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By Tessa Terrill **Earth Day**

encourages awareness a.m. to 6 p.m. in students

in 1970 by Gaylord Nelson, a San Jose State alumni, and it's an event that

San Jose State celebrates every year," said Candice Gerdes, sustainability coordinator at Spartan Shops. "The purpose of the event is to remind the San Jose State community of the importance of taking care of the Earth, and educate about environmental issues and solutions."

Marketing Manager.

According to Gerdes, 45 to 50 environmentally responsible vendors from around the Bay Area will have tables set up at the event.

Fabian said students can learn about sustainability products and

Environmental student organizations, such as the Environmental Club from San Jose State will also be at the event, Gerdes said.

getting involved to be an active

part of the environmental movement," said Environmental Club member Rachel Burns. "A few of our members will be volunteering with the Environmental Resource Center with their vendors, while some if us will be inviting SJSU students to be members of our club on campus."

Burns said the club will also be assisting at booths and with speakers if

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Budget meeting becomes platform for students

By Sydney Reed @SyydNee_Daily

President Qayoumi's Budget Forum to discuss Proposition 30 turned into a platform for SJSU students to voice their concerns and opinions yesterday.

According to Shawn Bibb, vice president and chief financial officer, since the passing of Proposition 30 there has been a \$5.5 million net increase at SJSU that will be used for one-time needs this year.

For those one-time allocations, Bibb said \$2.4 million would go to additional class sections, \$1.5 million for Vision 2017 - 21st Century Learning Spaces – classroom furniture and reconfiguration, \$900,000 to Vision 201 – Agility through Technology – all campus computer refresh and student record imaging, \$500,000 for Spartan Complex relocations during construction and \$200,000 for risk cost.

FORUM **Students United**



Students voice opinions on involvement

By Vince Ei @Vince_the_Ei

About 30 students marched around campus with a drum, a megaphone, and their voices to spread awareness of issues concerning the Student Union and certain projects that were promised, but have yet to begin.

Associated Students President Calvin Worsnup said one of the concerns regards a possible decision from President Mohammad Qayoumi to consolidate the Student Union with other organizations which would take away most, if not all, student input from major university decisions.

He said the other is an idle amount of funds that was supposed to have built a new Aquatics Center, recreation center and Student Union one year ago.

The group held signs saying "our money, our union" and chanted "we are the students, the mighty, mighty students!"

At 2 p.m. they reached their fi-

@tweetybirdtt The Environmental Resource

Center, in partnership with Associated Students and Spartan Shops, will host Earth Day San Jose 2013 today in the Ninth Street Plaza and the Campus Village Quad from 10:30

"The first Earth Day was launched

Although Earth Day was yesterday, the event is happening today because more people will be on campus, said Stephanie Fabian, Spartan Shops

practices at the vendor fair.

"The Environmental Club is

As for the Governor's budget plan, Bibb said there are two components to it.

"There (are) \$250.1 million dollars talked about and there's \$125 million that came back when Prop. 30 passed," he said.

According to Bibb, \$9.4 million from the \$125 million to backfill the tuition fee rollback that oc-

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Students marched around Tower Hall on Monday to protest new proposed Student Union auxilery policies. The protest centered around a budget forum meeting. Zach Toberman / Spartan Daily

FEATURE Professor's new book highlights womens' rights

By Rochelle Beckel @rochellebeckel

Rape, obstetric fistula, disownment from your family and lack of access to birth control.

These are just some of the major issues women around the world face everyday that women's rights advocate Nafis Sadik has dedicated herself to combating and SJSU English professor Cathleen Miller discusses in her biography on Sadik, "Champion of Choice."

"(The book) addresses what I think are the real concerns of people who read biographies, which is they want to emulate the life of someone successful," Miller said. "So not only did I give the history of her life, but I really wanted to kind of sneak in there the 'how to' for women who are interested in being major game-changers on the world stage."

She said the United Nations called her asking her to write Sadik's biography in 2001 after she wrote "Desert Flower," a book about a woman from

Somalia named Waris Dirie, who suffered genital mutilation and was later made a U.N. ambassador to help fight genital mutilation.

