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## A.S. budget aided by student fees

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The Associated Students brought in \$4.9 million from student activity fees last year, according to a 2008/2009 A.S. annual report.

"All students pay student activity fees, which is \$73.50 per semester, and that funds about 66 to 67 percent of our operating budget," said A.S. executive director Cheryl Vargas.

Vargas said the rest of the budget comes from other fees and agreements.

"How we get to 100 percent is through grants and contracts," she said. "And we do fees for service, like you have to pay a little bit to be in intramurals and to go on adventure trips and to do classes in the sport club, stuff like that."

The "fees for services" generate revenue, helping to fill out the remainder of the A.S.'s \$7,523,658 budget, the 2008/2009 A.S. annual report stated.

The four largest services include Valley Transit Authority passes, SJSU's child development center, student services and campus recreation, the 2008/2009 A.S. annual report said.

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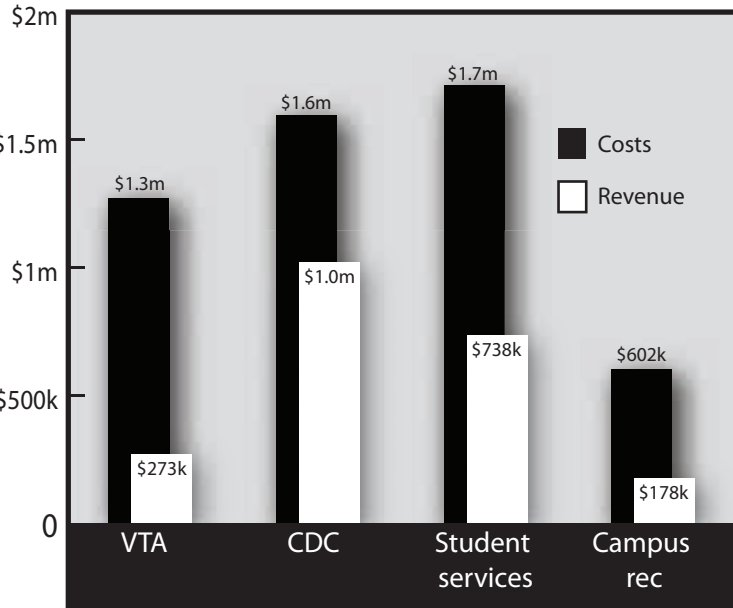
Valley Transit Authority passes cost \$1,272,505 and generate \$272,588 in revenue per semester.

The Child Development Center costs \$1,596,549 and brings in \$1,021,430 in revenue per semester.

Student services cost \$1,712,724

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4 LARGEST PROGRAMS IN A.S. BUDGET, 2008/09



Source: Associated Students 2008-2009 annual report  
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## Transgender Awareness Week kicks off

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In a slideshow titled "Transfigurations," Jana Marcus, a Bay Area photographer and SJSU alumna, displayed a number of black and white photographs of transgendered people going through the transition from one sex to another.

Susan Murray, an associate professor of sociology and co-organizer of the event, said about 70 people attended the event, which was held in the University Room next to the A.S. Print Shop Copy Center on Monday.

Marcus said her intention behind "Transfigurations" was to change the social attitudes that prevail in society and breaking stereotypes.

"I wanted to bring about awareness to a larger audience about things in our culture that maybe we're not aware of," she said.

The purpose of having this event was to educate people about transgender issues and to create an understanding of the transgender community, said Bonnie Sugiyama, assistant director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender resource center and the women's resource center.

Marcus said transgender issues had never come across her mind, but her curiosity was piqued after a male roommate confessed to her that he had been female.

She said his unexpected revelation made

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## SJSU reputation uncertain post-Bedell

**Kevin Hume**  
Staff Writer

The story of John Patrick Bedell and his actions do not reflect upon SJSU, where he attended off and on, said Cassandra Agbayani, a sophomore political science major.

"One person can't define the whole school," she said.

Bedell's wounding of two officers at the Pentagon on Thursday did garner national attention, including here at SJSU, and Agbayani said she hoped the nation wouldn't see Bedell as a product of the university.

"I just hope it doesn't discredit our university," she said. "We don't promote those actions. I just hope people don't end up thinking that's what we're all about over here. That shouldn't be the way that people think about all San Jose State students."

Agbayani said Bedell acted alone and had his reasons for the attack.

"I hope people don't follow in his footsteps,"

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Izzy Garcia and Joaquin Alino play in the garden just outside in Sweeney Hall with Gary Cava, the instructor for the child development practicum class. Briana Calderon / Spartan Daily

## Child development class explores garden

**Kristen Pearson**  
Staff Writer

In a small, walled-in garden connected to Sweeney Hall, children can be seen running around screaming, watering plants, picking flowers and weeds, playing with toys and observing bugs.

The garden is used only for a child development class, which in-

volves student teachers interacting with kids, said Gary Cava, a lecturer in the child development department.

"The garden is for the 2- and 3-year-olds," Cava said. "We have a practicum class for child development and we use the garden for it. Today we searched for worms."

Jia Liu, a graduate student in science, said he thinks using the

garden for child development is a wonderful idea.

"I'm a big advocate for outdoor learning instead of reading about it in a textbook," he said. "I'm glad it's being used for something worthwhile."

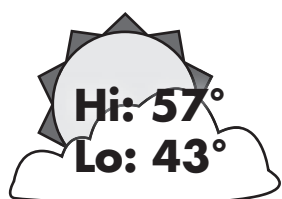
The garden was a project originally started by Jennifer Pearlman, a part-time child development professor, Cava said.

"It was originally just a rocky area and she got grants to work on it," he said. "She started working on it late last spring (2009) and kept working on it through the summer, but it still needs an irrigation system."

Alex Dornan, a sophomore aerospace engineering major, said he

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### Weather



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Hi: 57°	Hi: 64°
Lo: 42°	Lo: 46°

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The quiet hours of the Sweeney Hall garden on Tuesday afternoon after the children have gone home. Briana Calderon / Spartan Daily

## GARDEN

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thinks the garden could use a little more work, but said he likes that the kids have it.

"I think it's nice to have gardens on campus," Dornan said. "The more green on campus, the better."

Cava said the class the garden is used for has 14 students. "Seven students come on Mondays and Wednesdays and the other seven students come on Tuesdays and Thursdays," he said.

Laura Michells, a senior child development major, said she thinks it's great for kids to experience things growing.

"It's great that they can start healthy living and eating now," said Michells, a student teacher in the class. "And it's wonderful to see them making a connection with plants needing water

to grow.

