in the marijuana was causing the increased rates of testicular cancer, but it is not the smoke.

"We did not find that a history of smoking tobacco was associated with any elevated risk of testicular cancer," she said, "so in an indirect way it suggests to me that it's probably not the smoke itself, but rather something that is particularly present in the marijuana but not the tobacco smoke."

The study also found that cocaine use in young men can reduce the risk of testicular cancer by half, a surprise to Cortessis.

She said, however, that previous studies showed that cocaine damages the testes, and that it is possible cocaine kills cells before they can become cancerous.

Cortessis said she would like to follow up on the research her team

Cancer Study Facts

- 310 people of the 391 people in the study currently or formerly smoked pot (79.3%).
- Of the 310 people who smoked pot, 104 were diagnosed with testicular cancer (33.5%)
- Of the 81 people who said they did not smoke pot, 23 were diagnosed with testicular cancer (25.3%)
- Cocaine: 131 people of the 391 people in the study currently or formerly did cocaine (33.5%)
- Of the 131 people who did cocaine, 54 were diagnosed with testicular cancer (41.2%)
- Of the 131 people who said they did not do cocaine, 73 of them got testicular cancer (55.7%)

Source: "Population-Based Case-Control Study of Recreational Drug Use and Testis Cancer Risk Confirms an Association Between Marijuana Use and Nonseminoma Risk" Published in 2012.

did to get more answers regarding the role of marijuana in testicular cancer.

She said it could be easier to study people's marijuana use and their health if it was legal.

"One could imagine that if

(marijuana) is legalized," Cortessis said, "that we will be able to study these questions in a little more definitive fashion."

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CAMPUS

Listening Hour On Key: Students, faculty perform for free

By Stephanie Barraza
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Students who pass by the Music building Concert Hall every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon will hear a pleasant surprise of what the music department has cooking.

The school of music and dance's own Listening Hour Concert Series returns this semester with a medley of performances that range from jazz combos, classical guitar solos, and percussion ensembles.

"We have jazz, classical, vocal, instrumental, student, professional — a wide variety

I think it is very important for other students to support their peers and attend. You can always learn so much from watching others perform."

Matthew La Rochelle
Junior
vocal performance

of offerings," said Aaron Lington, jazz studies area coordinator, who opened the first concert of the series last Thursday called "A High 5," performed by SJSU jazz faculty.

Christine Capsuto, a graduating senior in vocal performance, will be performing tomorrow's "Autumn 'Sing-a-Thing I,'" featuring students from the Vocal Studio of Professor Layna Chianakas.

"I am singing a solo aria in Czech, translated as 'Song to the Moon' from the opera Rusalka by Antonin Dvorak," Capsuto said.

Capsuto has performed in a number of concerts for the Listening Hour and said she's excited to play this particular piece.

"I love any opportunity to perform, but I also look forward to the opportunity to try this new aria in front of a crowd," Capsuto said. "I think the Listening Hour is a wonderful opportunity for students and the general public to get exposure to all styles of music/performance, plus see all levels from amateur to professional."

Matthew La Rochelle, a junior in vocal performance, will also be performing in tomorrow's "Sing-a-Thing." This will be his first time performing in the Listening Hour and will perform an aria called "Aprite Un Po' Quegliocchi" from the opera "The Marriage of Figaro."

"I am just very excited to perform this aria that I

have worked very hard on," said La Rochelle. "It's always exciting to share the music with others."

Although this will be La Rochelle's first concert in the series, he sees the Listening Hour as a great way for students to showcase their talents and for students in the audience to broaden their musical tastes.

"It's a great way to hear what other students are working on, and it broadens your musical horizons to hear all the lovely music that people will be performing," La Rochelle said. "I think it is very important for other students to support their peers and attend. You can always learn so much from watching others perform."

Coordinated by Professor Joan Stubbe, who serves on the piano faculty at SJSU, the semiweekly series is free every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall.

"This is a win-win experience for performer and listener alike, because we all come away from any one of the concerts in the season having learned something unexpected and wonderful," said Stubbe.

Every Listening Hour concert is free and open to the public. The series may also be taken for one unit of university credit in Music 81 and 181.

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CALIFORNIA EDUCATION

Prop 30 letter to CSU applicants raises concern

By Evan Halper
McClatchy Tribune

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Hundreds of thousands of applicants to California State University campuses this year will be receiving a warning instead of the typical warm note thanking them for their interest.

The spots they are hoping to fill next year, the prospective students will be cautioned, could evaporate if the governor's push to raise taxes in November fails. The letter also will say no admissions decisions will be made until a few weeks after the election, a departure from the usual policy of notifying applicants beginning in October.

The likely take-away: Vote Yes on Proposition 30 to help boost your prospects.

"Because enrollment capacity is tied to the amount of available state funding, the campuses will be able to admit more applicants if Proposition 30 passes and fewer applicants if the proposition fails," says a draft of a letter to be emailed to applicants at CSU Monterey Bay starting Oct. 1.

If the measure passes, it says, "the CSU budget would be less likely subject to cuts, and potentially could be increased in future years." The missive notes that the Board of Trustees has endorsed Proposition 30 and includes a link to the Yes on 30 campaign.

The next, and final, line of the letter contains the only acknowledgment of arguments against Proposition 30 in the form of a link to the No campaign.