Miller said while interviewing Dirie for the book, she was invited to the U.N. ambassador swearing-in ceremony, which allowed her to meet the people who would later ask her to write about Sadik.

"(The U.N.) told me later, when they called me and asked me to write (Sadik's) story, that this book 'Desert Flower' had done more to help them stop female genital mutilation than anything they had ever tried," Miller said. "(It's) because it's that aspect of narrative. People can really connect with the book emotionally."

She said she spent a large portion of "Champion of Choice" describing what Sadik did to stand up for women's rights and how she managed to accomplished it all.

"One of my joking subtitles when I was writing the book was 'How to

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SUSTAINABILITY Greenest Greek competition supports Earth conservation

By Rochelle Beckel @rochellebeckel

In honor of Earth Day, four of SJSU's fraternities and sororities have participated in the first annual Greenest Greek competition in an effort to conserve water, gas and energy while spreading environmental awareness, according to Christian Gutierrez, the Greenest Greek Squad co-chair and a senior environmental studies major.

"It's a seven-week competition where sororities and fraternities kind of battle it out and see who can save the most in terms of energy, water and natural gas," he said.

The Greenest Greek Squad is made up of five SJSU students - Hanjiro Ambrose, Gil Franco, Eric Acedo, Paul Landon and Christian Gutierrez - who organized the competition, according to Gutierrez.

"I was able to use the overall end result of the project in its entirety with Environmental Studies 168 which is a global climate change class," Gutierrez said. "In the spring we have to do a community action project and this is where it kind of plays in perfectly."

Gutierrez said the competition took place from Feb. 25-Apr. 15 and the awards ceremony will take place on Earth Day, today during the Associated Students' Trashion Fashion Show's intermission.

The sororities participating are Delta Gamma and Alpha Omicron Pi and the participating fraternities are Sigma Nu and Delta Sigma Phi, according to Gutierrez.

He said the first place sorority or fraternity would be named the Greenest Greek, meaning they reduced their overall usage of water, gas and electricity the most and the runner-up awards would be given for energy efficiency, water conservation and waste diversion

He said every participating Greek house used the SmartMeters, located outside each of their houses, to keep track of its residents' output of water, gas and electricity.

"We'll show up every Sunday so that it's consistent and we'll record it," he said.

Sarah Moreno, a sophomore business marketing major and Alpha Omicron Pi representative for the competition, said that since she's very eco-friendly, the leadership position for the competition caught her attention.

"I showed the Greenest Greek Squad around the house so they can find the meters for the gas, electricity and water," she said. "They brought an iPad and asked us to fill out a survey (asking) 'How eco-friendly do you think you are?' and I just took it around to the girls and asked (them to fill it out)."

Gutierrez said midway through the competition, the Greenest Greek Squad members performed a walk through of each participating Greek house to evaluate what its residents needed to do to be more environmentally friendly.

"We actually have these walk through results from each house, (such as) Alpha Omicron Pi (has to) change their bathroom lighting, outdoor lighting, whatnot, Delta Gamma (has to do

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nal destination, which was Tower Hall, to attend the SJSU budget forum.

Before going in, Worsnup told the group outside the entrance to remain poised and refrain from being rowdy and disrespectful because that was not the point.

"We're here to protect an institution that students built from the ground up and run ... we want it

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Film '42' deemed a home run at the box office

★★★☆☆

By Amanda Hochmuth @amandahochmuth

Long before baseball was the favorite American pastime it is today, there was an unwritten rule that left a dark cloud of hostility over the field.

White men don't play ball with black men.

Currently a box office hit, "42" explores the deep consequences of this barrier and the strength required to overcome it.

The movie begins in 1947, when Jim Crow laws were still a harsh reality of American life.

Brooklyn Dodgers president Branch Rickey, played by Harrison Ford, spots a crucial opportunity to cross an invisible line and integrate black talent into a white man's game.

That opportunity was Jack Roosevelt Robinson.

Better known as Jackie Robinson, the rookie shortstop from the Negro Baseball League, played by Chadwick Boseman, was given a chance most black men only dreamed of. As a condition of being the first African-American contracted into the Major League, Robinson promised Mr. Rickey he would endure any backlash silently instead of succumbing to his desires to fight back.