"Sometimes five or six kids will water the plants for 30 minutes. They'll just keep getting more water and go straight back to the garden."

The plants are all safe for kids, Cava said.

"There are brussels sprouts, herbs and red cabbage," Cava said. "There is debris in the garden that we keep the kids away from."

Morgan Young, a senior child development major, said she thinks the garden is a fantastic opportunity for the kids to see the plants go from seeds to flowers or vegetables.

"It's a great opportunity for them to experience nature," said Young, a student teacher for the class.

Cava said there will be more learning out of the garden this semester.

"Before the semester is over we might plant something," he said. "I'm hoping to see the

student teachers come up with new curriculum using the garden."

Michells said she would like to see the teachers let the kids choose the vegetables they want to grow.

"If the kids pick the veggies they want to grow by the seed packet and then plant them, it would be nice for them to see how the vegetables grow," she said. "By May, there would be a harvest and they could pick the vegetables."

Young said she wants to see more fruit in the garden.

"It would be great for the kids to have a berry patch to come and pick berries from and eat them," she said. "Lettuce is kind of hard for the kids to pick."

Cava said it took a long time for the garden to come to fruition.

"We talked about it for two years and now we finally have it," he said.

## Panel discusses global ties

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Staff Writer

A panel of businessmen and Bay Area legislators shared information and experience about global business ties with more than 100 students in the Engineering building Monday night.

The event featured company chairmen Arjun Malhotra and Robert Lee, San Jose city councilman Ash Kalra and Sean Randolph of the Bay Area Council Economic Institute.

"The most important thing business students (could learn) was the richness of the ties with India and China, and how much more complicated the reality is than the stereotypes," said attendee Joe Gigliero, interim associate dean of the College of Business.

The symposium was triggered by the publication of a report by the Bay Area Council Economic Institute about ties between the Bay Area and India, said moderator Anuradha Basu, an SJSU business professor.

Randolph said the report was an effort to better understand how all types of companies in the Bay Area, from information technology to architecture, relate to companies across the Pacific Ocean.

"In San Jose, every one of those jobs in the technology industry, there are six to eight

additional jobs that spawned off (in other industries)," Kalra said. "So it's incredibly important that companies like eBay and Cisco and Adobe in San Jose are successful."

Randolph said Indian engineers began immigrating to the Bay Area from Canada in the late 1800s, with a major influx of immigration coming in the early 1980s. By the mid-'90s, one-fourth of engineers in San Jose were Indian, Randolph said.

"Right now they're being woven in to the entire building strategy of many of our companies," he said.

Randolph said there is a mirror image of this across the Pacific.

"Just about every significant technology company based in the Silicon Valley has a presence in India," he said. "Bay Area companies were the first to act on the opportunities presented in India."

Randolph said Visa, Oracle, Adobe and Cisco were a few of these companies with ties overseas.

"The really sophisticated, game-changing stuff is still coming out of primarily Silicon Valley," he said. "A lot coming out of these technology laboratories in both China and India tends to be applications of this technology."

Malhotra, chairman of Headstrong Financial Services,

which has operations in India and around the world, said major innovation is not necessary for companies in India.

"There's a huge gap in how the market is working, so you don't need those game-changers to start a company (in India)," Malhotra said. "You are going to see those breakthroughs as that market starts demanding more than what it can have easily today."

Lee, chairman and co-founder of Achievo Corporation, which operates partly out of China, said it is important for business companies in the Bay Area to continue to innovate.

Randolph pointed to two important trends in the relation between the Bay Area and India. He said Indian companies have a growing capability to produce sophisticated work in various fields of research, as well as a growing market of technology consumers.

Junior finance major Stephen Guerguy said he was impressed with the panel's understanding of India's consumer market.

"I don't think it is represented well enough on campus, the importance of realizing how big and how influential both the Chinese and the Indian markets are both as suppliers and also as consumers," said Guerguy, the president of the Entrepreneurial Society of SJSU.

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her want to learn more about the complexities of a segment of society that generally goes unexplored.

Marcus said it took a period of four months to find transgendered people willing to be photographed, but she eventually ended up with several volunteers.

Over the course of the photographing and interviewing process, Marcus said she found a thread that was common to all the stories of female-to-male and male-to-female transitions.

"What really interested me

was not so much the stories of transition, but their stories about what it meant to be a man or to be a woman in our culture," she said.

Marcus's talk was followed by a panel discussion and a question and answer session with four of the volunteers who shared their experiences of transitioning from one sex to another.

The panel members, who asked to be referred to by their first names, consisted of two women, Beth and Kara, and two men, Lyle and Stephan, who had transitioned to men and women and women to men respectively.

Senior psychology major Lily Wong said she liked how Marcus showed her slide pre-

sentation and combined it with an introduction on how the project was created, and then introduced the audience to four people who were featured in the photo documentary.

"That made (the event) even more powerful," Wong said.

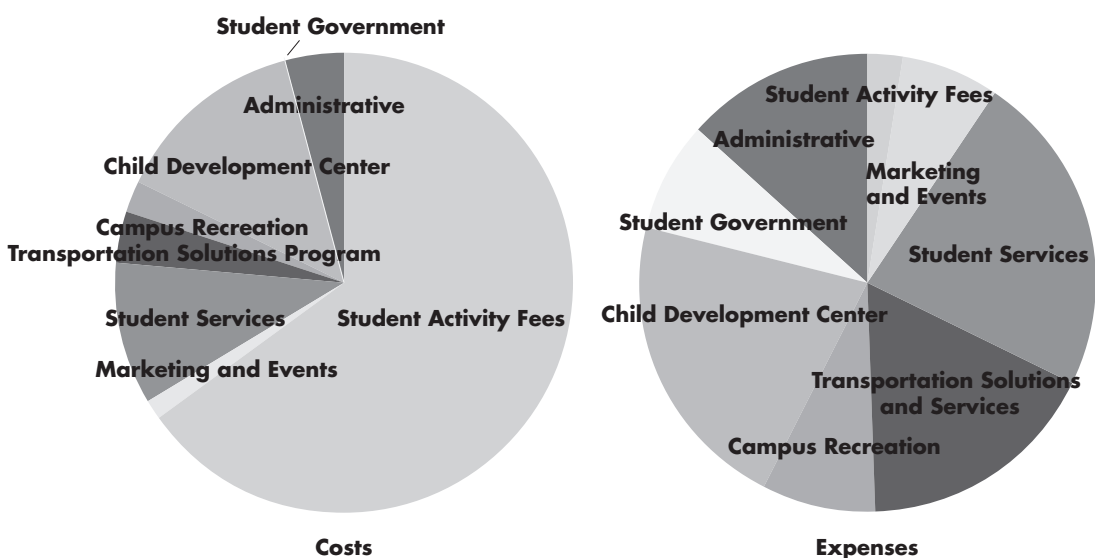
She said the event exceeded her expectations and found the discussion insightful.