Every CSU campus will send out a similar letter, university officials said. Most of the prospective students are also potential voters, but the officials vehemently denied any political undertones in their message.

"We wanted to give students and parents some sense of context as to why we are (holding) applications until the end of November," said Claudia Keith, spokeswoman for the CSU system. "We are not advocating one way or the other. We are just laying out the facts of what the budget is and what im-

pact this will have on our budget."

Anti-tax advocates say CSU is using government resources for a political campaign, which is illegal. On Friday, Jon Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers' Association, sent a letter to university officials asserting that their plan appeared to run afoul of the law.

At least one university official has more riding on Proposition 30 than the effect it could have on the classroom. Steven Glazer, who sits on the CSU Board of Trustees, is a chief political advisor to Gov. Jerry Brown and a mastermind of the tax measure.

In an interview Friday, Glazer said trustees were not involved in the decision to send the letters. He called it a "day-to-day system management issue" and said, "I was not consulted on it."

But Glazer said he supports the move. "It is entirely appropriate to provide material facts to students and families that could affect our admissions decisions," he said. "Our enrollment and our budget are intricately tied together."

If Proposition 30 fails, Brown has said, each of the two public university systems will lose \$250 million in state funds.

Officials at the University of California said they are trying to educate people about the measure through a website but have no plans to send letters.

At CSU, the letters are part of a bigger effort to focus public attention on Proposition 30. University officials have warned repeatedly about disastrous consequences if the measure fails.

At their meeting next week, the trustees will vote on a proposed 5 percent increase in tuition to be enacted if the measure fails. The board will also discuss a proposal — one much more attractive to students — that could go into effect if Proposition 30 passes: a rollback of the last tuition hike. That would mean hundreds of dollars in rebates for tens of thousands of students.

The ballot measure would raise billions of dol-

lars for the state budget by temporarily increasing sales levies and income taxes on high earners. Polls show it currently has the support of a slim majority of Californians, and proponents are scrambling for every vote they can muster.

Support from students could affect the outcome. Last fall, 269,351 students applied for CSU admission, according to Keith.

Robert Stern, an author of state political law, said university officials are permitted to educate prospective students about how a ballot measure might affect the system, as long as they don't ask for a vote one way or another.

"Governments can send out information on the consequences of propositions," he said.

Coupal said the university is doing more than educating prospective students.

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Claudia Keith
spokeswoman for the
CSU System

In the letter he sent to CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed on Friday, he wrote: "It is a serious breach of the public trust when government officials spend public funds to create an advantage for one side of a political campaign.... In order to avoid litigation over this matter, we demand that California State University immediately cease using its funds, school property, personnel, supplies or equipment to influence the election."

Oates: Online security priority



From left to right, Tami Gallupe; Oracle's director of global privacy and North American information security, and Mark Iwanowski of Cognizant Technology, speak about the importance of cyber-security at the Edward Oates Symposium: Security in the Cyber Age on Friday in the Barrett Ballroom. Photo by Stephanie Barraza / Spartan Daily

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robust yet. But now with the growing technology and its aspects of impact, it is far more important for our applications/organizations to be secure now than at any other time of the past."

President Qayoumi, who is also board member of the Bay Area Council, has seen the need for SJSU to embrace this new field and is leading an effort to implement it at SJSU.

"This is not only from a hardware and software point of view, but this is a societal issue that each and everyone has a role to play," Qayoumi said. "As part of that effort, we look at SJSU, and that is the role we have taken."

With the success of this year's 2012 U.S. Cyber Challenge Northern California Cyber Security Summer Boot Camp held at SJSU, Qayoumi hopes the school will be able to bring funding together to bring the series of summer camps to SJSU again, which attracted both high school

and community college students for hands-on cybersecurity training.

"Cybersecurity hygiene is going to become one of those survival skills that each and everyone of us need to have," Qayoumi said.

On that same topic, Michael Parrish, dean of the College of Science, said the school is looking to hire five people from five different colleges in the cybersecurity field.

"We are doing what is called a cluster hire; to bring in people from different disciplines to work with our existing faculty on this general area," Parrish said. "During the next year we will be doing the interviewing and hiring, we are also working on a number of programs in the shorter term to try to come up with a more structured curriculum around this for students, both at the undergraduate and graduate level."

In the end, students and faculty left the symposium with an impression that cybersecurity will be vital in

their generation and for generations to come, with new opportunities to work in this field for not only computer science and computer engineering students, but also for students with law, PR, and political science backgrounds.

"Security in the cloud is one of the most pressing issues to be discussed and to be dealt with. This symposium has answered many questions on that facet, not only about how to combat it but also what might be the future repercussions if it is not dealt with as soon as possible," Madireddi said. "It is very beneficial for the students of the sciences and the engineering departments to be aware of the necessities of security. Realizing that some reform and change should be produced immediately will enable us to factor security stringently in our projects and our work."

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SJSU 40, COLORADO STATE 20

Spartans ram Colorado State to the ground, SJSU home record currently 2-0

By David Bermudez
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San Jose State won its second game in a row with a dominating performance in its 40-20 win over the Colorado State Rams on Saturday.

With the win over the Rams (1-2), SJSU (2-1) is off to its best start since 2008. For the first time since 2002, the Spartans have had back-to-back games with 40 or more points and consecutive games with 500 or more yards of total offense.