"42" heart-wrenchingly portrays the difficulty of that promise as pitchers throw the ball at his head, players run him over on base, spectators jeer and coaches yell taunting, racist remarks when he steps up to the plate.

The movie depicts a scene in which the Dodgers were refused a room at a hotel they had been frequenting for more than 10 years because of their newest member, causing a fight to break out among teammates.

The baseball community ultimately divided between refusal to accept change and hope for what new talent could bring to the field.

Many wondered if Robinson could actually be the ticket to the Dodgers' desperately craved World Series title.

The movie does not shy away from prejudice and could be considered by some as a bit racially overcharged. This portrayal, however, seems necessary for viewers to fully understand Robinson's legacy.

With the support of his wife, Rachel, Wendell Smith, the black reporter assigned to chronicle him, and Mr. Rickey's unwavering faith, "42" shows Robinson's journey to confidence and selfrespect in the midst of deep hatred.

As he struggles to quietly prove himself, his talent ultimately does the talking.

Staying close to historical facts, "42" makes evident that Robinson's impact would be felt for years to come.

The movie alludes to the fact that every April, all MLB players don the infamous number "42" on their backs, honoring Robinson's achievements and signifying a unity where division once stood.

This movie will leave viewers inspired by a brave man's determination and appreciative of the path paved for future generations both on and off the baseball field.

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New store offers creative and convenient products

By Stephanie Wong @Stephanie JWong

Have you ever wondered what Target and IKEA would be like if they got together and had a baby?

The outcome would be MUJI, a Japanese company known for simplicity, convenience and uniqueness in its products.

A MUJI store opened in San Jose on Tuesday, April 16, located at 170 South Market St.

MUJI is a popular store with locations throughout Asia, Europe and the U.S.

San Jose natives may not be familiar with MUJI because most of its U.S. stores are located in New York as well as one in San Francisco.

The San Jose MUJI location marks the second MUJI store to open on the West Coast, according to a press release from MUJI U.S.A.

Jonahliza Eliger, a MUJI employee at the San Jose location, said the name of the store is short for "mujirushi ryohin," which she said essentially translates to "no brand quality goods." partments and almost everything else in between. The items are closer to

what would be found at IKEA, however MUJI is a lot like Target in the sense that customers probably won't be leaving the store empty handed. (Every time I go to Target for milk, I end up at the checkout line with DVDs, makeup and shoes too).

According to Eliger, a couple of the more popular items at MUJI are the acrylic storage containers and the polypropylene (or PP for short) storage containers.

Jin Huang, a freshman business major and MUJI employee, said the polypropylene products are popular because they're made of harder and more durable plastic.

Huang said the products at MUJI are, "minimalistic, clean, simple and environmentally friendly."

After looking at the products, I understood how unique and convenient a lot of them were.

One of my favorite items from MUJI was a shrink wrap scarf.

that made the entire store smell like lemongrass and ginger from the moment I stepped foot inside.

The aroma comes out in the form of a mist from a diffuser to fill the room with a fresh scent.

A unique piece of furniture that caught my eye was a child's cardboard chair.

The chair can be decorated with drawings all over the seat and the legs because it was made of cardboard.

A cardboard chair sounds like it would be unstable, but it actually felt really sturdy.

What surprised me most was that Eliger told me it could hold up to about 100 pounds or more.

Another unique MUJI item was a wall-mounted CD player.

This CD player blends into a room so well that I thought it was just a small piece of art on the wall at first.

Who wouldn't want a functional item that also doubles as art that someone could mistake for a small painting on a wall? (OK, so you may not go out and buy CDs anymore, but this CD player also plays FM radio). Near the stationery section of MUJI is where you'll find pens, pencils, highlighters and markers.



People eagerly waited outside Muji for the store's opening in Downtown San Jose last Tuesday. Carolyn Seng / Spartan Daily

have a clear space near the tip so you can see what you're actually highlighting without having to lift up the highlighter.