"It was such an eye-opener for me to hear about their experiences," Wong said.

Michelle DeCaro, a junior behavioral science major, said she thought there would only be a slide show presentation at the event.

"I wasn't expecting people to be here, talking about their experiences," DeCaro said. "But I am glad they were."

## A.S. COSTS AND EXPENSES



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## BUDGET

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and bring in \$737,904 in revenue per semester.

Campus recreation costs \$602,475 and brings in \$178,224 in revenue per semester.

Campus recreation includes special events such as admission-free barbecues, movie nights and live music performances, according to the report.

The A.S. programming board determines which special events it will put on through student committee-based decisions, Vargas said.

"The government board is run by students," she said. "So they come up with an idea, they try it and it works or it doesn't work — you see it back again or you don't."

The A.S. programming board judges the success of its events by student turnout, but also by overall message conveyance, Vargas said.

"Fire on the Fountain event around Tower lawn, we deem

that a success, with over 1,000 students coming to that," Vargas said. "And Spartan Squad kicked off with 900 students. I would have to say, though, it's not always about numbers, because the Legacy Week event that highlights the activism of Tommie Smith and John Carlos, that has had maybe 30 people come to it, but they leave it having such a powerful message. We call that success."

Events cost anywhere from \$3,000 to \$8,000 to organize and execute, depending on size and projected attendance, said campus recreation manager Randy Saffold.

"A small event would draw a few hundred people and would cost around \$3,000," he said. "A medium-sized event like a concert would cost around \$8,000."

The upcoming Snow Day will cost about \$7,000 to put on, Saffold said.

"That particular event is a joint effort between the A.S., Housing and the Alcohol and Drug Prevention Program grant that the university got," Vargas said.

One of the ways A.S. defers the cost for such events is by keeping labor as "in-house" as possible, Saffold said.

He said that two or three carnival games for the event might cost \$250 to \$500 if purchased from a distributor.

"If A.S. uses that money to buy raw materials and students build the games themselves, we can have five to eight games which we can later recycle at other events like Fire on the Fountain," Saffold said.

Saffold said barbecues are another way of keeping event costs down with in-house labor and services.

"Instead of catering events, we can have barbecues," Saffold said. "Barbecues cost about \$1.50 per student, whereas catering might cost around \$8 per student."

A.S. also tries to keep spending down by hiring local performers and artists whenever possible, he said.

Saffold said that in the present economy, it's especially important to plan events in a cost-effective manner.

**TODAY**

**The A-B-Cs of Self-Esteem**  
12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at Clark Hall Rm 118, contact Veronica Mendoza at veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu for more information.

**TOMORROW**

**First Generation Students: Balancing Your Time and Priorities**  
3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Clark Hall in fishbowl room 100h, contact Veronica Mendoza at veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu for more information.  
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# Google Web service not translating to students

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Staff Writer

International student adviser Courtney Ronca said she doubts many of the international students at SJSU use Google Translate, a Web service that translates languages.

Meera Mosale Nataraja, a senior electrical engineering major and international student from India, said she has never heard of Google Translate.

Himanshu Makkar and Ruchin Kabra, senior software engineering majors and international students from India, both said they had never used the application.

Makkar said the only reason he has not tried Google Translate is because he did not know it existed.

Now that he knows about the application, Makkar said he was going to give it a try.

"(International students) are expected to have a high level of English skills before coming to SJSU," Ronca said. "I think that is one of the reasons why the use of Google Translate is limited."

She said that international students most likely use Google Translate for simple words and phrases.

"(Google Translate) can be helpful to international students if they are struggling with the American English language," Ronca said.

Ashish Koshti, a graduate student in electrical engineering, said he has used Google Translate a few times.

Koshti, who is an international student from India, said Google Translate is not 100 percent accurate, but said it is a helpful tool in terms of understanding the basic idea of something.

He said he would recommend other students use Google Translate for many reasons, one of those reasons being to learn words or simple phrases in a foreign language.

Junior business major SoonKhen OwYong said he uses Google Translate about once every month.

OwYong, who is an international student from Malaysia, said he finds it interesting and fun to see what certain phrases in his native language translate into in English and vice versa.

He also said Google Translate is helpful when he is interacting with other international students, which is something he does quite often while working at the help desk in the academic success center.

Ronca said she also thought Google Translate helps international students communicate with each other.

As for students who are planning on leaving SJSU for one semester or more to study in a foreign country, study abroad adviser Veronica Malki is unsure of how many of them use the application.

Junior marketing major Kelly McGinnis said she is planning on studying abroad for at least one semester.

She said she has never used Google Translate because she didn't know about the application, but that she might use it in the future.

"It's good to have a tool like Google Translate to be able to communicate pretty quickly and be somewhat sure of what you're saying," Malki said, but also said Google Translate is not a substitute for learning a language.

Malki said she has not talked to any students who are planning on studying abroad about using Google Translate, but that it is something she would consider doing.

"I would definitely want students to know that it's a resource and that it's a tool," she said. "But I would hesitate to give the impression that it's a solution to not knowing a language."

# THIS DAY IN HISTORY



On March 9, 1983 the Spartan Daily reported that ...

Stan Finberg, also known as Captain Zodiac, brought his hot air balloon "Starship Zodiac" to SJSU for the summer job fair in the area that now is home to the Event Center (above).

• The Academic Senate approved a resolution that reduced the time to drop a class from three weeks to two weeks.

• The front area of the Student Union cafeteria was packed with 100 to 150 students to watch the filming of "Coming On," a Disney show that was set to premiere on Disney's new cable channel.

# Putting the pro in procrastination

**Donovan Farnham**  
Staff Writer

Procrastination is inevitable, so why fight it, said a counseling services representative.

Twenty-one students gathered in Clark Hall on Monday afternoon to learn and discuss ways of overcoming the problem of putting tasks off in a seminar called the Tao of Procrastination, which aimed to teach students how to use procrastination in a productive manner.