The Spartans finished the day with 568 yards of total offense.

"Tonight was a great game offensively," said SJSU head coach Mike MacIntyre. "And this makes it two games in a row."

Spartans junior quarterback David Fales went 27-34, 370-yards and three touchdowns.

"He is improving each week," said junior wide receiver Chandler Jones, about Fales. "Our offense is just clicking so well. It is something to look forward to."

But the night belonged to the SJSU wide receivers.

Spartan sophomore Jabari Carr, junior Noel Grigsby

and Jones combined for 365 receiving-yards, and it was the first time since 2003 that the Spartans had three receivers go over 100 yards in a game.

Grigsby entered the game with 158 receptions and finished the night with seven more catches for 124 yards. He now holds a school record for 165 catches in SJSU history, which set him in front of previous career leader Kevin Jurovich, who was drafted into the NFL in 2009.

"He (Grigsby) broke the San Jose State record tonight and he has more than 25 games left," said MacIntyre. "All of our receivers are great kids and athletes, and they are all really tough receivers, they are really good players and we are going to need them to make plays the rest of the year to keep doing what we want do."

Carr finished the night with eight receptions, 108 yards and caught one his two touchdowns on the Spartans opening drive to that gave them an early 7-0 lead.

Not to be outdone by his fellow teammates, Jones also had two touchdowns with 133 receiving-yards.



SJSU running back De'Leon Eskridge runs the ball during the Spartans' victory over the Colorado State Rams 40-20 on Saturday. Eskridge recorded 86 rushing yards against the Rams. Photo by Raphael Kluzniok / Contributing Photographer

"It felt good to go out there and perform and have a good game early in the season," Jones said.

Jones was part of a trick-play that put the game away for SJSU when he caught a wide open 43-yard pass on a wheel rout from fellow junior wide receiver Kyle Nunn.

Spartans running back De'Leon Eskridge pitched the ball back to Nunn who threw it to Jones for the touchdown and gave SJSU 33-20 lead over the Rams with 9:39 left in the game.

"That play reassured everyone that we had momentum," Jones said. "As the ball was in the air, I knew Kyle was going to throw a good ball because we've been practicing that for a while, I was just thinking, 'someone is near me

and going to hit me, lets make sure and get the catch.' I caught it and hesitated. As I turned I saw that I was wide open and I just took off running and Noel was up ahead telling me where to go and I saw where he had his block and took it to the end zone."

The Spartans got off to a fast start in the first quarter by taking three minutes on each of its first two possessions to score, driving the ball 83-yards in the first and 80-yards in the second.

"We came out and executed well," Fales said. "We had a good game plan and we executed it well."

On the Spartans second possession of the first quarter, sophomore running back Tyler Ervin scored his

first rushing touchdown of the season on a 10-yard run to put the Spartans up 14-0.

In the second quarter the Rams began to come back.

Sophomore Colorado State quarterback Garrett Grayson and the rest of the Rams offense went its hurry up offense and scored on back-to-back possessions cutting the SJSU lead to one.

Instead of kicking a field goal to tie the game at 14-14, the Rams attempted to go for two but failed on the conversion.

The Spartans put three more points on the board with a 26-yard field goal and lead the Rams 17-13 at halftime.

The Spartans defense came alive in the second half by holding the Colorado State offense to

only 142 total yards and six first downs.

Early in the third quarter after forcing the Rams to punt, Fales led the SJSU offense 98-yards down the field and finished the drive with a 19-yard pass to Carr who just beat his man and put the Spartans up 24-13.

In the fourth, Colorado State recovered a fumble by SJSU and scored on a 38-yard touchdown pass from Grayson to sophomore wide receiver Charles Lovett and cutting the SJSU lead 27-20 but that was as close as they would come to the Spartans before they put the game away.

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NHL LOCKOUT

NHL undergo third lockout since 1994

By George Richards
McClatchy Tribune

MIAMI — With no formal negotiations taking place Saturday, the NHL locked out its players for the third time since 1994 at midnight.

The NHL and its players' association have had little to talk about the past few days as the proposals both have offered for a new collective bargaining agreement are far apart.

Representatives from both sides spoke over the phone Saturday but never met formally.

"It takes two to negotiate. If (the owners) don't care what we have to say, a deal will never get done," Florida forward George Parros said Thursday afternoon. "We need two parties to get something done. If it's falling on deaf ears, we're in trouble."

Players are now barred from having any interaction with their clubs and, unless they are rehabilitating injuries sustained while playing, aren't allowed to use team facilities.

When a number of Panthers arrive at their training facility to continue their offseason workouts on Monday, they will likely find that the key cards that get them into the rear parking lot and into the complex have been deactivated.

"We're going to be on our own," defenseman Tyson Strachan said with a smile. "We're professional athletes, and it's on us to stay in shape as long as we're out. And we will."

Players will still skate at the Coral Springs Iceplex on Monday morning, but they will do so without the use of their locker room or workout facilities. Players will likely come in side entrances and use locker rooms normally used by youth teams and beer league players.

"I think disappointment is the biggest feeling. We want to be playing, but we need an agreement that's strong for us and strong for the league," Strachan said. "... Look at the other sports and how they negotiated. I can't say I'm surprised we've come to this, yet there are record revenues being reported."