It's safe to say that MUJI is my new favorite store in

Downtown San Jose.

MUJI has great home goods fit for a dorm because of its compact and portable style. It is like a stationery lover's

heaven, and I will definitely be going back for more. MUJI in San Jose is open Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Stephanie Wong is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



Tuesday. Carolyn Seng / Spartan Da

Eliger said the products MUJI sells are all simple, with a no-frills look to them.

"There is extreme thought put into the making, usability and packaging of each product," she said.

I had no idea what she meant by this statement until I looked at all the products in the store.

The items MUJI carries include: men's and women's clothing, backpacks, suitcases, bathroom essentials, kitchen tools, stationery, furniture, bedding, shelves, storage comFor \$10.95 I bought a striped scarf that was packaged up into a small cube that fit in the palm of my hand.

My first thought was that it was a great item to travel with because of how compact it was.

As you may imagine, a shrink wrap scarf is going to unravel looking wrinkly, but the wrinkled fabric adds a little oomph to a wardrobe in a way where the wearer won't look bad sporting what may become a new fashion trend.

Another item I loved was the ultrasonic aroma diffuser

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NEWS

Biography: Champion's life story to serve as public rally cry

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Raise Your Daughter to be a World Leader," she said. "A lot of the decisions (Sadik's) parents made were clearly what allowed her to be the person she became, so for parents who have high hopes for their daughters, what can you do to propel her in that direction?"

Miller said she also made sure to include women and girls from around the world in her book who personified the issues that Sadik works to combat.

The United Nations Population Fund is dedicated to fighting issues such as female genital mutilation and obstetric fistula, according to Miller.

"Most Americans don't know what (obstetric fistula) is because we don't, thank God, have it here in this country," she said. "It's something that happens in developing countries."

She said obstetric fistula is triggered by a combination of malnutrition and child marriage among girls as young as six years old.

"They have these girls, their bodies are totally malnourished, so their bodies are not properly formed," she said. "Their families marry them off, they aren't using any kind of birth control because they don't have access, so as soon as they start their period they get pregnant, and as soon as they have a baby, it just rips their body to pieces."

She said the process of having the baby rips the lining between these young girls' vaginas and their rectums or bladders, so waste flows through their vagina uncontrollably.

"They have no control over this process, so for the rest of their lives they're just living in constant filth," she said. "Then the husband throws them out because they don't want to deal with it, their families don't want to take them back, so they just scrounge and they live like animals. So when you hear this story, you can no longer be apathetic — now this is a real human, a real condition, and you have empathy for this condition."

Miller said when people hear statistics of people suffering and dying around the world, they might be able to relate to the issue intellectually, but it's difficult to establish a genuine emotional connection to an issue when all you hear is a number.

"I took a trip around the world to find these people and collect these stories," she said. "My guiding principle was this quote by Joseph Stalin – 'A million deaths is a statistic, one is a tragedy' – So I wanted to find the story of one individual that you could connect to."

One of the other major issues Sadik works to combat is rape used as a war crime to break the morale of a country and win a war.

"It had never been looked at and prosecuted as a war crime, to go in and rape the women, which is bizarre when it's systematic," Miller said. "This is what happened in Kosovo (during the Yugoslav Wars), in Kosovo the Serbs came in and systematically raped the women. It's not like it was an isolated incident, it was part of their strategy."

She said Sadik has worked to fight this issue, get it classified as a war crime and has also been a major proponent of making birth control accessible to women around the world.

"This is probably her biggest contribution," Miller said. "In fact, that's changed the world. When she came into the U.N. in 1971, the global birth rate was six children per mother, and by the time she left it was three children per mother because of a lot of the work that she did just to get the birth control into the hands of women who wanted it."

According to Miller, the members of the United Nations are the only people who have access to top-level governments, so the first thing Sadik did was work with heads of state to change legislation since there are many countries where contraception is illegal.

"She went in, she worked with different legislatures to change their laws (and) to also create a national policy on family planning," Miller said. "And then on the grassroots level, to work with all kinds of community groups to actually get out into these rural areas, into remote villages, so that they could distribute the birth control pills or whatever they were using (as) contraceptives."