Stephen Chen, a psychologist with the counseling services, said that 70 percent of all college students procrastinate with assignments and 20 percent of adults suffer from chronic procrastination, figures that he said are low estimates.

"We have the personal counseling and educational counseling," Chen said. "I would say that educational counseling sees a little bit more of people coming in for just time-management and procrastination. Any student I see, in general, procrastination is something that comes up. It's definitely an influence on their lives."

The lecture covered what procrastination is and what it means when you decide to put something off, as well as ways to identify when you're procrastinating on something, Chen said.

Senior microbiology major Mohammad Firouzabadi said he attended the lecture because he tends to procrastinate on things in his everyday life and hoped to learn techniques that he wouldn't have thought of himself.

William Sharp, a sophomore computer science major, said he attended the seminar because it was required for one of his classes, but he admits that he procrastinates when doing his assignments and homework for school, and said he hoped that the lecture would help him become a better student.

"I have a strategy for combating procrastination, which is



Business student Joseph Uy listens as Stephen Chen, of SJSU counseling services, talks to students about procrastination at the "Tao of Procrastination" event Monday. Kibiwot Limo / Spartan Daily

something I didn't really have before," Sharp said. "I just had this problem of procrastination and no real way to deal with it."

The strategies Chen talked with students about were establishing a routine for their work to get done, setting reminders, delegating tasks when possible and implementing the five-minute plan.

The five-minute plan is starting on a project for five minutes and if the student feels good about the work he or she has accomplished then he or she can quit, Chen said.

He said this works by tricking oneself into starting on an assignment, which he said is the hardest part of a project.

The seminar also covered how procrastination can be seen as productive because students who put off the major task at hand, more times than not, can be doing something that is as productive if they focus on minor work.

This advice is something that Rangsey Choum, a senior biological science major, said she took away from the lecture.

"Procrastination doesn't always mean it's a bad thing," Choum said. "It means that it's something that's being set back because you're doing other things that can be considered leisure or other work

that you're doing before you get started.

Diana Busaka, a freshman occupational therapy major, said she attended the lecture last semester and was helped out because it taught her how to improve her time management skills.

"I used to procrastinate all the time," Busaka said. "I get distracted easily. Now I get everything out of the way before I go on the Internet or before I do anything else. I do my work first."

# IMAGE

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she said.

Pat Lopes Harris, director of media relations for SJSU, said media coverage wasn't extensive relating to Bedell's time at SJSU.

"I didn't see huge amounts of space devoted to his time here," Harris said.

The name association of Bedell and SJSU wasn't a major concern, she said.

"I know that it's a major concern for a lot of people," Harris said. "But I, having reviewed the copy, don't see it standing out as much."

She said engaging the media in a news conference and not hiding behind a statement helped the situation.

"There really was no way to hide from it," Harris said. "We were getting calls from across the country, so it was better to provide reporters with a single source of confirmed information than have them calling all over the university trying to individually confirm all of the things they were asking about."

Emily Allen, interim associate dean for the College of Engineering, where Bedell was enrolled as a graduate student in electrical engineering as late as last semester, said the media attention didn't matter.

"I don't think it reflects either way on us," she said. "I think people are mostly just shocked."

Allen said it was odd to see SJSU in the news.

"It's disorienting to see yourself or your school in the news for something this negative," she said.

Allen said Bedell's actions won't tarnish the reputation of the College of Engineering or SJSU.

"You don't know why somebody goes off the deep end and does something like this," she said. "It wasn't directed at us and he didn't say anything about us and it doesn't really have anything to do about us. So I don't think there's any short-term or long-term effect on us."

Electrical engineering Professor Ray Chen said Bedell can't affect the university because his actions were unknown.

"Without evaluating the true reasons and just looking at this on the surface, I don't think it will damage the reputation of San Jose," he said. "We have too many good things to be proud of as part of San Jose State."

Chen said the College of Engineering's reputation within Silicon Valley overshadows what Bedell did.

"We have a good reputation and do a good job in Silicon Valley," he said.

Ronaldo Magpantay, a senior international business major, said he is worried that people capable of acts like Bedell's could be here on campus.

"I don't know what the next guy could do," he said. "I guess it scares me a little not knowing what people are capable of."

Michelle Matias, a junior business management major, said hearing of Bedell makes her think more about her surroundings.

"It makes you more aware of who you're with," she said. "It makes you think twice about who's on campus."

Despite his fear, Magpantay said he feels safe on campus.

"I have good faith in the university police," he said.

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# Student survives spending \$40 in a week

One reporter tries to stay entertained and fed in San Jose on a \$40 budget

**Hannah Keirns**  
Staff Writer

I've always been fascinated by the adventures of Rachael Ray on the Food Network as she treks the world, visiting faraway destinations with \$40 to spend on cuisine each day.

Sans passport or luggage, I applied Ray's pauper budget to exotic San Jose, spreading it across a four-day school week and found both food and entertainment in familiar and new locales — all within about five miles of the SJSU campus.

## Tuesday

After a terrible case of the Mondays, my week as an intrepid food and fun explorer began Tuesday afternoon at Supreme Dog, located a block east of campus on the corner of 11th and San Carlos streets.

Tucked behind the House of Bagels and beside 7-Eleven, Supreme Dog is a sanctuary to all who love America's classic gastronomic concoction — the hot dog.

Look past the shabby interior to find a simple menu composed of old favorites and, believe it or not, healthy and vegetarian selections.

As soon as I ordered a "T-Dog" with a mixed cheese garnish and my boyfriend, Jake, opted for the venerable bratwurst, our dogs sizzled to a beautiful crisp on the five-foot-wide griddle.

Within a few minutes, my dog found its home in a sesame-seed encrusted French roll and was delivered to me in a red plastic basket. It needed only a squiggle of mustard before I was ready to scarf it down.

My hot dog was utterly delicious — blending together the right degree of juiciness and crunchiness all wrapped up in the best bun my taste buds have ever met.

Perhaps the best part was the price as my hot dog with cheese and soda totaled \$4.75.

It didn't help that Jake could chuck the ball and send the pins thundering against each other at the end of the lane.

It also didn't help that two lanes to our left was a seemingly semi-professional bowler, complete with gloves and bowling three games at a time, scoring effortlessly over 200 in each game.

I wouldn't succumb to the humiliation of bumper lanes and was determined to have fun — no matter how my score ended up.

We both cheered for one another. I did a victory dance after each attempt made, or failed, and Jake ended up beating my lame 68 with his semi-lame 94.