There are a number of differences in both proposals, but money is the issue here.

The NHLPA feels it made a number of concessions when the last CBA was signed in 2005 — after the entire 2004-05 season was lost to a lockout — and doesn't want to take many more.

The NHL, which rolled salaries back 24 percent and got a hard salary cap instituted in 2005, argues the players are taking too big of a cut from its revenue and wants to pare the players' share down considerably.

Players received about 57 percent of revenues created by the league; last year, the NHL brought in a record \$3.3 billion in revenue as this season's salary cap was expected to be around \$70 million.

The first salary cap in 2005-06 was \$39 million — less than what the current salary floor was last season. The Panthers, with a few moves left to make, already have \$54 million committed to contracts for this coming season.

The current offer from owners gives players less than 50 percent of revenue.

The last time players were locked out, there was plenty of dissension among players as they scattered to play around the globe. Some players went off to Europe while others opted to stay home and play in lesser North American leagues.

There doesn't seem to be any sense of desperation on the players' part this time around for a number of reasons.

First, many think the two sides aren't as far apart as things appear. Second, thanks to an escrow payment plan instituted by the NHL in the previous CBA, players have money waiting for them.

Unlike in 2005, decent-size checks will be arriving soon enough.

Sometime next month, players will be receiving escrow checks which equal 8 percent of last year's salary.

"It's unfortunate that this had to happen what with the success the league is having," said former Panthers defenseman Jay Bouwmeester, now with Calgary. "You hate to see (the owners) go back to that well. It's another give-back and it doesn't solve a nything because we'll be in the same spot a few years down the road. We're trying to fix the system so we have some stability."

And, although the CBA expired Saturday, training camps weren't scheduled to open for another week. Teams around the league have canceled rookie camps because of the lockout, but training camp could theoretically open on time if a deal is struck this week.

Florida players such as Stephen Weiss and Dmitry Kulikov have spoken about finding a place to play if the lockout goes on for an extended period of time; others say they will continue to work out on their own and with other teammates who live in South Florida.

"If we're not going to start camp on time, it's disappointing, for sure," Weiss said. But "there's smart enough people involved in this thing that I don't think it'll take too long."

VOLLEYBALL

SJSU volleyball falls short in WAC season-opening games

Staff Report

The SJSU volleyball team spent its weekend in Texas, opening its Western Athletic Conference (WAC) season with losses from Texas State and University Texas San Antonio (UTSA).

The Spartans lost to the Texas State Bobcats, 3-1 (25-23, 22-25, 25-23, 28-26) even with the combined 34 kills between sophomore blocker Mary Alice O'Reilly and senior blocker Alex Akana.

O'Reilly recorded a career-best 18 kills and led the team with four blocks, one solo spike and three assists. With 32 attempts and only three hitting errors, O'Reilly ended the match with a .469 hitting percentage.

Akana recorded a .400 hitting percentage with 16 kills for 30 attempts and only four hitting errors. She also had one block and four digs.

SJSU won the second set but lost the second set 25-23. In the fourth set, the Spartans and Bobcats went toe-to-toe, and through the set there were 12 tied scores and five lead changes.

With kills contributed by sophomore Samantha O'Connell, O'Reilly and Akana, the Spartans were able to tie the match at 26-26, but it was a service error from O'Connell that gave Texas State the win.

The Spartans also had solid contributions from freshman setter Michaela Leonard who recorded her four consecutive double-double with 52 assists and 10 digs, a season best.

Sophomore defensive specialist Kiely Pieper recorded 23 digs for her second consecutive match. Hitters junior Hanah Blume and senior Krista Miller combined for 27 digs.

The following Friday, the Spartans faced off against the UTSA Roadrunners, but a number of errors in the fourth set cost them the match.

The Spartans went 20-25, 25-21, 25-16, 28-29 in its match against the Roadrunners.

Four Spartans recorded double-digit kills, led by Akana, who recorded 15, Blume and Miller contributed 12 and O'Reilly added 10, in addition to four blocks.

Blume also added 17 digs, her seventh double-double of the season, and Miller recorded her third double-double and tied

her career-best with a record of 20 kills.

SJSU had the advantage in the beginning of the fourth set, having won two sets over the Roadrunners and starting with a 10-1 lead.

The Spartans almost defeated the UTSA after the team had set point at 24-19, but UTSA brought the score to 24-25 after scoring five consecutive points.

Once again, it was the errors that prevented the Spartans from gaining a win, and with a service error and hitting error, the score was tied 28-28.

UTSA junior outside hitter McKenzie Adams won the match for the Roadrunners after landing her 24th kill of the night.

SJSU will play its first home games of the season on Thursday, Sept. 20 against Idaho, then go on to play Seattle on the following Saturday and Pacific on Tuesday, Sept. 25. All three matches begin at 7pm in the Spartan Gymnasium. Information compiled from SJSU Athletics.