Miller said the climatic moment of her book comes when Sadik meets with Pope John Paul II to change the Roman Catholic Church's ban on contraception.

She said Sadik dedicated herself toward major causes like safe motherhood initiatives and getting better healthcare into developing countries so that women would survive childbirth.

"Also working with sex workers was something that never would have been talked about," Miller said. "(Now) she's working to prevent HIV, so that's another big initiative. One of her approaches to it is that HIV is really a women's issue because women are the ones who are most effected by it."

She said Sadik is the special representative for the U.S. Secretary General to Asia, as well as a medical doctor and one of the world's leading experts on women's health.

"She'll meet with heads of state in Asia to help them create a strategy for reducing HIV through education, health care initiatives, treating the population who are already infected," Miller said.

Miller said she will discuss "Champions of Choice" in the Martin Luther King Jr. Library on April 24 in Room 225 at 7 p.m.

"I'm going to read a little bit and also tell stories, because I had all these adventures," she said. "I want to tell some of the stories that (were) going on with me while I was getting everyone else's story ... I was out on the road, so I want people to understand some of the process that's involved."

She said over winter break she worked with Scott Sublett, a professor from the radio, television and film department to adapt the book into a play, so she will read a portion of the play during the event.

Sublett said the play is called "Women of Earth: A One-Woman



Show with a Cast of Billions" and is a series of monologues based on women Miller interviewed while researching her book. He said these women have suffered in various ways and in several cases were helped by initiatives that were driven by the UN population fund.

"Women's issues are everybody's issues, and people are seeing that more and more," Sublett stated in an e-mail. "The countries that improve the lot of women, educationally, economically and medically, are the countries that progress, and Cathy's book is about what those problems are and what to do about them."

He said because she hadn't written a play before, she asked for his assistance with structuring the project, but that she was the one who knew the women the play centered on.

"After all this work, it's an important book because it's about moving women's agenda forward," Miller said. "It doesn't do any good to write the book, people have to read it."

Diana Orozco, a sophomore math major, said she believes that the women's rights issues Sadik stands for deserve more attention because countless girls and women are rape victims around the world and don't have access to birth control.

"(There are also) daughters who get molested by their fathers or uncles or unexpected family members," she said. "They need access to (birth control) too."

Miller said her primary hope for writing this book is that readers support Sadik's work and understand that significant change can be made with support.

"I hope they will realize how much power and influence one individual can have over history," Miller said. (I also hope) that they will be encouraged to do something on their own."

Rochelle Beckel is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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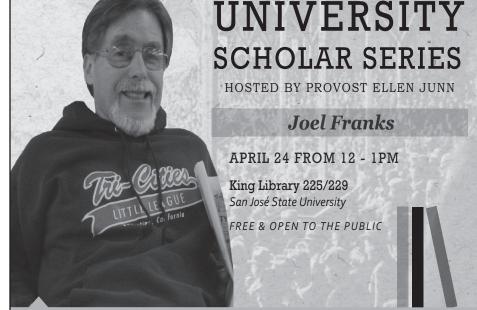
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GYMNASTICS

Strong finish to the season has team eager to sustain momentum

By Stephanie Wong @StephanieJWong

The SJSU women's gymnastics season recently came to an end, but the team is already looking ahead to next season.

Head coach Wayne Wright said the team had a good season, despite having a squad of young gymnasts.

"(We) started off a little slow but got so much better toward the end," Wright said.

According to Wright, one of the highlights of the season was being able to compete at the Western Athletic Conference Championships on March 23 in Cedar City, Utah.

"We had a good showing at WAC," Wright said. "We had the WAC beam champion, two first-team All-Americans and two second-team All-Americans. All in all I was pretty happy about how it went."

The team competed against Boise State University, the University of Denver, Sacramento State University, Utah State University and Southern Utah University at the WAC Championships, according to SJSU Athletics.

The team finished in sixth place overall with a vault score of 48.825, a bars score of 48.650, a beam score of 48.125 and a floor score of 49.100, which totals up to the final score of 194.700, according to SJSU Athletics.