The experience was laughable next to Mr. bowling aficionado, but we embraced it as one of the most underrated locales for fun on the SJSU campus.

On our way home from school we made a little detour to the San Jose Municipal Rose Garden on Naglee and Dana avenues.

If I had checked my calendar beforehand, I would have been aware that the official first day of the spring season is March 20.

Nonetheless, I was still surprised to find only five roses in bloom out of the whole 5.5-acre garden.

I was happy when Jake pointed me toward a non-functioning water fountain where a pair of mallard ducks, one male and one female, were also spending their afternoon together as a couple.

Unfortunately next to that same fountain sat a man and woman intent on making out for all to see.

I snapped a few pictures of the ducks before Jake and I were both disgusted enough by the human couple to call it a day and head home.

**Spent: \$8.50**



Two spotted piglets caught exploring their pen at the Emma Prusch Farm Park at Story and South King roads.  
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Students can bowl a game for \$2 with their Tower Card at the SJSU Student Union Bowling Center.  
Photo courtesy of Jake Humbert

After we left Supreme Dog, we took a short walk back onto campus and into the bowels of the Student Union.

I could hear the crashing of pins before we even entered the Bowling Center.

At the counter, I purchased a single game at \$2.00 and rented a pair of uber-stylish bowling shoes for \$1.75 — a measly grand total of \$3.75 for the priceless fun we were about to have.

After I laced up, but before I could begin bowling, I was faced with the difficult task of finding a lightweight ball to use.

Unfortunately, there were no child-size bowling balls in sight, so I grudgingly settled on a swirly purple six-pound ball.

It took me three whole frames, or six whole attempts, to get the ball away from the gutters and down the lane to hit some pins.

## Wednesday

Wednesday started off more low-key as I munched on a homemade Caesar salad complete with shredded sharp cheddar and grilled chicken breast between classes.

Jake picked me up after school and we headed toward the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum at Naglee and Park avenues.

A simple \$7 for a single admission student ticket allowed access to some of the most beautiful hidden treasures from pre-dynastic times through Egypt's early Islamic era.

The Rosicrucian houses the largest collection of Egyptian artifacts on exhibit in western North America, and it was almost overwhelming to view and appreciate it all in a single afternoon.

At the museum, we went through everything Egyptian — burial practices, gods and religion, kings and pharaohs, trade, mummies, daily life and afterlife.

The most fascinating items we came across in our quest to "Walk like an Egyptian" within the museum were the real mummies of men, children and animals and the "Rock-Cut Tomb Replica" tour where we wound our way through the different, dark rooms of a faux ancient burial place.

**Spent: \$7.00**

## Thursday

Between classes I found myself walking a single block from campus across Fourth Street to Togo's eatery, founded in San Jose in 1968.

My stomach always roars louder when I enter the sandwich shop and smell their freshly prepared and generously proportioned sandwiches.

When it was my turn, I stepped up to the counter and spouted off my usual order — No. 23, salami and cheddar cheese, dry, on sourdough bread with just lettuce.

I decided to get mine "to go" and ate my delectable \$7 sandwich at home with a nice glass of ice-cold Coca-Cola.

I took a hiatus from fun for a bit and focused on homework until 10 p.m.

Jake and I were more than ready to drive to our local AMC theater at Eastridge Mall for the premiere of Tim Burton's "Alice in Wonderland."

Lucky for us it was Thursday, the only discounted day of the week for students, and my IMAX 3-D ticket came to \$11.75.

While we waited in line for two hours, I used my free AMC Movie-Watcher card to get some free popcorn, a member benefit and well-kept secret of the theater chain if you ask me.

Once the movie started, I crawled down the rabbit hole, curiouser and curiouser, and never wanted to come back out.

The movie translated seamlessly from the Lewis Carroll classic to the silver screen with all the whimsy, fantasy and balderdash I remember from childhood. **Spent: \$18.75**

## Friday

Although I had \$5.75 left of my budget to spare, I filled my short stint at school with another homemade meal — this time leftover shrimp fried rice.

After school, Jake and I ventured to our last entertainment location of the week — Emma Prusch Farm Park on Story and South King roads.



A rendition of the innermost coffin of King Tutankhamun at the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum at Naglee and Park avenues.  
Hannah Keirns / Spartan Daily

The 47-acre farm boasts one of the largest freestanding wooden barns in California as well as a variety of historical structures including the grand Prusch family farm house.

This hidden gem is also the home of rare fruit orchards, a plant science center, two community gardens, the Santa Clara Home composting program, a friendship forest with trees from around the world, a playground and lush green lawns.

The park is a working farm complete with a host of animals — roosters, chickens, cattle, swine, sheep, turkeys, peacocks, geese, ducks and goats.

The downside to the Farm Park were the rowdy roosters that constantly crowed and seemed ready to charge at you if you looked at them sideways.

Ironically, the highlight of the farm honed back to the start of my week — a hot dog.

Though I didn't want to eat the little piglets at the farm, they definitely captured my heart as they snorted and squealed in their attempts to break free from their pen to personally greet Jake and I. **Spent: \$0.00**

Over the course of a four-day school week I managed to spend \$34.25 of my \$40 budget — eating out two times and venturing to five different locations for entertainment.

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# Swimming through life with goals in mind

McKee aims to give back after water polo

**Kathryn McCormick**  
Staff Writer

Water polo player Bridget McKee is making a splash in and out of the pool.

McKee, a senior anthropology major, is the top scorer on SJSU's women's water polo team.

"She's probably our fastest player," said water polo coach Lou Tully. "She really shines on the counterattack where she leads the way and really scores."

McKee is also a top student, having earned one of the five highest grade-point averages of all 500 SJSU athletes for three years running, said Gina Archimede, an SJSU athletic academic adviser.

"Bridget is an awesome student," Archimede said. "I'm actually nominating her for the Graduating Senior Award because she's really just been phenomenal her entire time here at San Jose State."

Archimede said McKee has already been recognized for her academic achievements: she was a 2008 and 2009 Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches All-American Academic award winner and is a three-time Academic All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation and SJSU scholar athlete.

McKee is in her fourth year on the water polo team and is one of six Spartans to score 40 or more goals in multiple seasons.

She said she has been swimming since she was 10 and has been playing water polo since she was 13.

"My dad played water polo



Senior Bridget McKee, No. 3, plays defense in the Spartans 7-4 win Sunday against UC Irvine. McKee is the top scorer on the SJSU women's water polo team. Kibiwot Limo/ Spartan Daily

in high school, but I wasn't really interested in playing until some friends who I swam with decided to join the team," McKee said. "I think he was glad I decided to play on my own."