2012 SJSU Volleyball Stat Leaders

Attack		
#	Player	Kills
4	O'Reilly, Mary Alice	128
9	O'Connell, Samantha	116
1	Blume, Hanah	115
Set		
#	Player	Assists
2	Leonard, Michaela	487
Defense		
#	Player	Digs
1	Blume, Hanah	184
6	Pieper, Kiely	172
2	Leonard, Michaela	115
15	Miller, Krista	112
Points		
#	Player	Pts
4	O'Reilly, Mary Alice	155.5
9	O'Connell, Samantha	133
11	Akana, Alex	127

Statistics courtesy of SJSU Athletics

Say the word, America: 'Vagina'

A simple mention of the word vagina has the power to make some of my friends' noses crinkle up in discomfort, as if I've dropped a litany of expletives for casual conversation.

Last time I checked, the word vagina was simply for a female's sex organ, or an anatomical name for a canal in women leading to the uterus.

Yet, a mention of one's vagina (or heaven forbid, multiple vaginas) is sometimes regarded with disgust, disdain and apprehension, not only in the political world, but also in our daily lives.

Why? Within the past year, vaginas and reproductive rights have caused nearly as much commotion and rhetoric from both the left- and right- wing communities as debates about the national deficit.

The most recent vagina hushing came this past week when Apple censored Eve Ensler's play "The Vagina Monologues" by spelling 'vagina' as 'v****a' in the e-book description on iTunes.

While a quick search in iTunes reveals the uncensored version, which Apple apparently amended, it baffles me that such a word used in a non- evocative(maybe provocative? evocative means something slightly different) context would have been deemed appropriate for censorship in the first place.

Naming anatomical body parts, or discussing how they pertain to someone's health, should never cause a commotion or be viewed as taboo.

When all of the controversy over women's reproductive rights started to peak, and politicians and religious groups lobbied for the closing of Planned Parenthood facilities and tried to govern women's vaginas, I laughed and rolled my eyes.

"There's no way this talk will actually continue and gain merit," I told a friend, thinking the whole deal would blow over and everyone would respect one another's life choices relating to their bodies.

I was wrong. I've always believed English poet John

Milton's theory that in a free and open exchange of ideas, truth and justice would always prevail, but now I'm starting to second guess the validity of such a notion.

When Sandra Fluke of Georgetown University was called a "slut" and "prostitute" by Rush Limbaugh for her speech to Democratic House members advocating birth control coverage in February, I chuckled at his extremist and ignorant words, refusing to grant them any merit.

When Michigan Representative Lisa Brown was blocked from speaking in the state House for saying the word vagina in regards to an abortion law she opposed in June, I was shocked and saddened that some of our nation's leaders would reprimand someone from using such a plain word.

A prick of fear struck my stomach and my gasket finally burst with rage when Missouri Representative Todd Akin spoke out against abortion in cases of rape because he thought rape pregnancies rarely occur and said, "the female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down" in August.

John Milton's theory of the truth prevailing over false and silly rhetoric has cracked – lies are surfacing to the tops of some of the most prevalent human rights arguments of our nation's time.

Frankly, I'm afraid for our future if we as young Americans continue to allow this kind of speech ensue without a fuss.

When I've brought these issues up with various friends, I am often met with a sad nod in agreement, or sometimes more baffling, complete indifference.

As young adults and the future decision makers of our country, why aren't we outraged by the decisions and state-



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ments made by America's leaders regarding vaginas?

Moreover, why are we still afraid to discuss vaginas?

It seems possible that our fear or apprehension to discuss women's rights and bodies has led to some of the disillusioned behavior about our bodies.

This isn't a matter of politics or religion – it's a matter of equality and respect.

I'm not necessarily saying that abortions should be doled out with frequent-buyer cards and buy-one-get-one-free options or that helicopters should circle around to rain down buckets of birth control pills.

What I am saying is the way we have been speaking and behaving around vaginas needs to stop.

Women are not subclass humans, yet some of the remarks made about our bodies have led me to think others view us as such.

Frankly, I will not sit silenced anymore by waiting for someone else to fix this problem, even if that means upsetting others with "controversial" conversations.

Eve Ensler said much of the same regarding women's rights.

"To be a strong woman, to be a fierce woman, to be a true woman, to be a leader, to be truly powerful, you have to get to place where you can tolerate people not liking you," Ensler said.

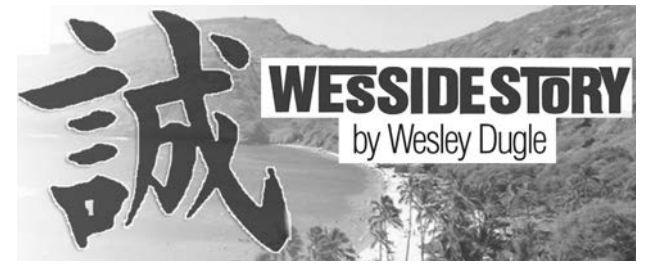
Ensler's statement rings true to all people who want to encourage change.

Often times change is met with backlash, but we as young adults cannot let that stifle our need to be heard and recognized as equal, regardless of gender.

Creating an open and honest dialogue about our rights is the only way to put an end to the discrimination we have been enduring.

So, go ahead and just start talking about it (it won't hurt, I promise): vagina.

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Rage, destruction are not the answers

The Middle East has a problem.

No, it's not Islam – it's the medieval mindset of the many extremists of that region.

While the rest of the world largely exists in the 21st century, many of these extremist in the Middle East are still stuck in the seventh century.

This mindset of old religious values was witnessed by people around the world last week when angry extremists tore down a U.S. embassy in Egypt and a U.S. consulate in Libya.