Wright said after the championship two team members competed in the National Collegiate Athletic Association West Women's Gymnastics Regional April 6 in Corvallis, Oregon.

Wright said Bekah Gher, a junior behavioral science major and Cassandra Harrison, a junior kinesiology major, were the two team members who qualified to compete at the regional.

According to SJSU Athletics, Gher finished thirteenth and Harrison seventeenth in the all-around competition at regionals.

"The whole season was kind of a high for me," Gher said. "I went from competing one event to competing all four, so just each meet adding an event and being able to compete on floor and all-around and represent San Jose State was really amazing."

Wright said he wants the team to qualify for the National Collegiate Athletic Association West Women's Gymnastics Regional next season.

"We have been very fortunate the last four or five years to make it as a team and this year we came up just a little short because it was a young team," he said. "Our goal is to be there as a team and to win our conference championship."

According to Harrison, this past season has been her best season since she came to SISU

She said she plans to, "start out strong and keep it up all throughout the season and go all out with a bang for next season."

Gher said this season was all that she could've asked for and more.

"It was all I wanted transferring here from Boise State," Gher said.

Both Gher and Harrison agreed that their most memorable moment of the season was when they beat Boise The gymnastics team cheers after the conclusion of the national anthem during the Spartans' victory over Boise State University and the University of California, Davis at the Event Center on March 8. The Spartans finished in fifth place in the Western Athletic Conference with an overall record of 13-11. Raphael Kluzniok / Spartan Daily. "It took us until about the fifth

State and the University of California Davis during the team's Senior Night meet on March 8.

According to SJSU Athletics, the team's final score on Senior Night was 195.575, just beating out Boise State's close final score of 195.425.

"We beat Boise State and I won allaround at that meet," Gher said. "It was really exciting and ... a great win overall."

Wright said his goal for next season is to start team practices sooner. meet before the freshmen figured out what was going on ... they know next year they're going to start a little bit earlier and be a little bit more prepared," he said.

Gher said she plans to compete in the all-around event once again when next season rolls around.

"I want to contribute in any way that I can for this team and just to work really hard over the summer and get new skills so we can be a better team for next year and make the National Collegiate Athletic Association regionals as a team," she said.

Wright said although the team came up a bit short this season, they are confident they will be back to where they know they are capable of being next season.

"At SJSU, our gymnastics team is very committed to competing at the highest level," Wright said.

Stephanie Wong is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

YOUTH SPORTS

Commentary: Amateur teams are no place for careless kids

By Christiana Cobb @christianacobb

Growing up, I played basketball in the Amateur Athletic Union, and I wasn't very good. Despite my lack of skill

for him to be substituted out of the game.

He ran so hard to the bench, I couldn't help but chuckle a bit, however, the attitudes of the kids were a little disturbing.

will truly benefit your child and give them some joy.

Maybe her child is a skilled musician, swimmer or artist, and if that is the case she could be doing herself and her son a favor by doing something he enjoys and not suffering through seemingly endless basketball games.

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when I stepped onto the court, I played hard and at the very least I looked like I enjoyed the sport.

When I played ball, I came across some very talented and athletic girls with dreams to go to the WNBA and although that wasn't my dream, I loved playing basketball.

If not for anything else, I loved it because it got me out of the house and active.

Today, I no longer play basketball, and I am obviously no longer a part of the Amateur Athletic Union, but my 13-yearold brother is.

A few weeks ago I went to watch my brother and his team play in a weekend tournament, and I was incredibly disappointed.

I wasn't disappointed because they lost, (that was expected based on what I had heard from my brother and my mom) but I was disappointed by the way they lost.

Other than my brother, not one player even pretended like they wanted to play the game.

My brother loves basketball and unlike me, he desires to go to the NBA one day when he grows up, and it shows every time he steps onto the court and leaves everything out there.

As one of the tallest players one on the team, and one of the only players with heart and ability, my brother plays the point guard, forward and center positions and in each he hustles, jumps for rebounds, drives in for layups and encourages the team to push and play hard.

Despite his efforts, no other player seemed interested.

One player didn't even run or jump at all until it was time

The Amateur Athletic Union is not a cheap hobby.