McKee has been on SJSU's water polo team for the entirety of her college career.

Though she loves the sport, McKee said she does not ultimately define herself as a water polo player.

"I see water polo as a very important element in a network of experiences that make me who I am," she said. "Though my role as an athlete may decrease in importance after my senior season is over, I feel that my experience as a water polo player will continue to inform many other facets of my life."

"The work ethic, trust, commitment and love that we have

developed as a team have unquestionably influenced the way that I view the world and will continue to do so throughout my life."

As her SJSU days come to an end, McKee said she is heading toward a future in volunteerism and anthropological pursuits.

"I don't have my post-college life set in stone," she said. "I do have some plans for the immediate future and some long-term goals I'll work toward."

This summer, McKee said she is planning to volunteer with a five-week archaeological research project on a Mayan archaeological site in Belize.

"I feel this experience, along with the archaeological work I did last summer on a Chumash Indian site in the Los Padres

National Forest, will help prepare me to pursue a master's or doctorate in archaeology," she said.

At present, McKee said she volunteers with the Brown Bag program at the John XXIII Multiservice Center across from campus on East San Fernando Street.

The Brown Bag program helps distribute food donated through the Second Harvest Food Bank to low-income seniors in the downtown area, she said.

McKee said she also volunteers with Reading Partners.

"This program offers one-on-one tutoring to elementary students who need extra help with reading," she said. "I've found that it not only helps to improve the kids' reading skills, but also shows them that reading can be really awe-

some."

In addition, McKee said she is currently working on an application to join the Peace Corps.

"My interest in volunteering with the Peace Corps stems both from my interest in the different manifestations of culture as well as my desire to positively impact some segment of the global society," she said. "I feel that the Peace Corps offers a way for Americans to use the power they possess as members of one of the world's wealthiest and most powerful nations to help international communities in a way that is determined by and meaningful to its members."

McKee said she is most interested in volunteering in Central America, but said she would be willing to go anywhere help is most needed.

# Freeze gives SJSU cold shoulder

**Daniel Herberholz**  
Staff Writer

One month after he signed on with SJSU football as offensive coordinator, Hugh Freeze will no longer be filling the position.

Freeze is now set to become offensive coordinator at Arkansas State, said SJSU sports information director Lawrence Fan.

Freeze notified the SJSU athletic department in February that he would be stepping down in order to be closer to his family, Fan said.

"His family is from Memphis, Tenn. and Arkansas State is roughly an hour-and-a-half away from Memphis," Fan said. "The opportunity to continue his professional career and be with his family was why he left."

Freeze was one of four assistant coaches hired by SJSU in January to join new head coach Mike MacIntyre.

Freeze was the recruiting coordinator and wide receivers coach at the University of Mississippi from 2005 to 2007.

From 1994 to 2005, Freeze served as head coach at Briarcrest Christian School in Memphis, Tenn. During that time, Freeze coached Michael Oher, the main character of Michael Lewis' 2006 novel and 2009 Oscar-nominated film "The Blind Side."

He was head coach at Lambuth University in Jackson, Tenn. for the past two years.

"Coach MacIntyre is working on (finding a replacement)," Fan said. "There will be a replacement for coach Freeze."



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# Adderall, the performance enhancer infecting students

College is like the game of baseball.

We hit the home run when we get an A on an exam, steal a base when we turn in an assignment on the Blackboard Web site right at the last second and are thrown a change-up by a professor changing his or her course schedule.

College students are also like baseball players that use performance enhancers.

What do I mean by that?

For the past few decades, the game of baseball has had a shadow cast over it by steroids. Some of the greatest baseball players, or once thought to be the greatest, are being scrutinized for taking steroids or other types of performance-enhancing drugs. And the question arises whether their records should count or have an asterisk next to them.

In other words, performance enhancers in baseball are against the rules and a form of cheating.

Most people cheat at some point and students are no exception. Sure students cheat. On exams, they hide a cheat sheet in their pocket and get excused to the bathroom for a look-see, write notes on the inside of a water bottle label, or hide a little note slipped inside a clear mechanical pencil. I've seen the art of cheating performed in a multitude of ways and I'm sure there are new and inventive ways to cheat that students are concocting as we speak.

All these forms of cheating in college are similar to baseball, such as throwing a spitball, corking a bat, or scuffing a baseball.

In both cases, it's cheating but not performance-enhancing cheating.

Last week, I had four exams in a span of three days. I'm not complaining. That's the nature of the college beast.

As I tried to study and cram 1,000 terms (OK, it felt like 1,000) in my head, of course I got tired and could only do so much in each day.

I play the college game clean, but there are some students who use a medication called Adderall or the "study drug."

According to the WebMD Web site, Adderall is used to control attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. The medication may help to increase the ability to pay attention, stay focused and control behavioral problems.



Scott Reyburn  
Senior Staff Writer

Obviously there is a significantly larger amount of people at college using Adderall who don't need it compared to the legitimate amount of people who have ADHD and really need the drug.

Just as steroids increase the ability for players to work out, build muscle and recover more quickly to expand their ability to crank out more long balls than normal or pitch with more longevity at a more consistent speed, Adderall increases the

ability of students to concentrate and study for longer periods and complete an essay oh so quickly.

It's not natural and it's not fair.

**I play the college game clean, but there are some students who use a medication called Adderall or the "study drug."**

When I get an A, I feel like little Tim Lincecum of the San Francisco Giants weighing in at a buck fifty in full sweat performing at Cy Young status versus the juiced former Oakland Athletics bay bombers, Jose Canseco and Marky Mark McGwire.

What I'm trying to say is, should students be tested?

In 2009, Arizona Cardinals' tight end Ben Patrick was suspended for four games, having tested positive for Adderall, a drug that violates the NFL's substance abuse policy, according to the ESPN Web site.

Sports leagues are rooting out the problem of performance enhancers such as Adderall. Why can't colleges?

The integrity of the college system is in question. The college system needs to find its Jose Canseco and bring this issue to the forefront or the integrity of higher education will forever be in shadows.



Defending national champions Alabama, whose mascot is an elephant, will play SJSU's football team in 2010. At least Alabama is paying SJSU to come get beat down.