The attacks resulted in the deaths of four Americans, including a U.S. ambassador.

What made these Muslims so angry that they would commit such a horrendous act?

A badly produced and poorly directed anti-Muslim film by some bigot on the Internet, who happened to be from the U.S.

People have the right to be angry when slanderous material is made that depicts their culture negatively, but assaulting diplomatic compounds in a violent protest doesn't exactly help the cause, now does it?

The problem with the Middle East is many of the people in these countries are so backwards they can't react in a healthy way to the idiots who degrade them.

Protests in these countries always seem to lead to violent riots instead of healthy counterprotests and discussions.

Many of the Muslims in this region have lived under dictators for so many generations, where the media is restricted, they can't understand why a film like this would be allowed to exist in our country.

So when an American does something stupid on the internet, people of these regions don't understand it's free speech, and not a direct representation of the country.

This is what's keeping the Middle East from falling into the fold with the rest of the world in the modern era: They don't understand the dynamics of a democratic society.

They can't understand why



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a slanderous film would be allowed to exist in our country because they don't understand the main principle of freedom of speech – that anybody can say anything they want, no matter how ridiculous or insanely stupid.

Just ask the Westboro Baptist Church.

Racist or not, the makers of the film had every right to do it. It's obviously a terrible and inaccurate film about the culture of Islam and Muslims should be angry, but reacting in this kind of violent fashion shows how badly the people there need to get with the modern times.

If the Muslim nations like Libya and Egypt want to take the next steps to being free democratic societies, they have to start understanding that free speech really does mean free speech.

It means even if some asshole says something negative about your religion, their reaction should be "My opinion is that you are an asshole" not "I'm going to burn down your house."

Backwards thinking like this has to stop in these countries.

I truly believe there are more Muslims than not out there, even in the Middle East, that truly desire a democratic society with peaceful relations with the rest of the world and probably understand that one asshole on the Internet doesn't represent the U.S.

But they can't remain silent anymore while idiots take to the street and commit violent murders in protest against other idiots.

Condemning these acts of violence openly and standing up in peaceful protest have to start in these nations so that Muslims in these regions can get with the modern era.

If the Middle East is going to take the next step to become a free and democratic society, then violent protests like this have to stop.

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Even under piles of debt, hope lives

"Ladies, it ain't easy bein' independent." Beyoncé hit the nail right on the head.

It's hard being an independent student with the tuition hikes over the years.

When I moved out of the dorms a few years ago, and into my first apartment, I was proud. It was a huge accomplishment. Most students don't get to experience living on their own until after college.

I was going to start working and going to school full-time, and try to support myself to save my parents money. The idea of working at my first job and going to school was exciting. I couldn't wait to start.

But then, tuition began to increase. Financial aid helps me with tuition costs and the remaining money goes to my account for books, supplies and emergencies. When the tuition went up, I didn't receive very much money, which was hard for someone starting out on their own.

Jump to this fall, where only three loans were offered to me and no Cal Grants, because I was a fifth year. Of the three loans, the biggest one was for \$10,000.

So, you want me to take out a huge loan so that when I graduate, I can be in debt for most of my life? Yeah, right. Good one.

Instead, I took the two small Stafford loans and it still wasn't enough to pay my tuition completely. I still had to pay out of my own pocket.

Calling the Financial Aid Office before school started became a daily ritual. Making sure my loan money was on the way, and the due date for my fees on my MySJSU was correct, felt very nerve-racking.

Now, I'm taking classes full-time at SJSU, while also working full-time at a minimum wage job, working my butt off and still being the best student and employee I can be.



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There are days when I cry myself to sleep – worrying about the future, the \$20,000 in loans that I'm going to pay when I graduate and how I'm going to survive my last year here.

There are many others who are dealing with the same thing, and my case is nothing special. My parents told me that if I ever needed help, that they would be willing to give me some money.

No. That is not an option.

I have two younger siblings. One is close to being done with high school, and the other just started second grade. When I lived in the dorms, my parents were forced to take out loans just to pay for my room

and board.

They still have my sisters' future education to worry about. I'm an adult who can handle living on my own. I want my parents to focus on my sisters' futures and not worry about their 22-year-old daughter, who has been able to support herself for the past two years.

It still won't be easy, but I am lucky to be surrounded by great friends, co-workers, professors and a boyfriend who all believe in me.

The future is still a bit daunting. I don't know if I'm going to get a high-paying job and I have \$20,000 worth of loans waiting for me. Despite how worried and scared I feel, I am confident in knowing that I've accomplished so much on my own.

With my graduation coming in the spring, I can only hope that my stubborn independence will triumph, despite barely being home, increasing tuition and sleepless nights.

When I accept that diploma, I'll know I've made it.

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CULTURAL EVENT



Models wear different styles of dresses at the Ao Dai Vietnamese Cultural Festival fashion show at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday. Photo by Jessica Olthof / Spartan Daily

Vietnamese culture, people and spirit honored in festival

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More than a dozen families dressed in vibrant multicolored traditional Vietnamese attire strolled around San Jose's Center for the Performing Arts as the sounds of taiko drums, cymbals and Vietnamese string instruments filled the air as the city celebrated its second Ao Dai Festival last Saturday.