For my brother's season of about four months, my mom pays \$240, not including the \$85 uniform and his shoes which can cost anywhere from \$60 to \$100.

For a parent to spend that much money on a child who doesn't even have the least bit of interest is ridiculous.

The players were so lackadaisical, being the rowdy fan I am, I couldn't help from yelling at one player, 'You're losing right now, you better run that ball up the court!' as he was slowly dribbling the ball. Needless to say, he picked up the pace.

As a sister it hurt me to see my brother give his everything for a team with no passion.

He can't do it all.

While I was there, I spoke to a parent who told me her son was out there because she simply needed to get him into something that would get him out of the house.

She told me her younger son loves the sport and has quite a talent, but her older son just doesn't have the the passion or the ability.

After hearing this I wondered why a parent would go through such an expense to pay for a program for their child, waste their whole Saturday and a portion of their Sunday, to watch their child do horribly at a sport about they don't care.

I understand the importance of extracurricular activities that pull children away from video games and TV, and I understand the need for physical fitness, but there must be a better way to invest your time and money for something that

I also thought about the class division within the Amateur Athletic Union.

Just because that mother had the money, her son was able to play a sport that clearly was not right for him.

I am pretty sure there are plenty of lower income children with the skills and passion to play a sport in the Amateur Athletic Union, but they simply don't have the money to do so.

This may be a stretch because I am talking about greedy Americans, but wouldn't it be nice if parents didn't waste use money on their child to play a sport they clearly don't care about and instead helped another child who had the passion and the skill, but doesn't have the funds?

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Christiana Cobb is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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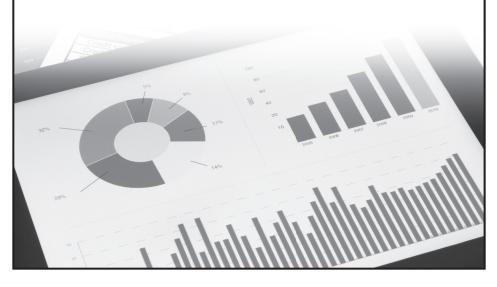
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NEWS

Competition: Trying to reduce waste

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the) same thing (with) common lighting, room lighting, stuff like that," Gutierrez said. "Our team literally just walks through and we point out what they need to do, then we'll write it down and put it on something fancy and then we'll pass it out to them."

He said this provided each participating Greek organization with the opportunity to execute the squad's suggested changes throughout their house so they could be the most ecologically conservative of the competition.

"I just want more people to be aware of Earth Day overall for the Greek community but (I) also (want) students to get more involved," he said. "We have a Facebook (page) that people can follow and (read) the tip of the day."

He said one of the Greenest Greek Squad members in charge of social media and outreach updates the competition Facebook page everyday with a tip explaining ways to help the environment through simple changes in daily habits.

"Overall I want people to be a little more aware of their daily habits and how it has a bigger effect than what they're doing," he said. "If someone doesn't recycle a water bottle and they kind of just chuck it, that water bottle can end up in the gutter, and then the gutter (waste) goes into the stream and then from the stream it ends up in the water shed and then the water shed collects and it ends up in the river and then it leads off in the delta into the ocean."

He said there is an island of plastic the size of Texas located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean called the "Great Pacific Geyer" that's killing marine wildlife from their ingestion of the plastic.

"Recently this whale washed up on shore in Spain and they found nothing but plastic in its stomach and it just died," he said. "It's sad, it's really depressing but we're doing this to ourselves."

He said simple things like being aware of recycling or switching from plastic water bottles to aluminum stainless steel water bottles make a huge impact on the environment overall.

He said he was first drawn to environmental activism during a conversation he



Christian Gutierrez checks the water and electricity meters outside the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority House. **Zach Toberman / Spartan Daily**

had last fall with a student who came to SJSU for her Master's degree after completing her undergraduate studies at UC Santa Cruz.

"She came up to me near tears and was really upset (at) how unsustainable San Jose State is," he said. "She started voicing her concerns about our campus and how we don't have a lot of things we should have."