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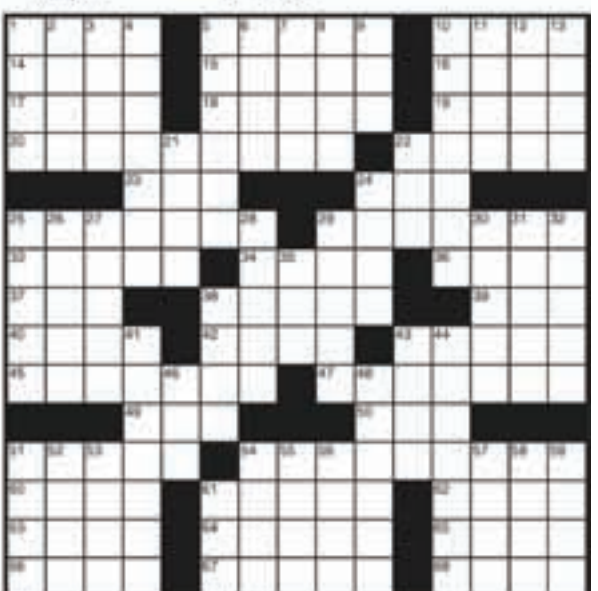
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# &\*@% Cuss-Free Week

Think about your day so far. How many times have you uttered certain four-or-five-letter words and their associated variants that are generally not considered fit for polite company?

Gosh dang it, I have actually tried to keep a running count in my head of how many times I have dropped F-bombs and so many other colorful metaphors, whether in annoyance, anger or as part of my everyday speech.

My own meager math skills notwithstanding, I have never managed a successful tally — I curse, realize I cursed and add a count, then curse again for increasing my count, and so on, eventually losing the count amid a storm of profanity.

Of course, it's not like every other word I say is "&\*@%," OK? I don't &\*@%ing say "&\*@%" every &\*@%ing time I open my &\*@%ing mouth.

Take note that my tally only tried to account for the words I voiced and none of the withering terminology I used silently in my head.

According to an article on the San Jose Mercury News Web site, the California State Senate decided on March 2 to postpone action indefinitely on a resolution to proclaim the first week of March as "Cuss-



**Ryan Fernandez**  
Not Yet Rated

Free Week," dropping the resolution into the lap of the Senate Rules Committee for later consideration.

My first reaction was, "Good for you, state Senate. At least you have your priorities right."

My second reaction was, "How the &\*@% was this even a serious piece of legislation?"

Ah, but for the infinite wisdom of our elected officials.

I'm sure every good intention was put into the creation of this resolution, but there are so many more pressing (not to mention more worthy) issues for the Legislature to deal with — like a multibillion-dollar budget deficit, as opposed to some silly, utterly unenforceable attempt at social engineering via legislation.

I have become acutely aware of how much profanity I say in my life, both to myself under my breath and aloud to everyone else, and now I'm trying to curb my use of the sailor talk, with mixed results.

I started out by replacing my normal repertoire of cusses with phrases that I thought sounded more benign, but were in fact just silly.

For example, I have tried saying "Gosh dang it to heck," "Son of a biscuit," "fudge nuts" and just plain "nuts."

I have even used the ever popular, if incredibly geeky, "frak," which does indeed mean everything you think it means.

Every time I used one of those euphemisms, I half-expected a woman to pop out of nowhere, ask bystanders if they had dirty mouths and offer them a piece of gum.

Eventually, I decided to frak all this nonsense and just hold my tongue, channeling the need to cuss into a simple death glare.

**My second reaction was, "How the &\*@% was this even a serious piece of legislation?"**

I do like to indulge myself in an occasional F-bomb, especially when I'm frustrated and can't think of more creative ways to express my displeasure.

After all, it's not as though a little cuss is going to cause me to be darned to heck.

"Not Yet Rated," appears biweekly on Tuesdays. Ryan Fernandez is a Spartan Daily copy editor.

# Stop mangling the English language

I am concerned about American college students' use of the English language.

Not too long ago, I was critiquing student essays for my fiction writing class, and I was forced to read through page after page of poor grammar, incorrect use of punctuation and other errors.

I honestly don't understand why college students don't know the difference between "their," "there" and "they're."

And I don't know why some of them insist on not using periods and commas when it is obvious one of the two is needed.

I find it ironic that I, an international student from Sweden, know English better than many students who were born in the United States.

I'm not supposed to teach you your own language — if anything, you're the one who is supposed to teach me the English language.

What is even more ironic is that I don't know many of the English grammar and punctuation rules.

I get it right most of the time simply because my eyes, after many years of education, have become used to distinguishing between right and wrong.

Therefore, when I write, I can rely on my eyes to find most of my errors.

I'm sure, if you were to take your language seriously, you could do the same thing — it's not all that complicated.

At this level of education, you should know better than to write as if you have never taken an English class in your entire life.

If you don't know better, then perhaps you shouldn't be in college.

This might sound harsh, but if you're going to take up space in a college classroom, then you had better do it for a good reason.

I partially blame the art of "texting" for destroying our students' writing skills.

I would agree it is indeed faster to type "U wanna hang 2nite?" than it is to type "Would you like to hang out with me tonight?"

If you want to send short, convenient text messages, then that is fine with me.

I deal with it reasonably well when people write like that for non-professional purposes.

Although I would say that 95 percent of the time, I write with proper sentences even when I'm sending text messages.



**Anna-Maria Kostovska**  
Staff Writer

I am not suggesting you should go to that extreme.

But know that if you get too used to writing in "texting language," you might have a hard time switching over to proper English when you are writing essays for school.

This shouldn't affect me. If you get low grades because you don't know how to write, then that is your problem.

But it kind of does affect me, because in every single English class I've taken since I came to this country, I've been required to read student essays.

And more often than not, the essays have been poorly written.

**But it kind of does affect me, because in every single English class I've taken since I came to this country, I've been required to read student essays.**

Not only does that make me cringe, but it also concerns me.

I don't want illiteracy to become the norm.

If the American English language were to be replaced by "texting language," then the time and the money I have put into my education will be for nothing.

It is our duty as college students to show the world that education does matter.

But who is going to take us seriously if we can't even write?

Please, students, stop abusing your beautiful language.

# Politics: democracy not in action

When McCain chose a pin-up as his running mate, he probably thought it would help him win the election. He probably didn't expect her to shudder at hardball questions such as, "Which newspapers do you read?"

In any event, she ran, and the 49 other states discovered that Sarah Palin existed, and immediately began typing "Sarah Palin naked" into Google Images (nothing to find, by the way).

If he was taken aback by her inability to answer simple questions or the sudden, weird, national search for bizarre governor porn, he certainly must have been shocked when, long after she could, quite logically, have been dismissed as a viable political force, any mention she made on her Facebook became a conservative battle cry and made headlines.