According to Jenny Do, the festival's producer and creative director, the daylong Ao Dai Festival aimed to bring awareness to the culture, people and spirit of Vietnam through the works of Vietnamese artists and fashion designers.

Local Vietnamese performing troupe Buu Kim Tu Dragon and Lion Dance Group started the festival with lively and colorful lion dancing accompanied with the pounding of taiko drums and plucking of the traditional

Vietnamese zither by the AuCo Vietnamese Cultural Center, Oh-In Taiko Drum School, Tranhsemlle and La Vang Drum Association.

Audience members were encouraged to honor the Vietnamese culture and join the festivities through donning their own ao dai and playing games in a handful of amusement park-style booths.

"I love the Vietnamese culture and the people," Martha O'Connell, a festival goer said, adding that the ao dai she was wearing was a gift from one of her students who had the dress custom-made in Vietnam for her.

Following the lion dancers' display, the Center for the Performing Arts' doors were opened for event ticket holders to enter and browse through a variety of tables presenting information for causes and shops, such as foundations for Southeastern Asian victims

of human trafficking, local jewelers and politician Jimmy Nguyen.

In addition to the wide selection of vendors and charitable organizations, a silent auction was held for onlookers to bid on an assortment of travel deals in Vietnam, including hotel stays and river tours in the city of Hue.

Patrons were also invited to visit the festival's art exhibition, presented by the Diasporic Vietnamese Artists Network.

Featuring the works of Vietnamese artists, such as Ann Phong, Trinh Ponce, Thai Bui and Cao Ba Minh, the exhibit sought to give a contemporary twist to the traditional art of Vietnam, said Trinh Mai, exhibition curator and participating artist.

"I wanted to showcase the Vietnamese people (coming) from a broken country and uniting together," Ponce said, describing her installation

piece of five differently styled ao dai that culminated in one designed as the flag of South Vietnam, otherwise known as the flag with the three red stripes.

Outside of the exhibit, female members of the audience competed in an ao dai contest judged by Vietnamese fashion designers Minh Hanh, Sy Hoang and Palo Alto attorney Roger Royse, where the grand prizewinner was awarded a diamond necklace courtesy of Hung Phat USA.

After the competition, theater doors opened for viewers to find their seats for the Ao Dai Festival's concluding performances and fashion show.

Performed by volunteer dancers and choreographed by San Jose's Let's Dance Company, the show strived to tell the mythology surrounding the founding of Vietnam and its people.

Ancient stories were high-

lighted during the showcase, such as the legend of Coi Nguon, a tale that asserts that Vietnamese people are the direct descendants of the dragon Lac Long Quan and the mountain fairy Au Co.

Fashions from designers Debbie Nghiem, Quang Chang and Ella Viet were blended in with the visual retellings of Vietnamese folk stories, accompanied with the music of Van-Anh Vanessa Vo and her ensemble.

In spite of the visual array of performances, some audience members left the show before the production's halfway intermission.

"The music was too loud and didn't match the storylines or anything that had to do with Vietnam," said viewer Oanh Nguyen. "This is a showcase of Vietnamese culture and there are plenty of good Vietnamese songs they could have used instead of Brazilian - or whatever it is."

Post-intermission, NBC reporter Vicky Nguyen headlined an awards ceremony recognizing the Vietnamese American Nongovernmental Organization Network for its humanitarian work, and announcing the winners of the ao dai competition.

The official ao dai fashion show followed the awards ceremony, where remaining spectators were presented dresses that ranged from traditional ao dai to modernized reinterpretations of the cultural garb from designers Duc Hung, Sy Hoang and Minh Hanh were unveiled.

The Ao Dai Festival ended with a finale performance of "Vietnam, Vietnam," written by Pham Duy and performed by the event's volunteer chorus.

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DOG GATHERING

Bark in the Park dedicates day to the four-legged friend

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Dog lovers and their canine companions gathered at William Street Park last Saturday to participate in the annual Bark in the Park, a festival catered to dogs and their owners.

Naglee Park Campus Community Association organized the dog-oriented festival, where all donations benefited the neighborhood association and animal charities such as the Humane Society and the San Jose Animal Care Center, said Ken Podgorsek, chair of vendors and outreach.

"It's a fun day for the entire family to come out and enjoy a day at a festival with their dogs - because most festivals don't allow dogs," he said.

According to Podgorsek, Bark in the Park is the largest dog festival in the United States, where more than 15,000 people and 3,700 dogs attended last year.

Bark in the Park has been held at William Street Park for 16 years due to its size, location and trees, he said.

More than 85 vendors offered various services and products, he said, ranging from dog nail cutting to dog clothing.

"We don't have jazz bands and art shows," Podgorsek said. "This event is completely dog-oriented - you'll never find these vendors all in one strip."

He said the rules for the

event are simple: Dogs have to be leashed, vaccinated and well-behaved.

Some of the activities included a sheep-herding demonstration, an agility test, grooming and training tips.

Owners may enter their dogs into several contests, such as dog costumes or pet and owner look-alike.

Winners of the contests received a "variety of donations from sponsors and vendors including a six-month supply of dog food from Sam's Downtown Feed on San Carlos," Judy Conner, a volunteer publicist, said.

San Jose resident Kay Twitchell said she and her husband are obsessed with their 5-year-old French bulldog, Sweet Pea, who has her own Facebook page.