The well-known, objective news force known as Fox News has even featured her as a commentator, which makes total sense.

America went insane and elected Obama. It's clear the country has put down the cowboy hats and brewskies in favor of becoming a bunch of limp-wristed, tofu-obsessed weenies with psychologists.

Someone's got to set the record straight, and gee-wiz and by golly, Palin is the one to do it.

Don't believe me? Remember when she grossly misinterpreted a segment of Obama's health care plan, and called him out as



**Angelo Lanham**  
Yes, I Have a Point

a "death panel" supporter?

Well, it happened. Sarah Palin screamed "death panel," and Republicans everywhere raised their glasses and shouted, "hear hear."

The aging Facebook post certainly served not only as foreshadowing, but as a microcosm for the current loveliness that is "bipartisan talks" on the matter of health care.

Basically, Obama has Republicans to block his every move. America's hard-right conservatives believe the next logical step following Obama's sinister, socialist health plan would be for the entire country to suddenly begin goose-stepping in time to some commie U2 song.

Hard-left liberals believe Obama isn't doing enough and are still sort of upset that he swatted a fly on national television. Sarah Palin said if an election were to happen right now, today, the country, so sick of Mr. Obama already, would not re-elect him — they'd rather even have her.

I'll tell you, people are mixed

up about the issue of health care. I have friends who say health care that somehow involves the government will invariably become like the DMV. Thus, we should uphold our current, broken-ass, pre-existing condition plan.

I hate the DMV. Everyone does. It's supposed to be that way. But I don't have health care, and if I could get the occasional baker's dozen of health concerns checked out, sure, I'll stand in Line A, only to be rerouted to Line B, have to wait for someone's lunch break, have an awful mug shot taken, and then finally be returned to Line A 10 minutes before closing.

The thing is, my friends who so adamantly oppose DMV health care already have their own health care. Hangnail? Go to the doctor. If I cough blood, I have to suck on a cough drop and hope it'll go away.

It's easy for the Rush Limbaughs of the country to lead Republican leaders in screaming matches against Obama's intention to give health care away to everyone. They're what you call "one percenters" — they've got all the health care they need, so screw you.

But it's clear enough that something has to change. Let's say you finally get insurance coverage, only to discover that the disease that is your tendency to seriously listen to what Sarah Palin has to say is considered a "pre-existing condition" because it began before your coverage did. Unfair, right?

Let's say you had cancer, strep throat, or an irrational love for Michael Bolton.

I was excited when Obama announced that bipartisan talks over the issue of health care would commence. I thought some sort of compromise would result.

What a bloody idiot I was. Bipartisan talks, thus far, have been pathetic excuses for both parties to posture and pump their fists in the air. When Obama finally delivered a detailed plan and said, essentially, "If you don't like it, tell me what you want," Republicans shifted in their desks, didn't pay attention in class, drew mean pictures of the teacher and put a thumbtack on his chair.

The U.S. is a democracy, but the fact that our only two real parties function alongside one another just because they have to, and the fact that each seriously would like to eliminate the other, indicates to me that either side would prefer a dictatorship.

Until Democrats and Republicans learn to play nice like good children, not only will this country fail to live up to its full potential, but I'll have to sit here with my baker's dozen of medical concerns, daydreaming about waiting in DMV-style lines to get health care.

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Rosco Valentine shot a career best score in the final round of the 21st annual Mauna Lani Invitational earlier this season. Valentine aspires to become a professional golfer after finishing his college career. Clifford Grodin / Spartan Daily

## Valentine teeing off on promising golf career

Anna-Maria Kostovska  
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Rosco Valentine, a member of the SJSU men's golf team, said he wants to use college as a steppingstone in his career.

"I'm striving to play on the (Professional Golfers Association) tour, that would be my No. 1 goal," he said. "But I believe you have got to start lower and then get up."

Head coach John Kennaday said there is a fairly good chance Valentine can make a good living out of playing golf.

"He's a fabulous golfer with a great deal of potential," Kennaday said.

Valentine, a senior sociology major, said he has valued his time on the golf team.

Valentine, who is in his fourth season with the team,

said his time as a student at SJSU has been an enjoyable experience.

He said he is thankful SJSU has given him an opportunity to pursue the game of golf, and said golf is something he loves to do.

"I've (also) met a lot of good people," he said. "I've made a lot of new friends, which has been awesome."

One of the people Valentine has befriended is fellow Spartan golfer Mark Hubbard, a junior business management major.

"(Valentine) is the most talented kid on our team," Hubbard said.

He said Valentine loves to practice and that he is a hard worker.

He is the first to show up for practice, even when it is rain-



Rosco Valentine of the SJSU men's golf team practices at the Almaden Golf and Country Club. Clifford Grodin / Spartan Daily

ing, Hubbard said.

Valentine said he doesn't mind if it is raining during practice.

"It is character-building," he said.

Both Hubbard and Kennaday said Valentine's game has improved significantly in the last year.

He has worked hard on his putting, Hubbard said.

Kennaday said when the putting improves, everything improves.

In addition to improving his game, Kennaday said Valentine has also taken on a leadership role on the team.

"It's been a great privilege to work with him for as long as I have," said Kennaday, who recruited Valentine in 2006.

Valentine said he attended Saint Mary's College in Mor-

## Oliver named First Team All-WAC



SJSU guard Adrian Oliver was named First Team All-Western Athletic Conference. He is only the second player in SJSU's history to be named to the team. Oliver leads the WAC in points per game with 22.5. He is currently ranked fourth in the nation in scoring. Oliver scored 30 or more points in eight games this season. Thomas Webb / Spartan Daily

aga, Calif., before he was recruited by Kennaday.

Shortly thereafter, Valentine said he transferred to SJSU.

Valentine, who first lived in Winchester, England, and then moved with his family to Auckland, New Zealand when he was 10 years old, came to the United States after graduating from Saint Kentigern in New Zealand.

Saint Kentigern is a college preparatory school, said Lawrence Fan, sports information director at SJSU.

Valentine said the reason he

came to this country was because he was given a scholarship and the opportunity to do what he loves to do, which is play golf.

Valentine said his interest in golf didn't really develop until he was a teenager.

"I've always had a golf club," he said, but admitted that he didn't take the sport seriously until he was about 13 years old.

As for the future of the Spartan golf team, Valentine said he believes they have a good chance of becoming national champions this year.

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