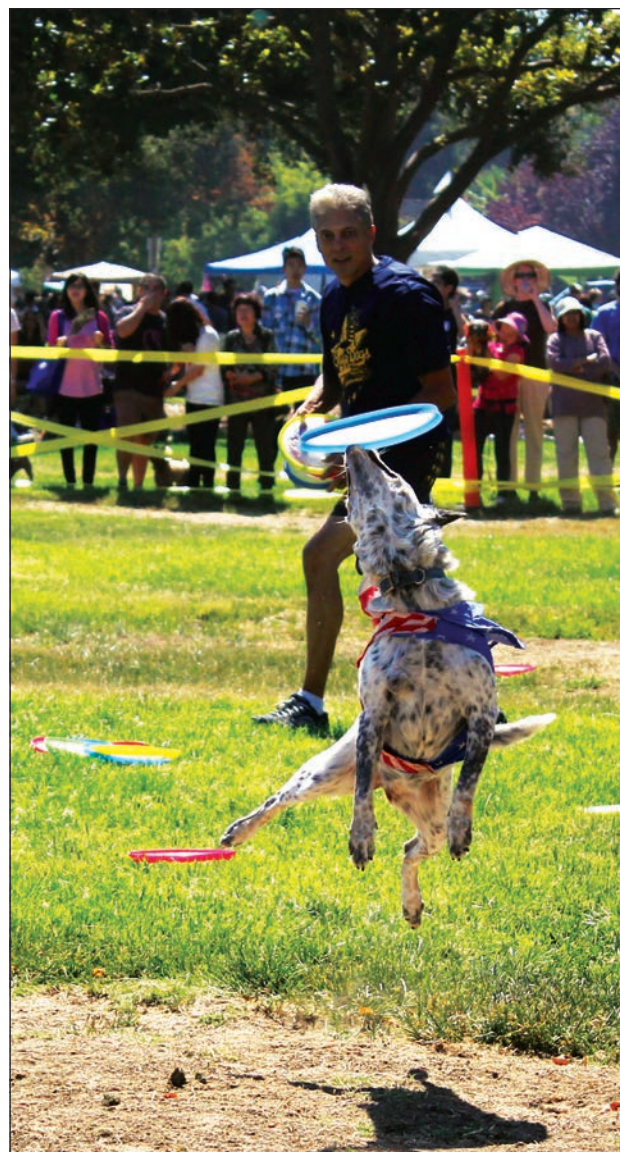
She said she heard about Bark in the Park through Sweet Pea's monthly meet-up group of fellow French bulldogs off Meetup.com and entered her into the dog costume contest.

"It's our first time attending the event and we're loving it so far," Twitchell said. "We just won a contest."

Sweet Pea won the costume contest for dressing up as a pink flower while riding a red homemade wagon covered with sunflowers.

"(Bark in the Park) is all about people and their pets," she said. "There's so many friendly dogs out here and everyone's getting along with each other."

San Jose resident Sandra



High-flying Sky Dog Charlie catches a Frisbee thrown by Rockin' Ray Masel at San Jose's Bark in the Park. Photo by Thyra Phan / Spartan Daily

Lai said she attended the event because she wanted her one-year-old miniature dachshund Taxi to be exposed to other dogs.

"I want him to be socialized and get used to people, noise and activity," said Lai, who rescued Taxi from the Humane Society.

"I have always wanted to save a dog," she said. "Bark in the Park is a great place to start for people wanting to know about rescue organizations."

Lai said her main complaint every year is that dog owners don't pick up after their dogs and finds it troublesome when she constantly has to watch her step.

"You have to walk your dog on a leash," she said. "I don't understand how owners don't notice when their dogs poop."

San Jose resident Kathy O'Doherty said she read about Bark in the Park in the San Jose Mercury News and had to bring her 17-year-old "loveable" Matty, a dog she rescued off the street.

She said her vet couldn't determine Matty's breed and asked O'Doherty how she would like to label her dog.

O'Doherty said "loveable" was her breed name of choice, because Matty exerts that quality.

"She's a very well behaved



Gigi, an English Mastiff, cools down at the Canine Water Park while at San Jose's Bark in the Park. Photo by Thyra Phan / Spartan Daily



Sweet Pea, a French bulldog, wins the dog costume contest at San Jose's Bark in the Park. Photo by Thyra Phan / Spartan Daily

lap dog," she said. "Matty is the queen who doesn't care about what's going on."

O'Doherty entered the dog look-alike contest and placed third in the competition.

"This is my first time attending the event and it's very nice," she said. "I really enjoyed the dog trick show."

Morgan Hill resident Jerry Mungaray said he attends Bark in the Park yearly because he is a self-proclaimed dog lover.

"I just love watching other

dogs," he said, while holding his three-year-old miniature dachshund, Daisy, in the crook of his arm.

Mungaray said Daisy likes being held as a baby, and refers to her as his "grand dog."

"She's kind of stuck up and conceited," he said. "She has a YouTube channel and I just made her a website."

He dressed her in a blue-and-white sailor dress with white bows clipped to her ears.

"Daisy is a diva, but she's really protective," he said. More than 15,000 people and 3,000 dogs went to the event last Saturday, according to Conner.

"It's paradise for dog lovers," Mungaray said.

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