He said SJSU's lack of a compost system and its poor recycling program were some of the main environmental issues that upset her, because unlike UCSC, SJSU students aren't pressured to recycle of be environmentally conscious.

"Santa Cruz is the premiere school for environmental awareness and sustainability," he said.

He said that conversation was his wakeup call to take action and do something that would benefit the campus, community and environment and that this project is his way of doing that.

Carlos Escobar, the Delta Sigma Phi representative for the competition and sophomore environmental studies major, said he was excited to take on the representative position and lead his fraternity toward supporting environmental sustainability.

"I think one major thing I want people

to get out of this entire competition is the fact that something as simple as turning off your lights can reduce your carbon footprint significantly," he said. "Every action we do, every item (that exists) requires energy to produce. That energy is produced from somewhere and somehow and more than likely it's produced by oil."

He said when people burn oil, they are releasing carbon dioxide and contributing to the carbon footprint.

"(So) by lowering our carbon footprint, we're putting less carbon dioxide in the air," he said.

Gutierrez said he hopes that this competition turns into an annual event and more fraternities and sororities are able to be involved with it.

"(In) the United States specifically, we're a consumerist society," Gutierrez said. "We want the newest and latest gear and gadgets and whatnot, but we don't understand how it's created, we don't understand the packaging, the aftermath, how to recycle, how to reuse. We're just consuming, consuming, consuming, but we're not conserving or preserving."

Rochelle Beckel is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Club: Earth Day event to have food, games, workshops

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they need help with anything.

"Our club may also have a table that has a guessing game of how many cigarettes are trashed on campus and how that affects our environment," she said.

People who come to the event can play games, win prizes, participate in workshops, enjoy a live native drumming group and eat from an assortment of food stands, she said.

... The food we will have at the event uses local produce ...

Stephanie Fabian Spartan Shops Marketing Manager

According to Chris Pounders, the rock band Pounders will also be performing in the Event Center from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

"We are a rock band, very similar to Green Day," he said. "We are a power trio."

According to Fabian, there will be carnival games that have been given an environmental spin, such as the "No to GMO Toss."

One of the prizes includes a reusable mug, said Fabian.

According to Fabian, ecofriendly workshops such as "Green Cleaning" and "Recycling 101" will also be part of Earth Day San Jose.

"The food we will have at the event uses local produce, organic and free-range chicken. The napkins, plates, and utensils we will be using for the food are recyclable and compostable," she said. "We are re-purposing buckets to use as seats for people who would like to sit on the grass to enjoy their meals."

Fabian said Grounded, the Dining Commons, Street Eats and Raw Daddy will have booths serving food at the event.

There will also be a BBQ Bash Fundraiser food tent that will give \$1 from every meal sold to the Environmental Resource Center.

The event will also feature two SJSU alumni guest speakers. One will talk about climate change issues and the other will talk about California's native condors, Gerdes said.

Later in the evening there will be a live band performance followed by the annual Trashion Fashion Show, she said.

According to Gerdes, SJSU strives to be sustainable and it's important that everyone within the community takes part.

Tessa Terrill is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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BASKETBALL

Disgraced coach Mike Rice still leading youth team

By George Diaz McClatchy Tribune

So what's one of the most abusive, homophobic and misogynistic coaches in this country going to do after he gets canned in the wake of a national controversy?

Hey, Mike Rice, is that you coaching an AAU team of 12and 13-year-old girls?

Mull that over for a sec and try not to puke.

Rice, recently fired as the head men's basketball coach by Rutgers University for his bombastic implosions during practice — including firing basketballs at players' heads — has been allowed to keep his gig coaching au AAU girls team Holmdel, N.J.

Rice's daughter plays on the team, and he has been the coach since his tenure at Rutgers.

Hey, why not? He's got the time and money, since Rutgers University just reached a \$475,000 settlement agreement as part of the dismissal.

And he certainly has the style, since Rice is such a lovely role model for young children with a vocabulary that includes the despicable "C" word to berate his players.

It's all on the videotape released by a former director of player development, eventually leading to Rice's dismissal on April 3 just days after the video went viral.

"If it's awful for boys, how is it acceptable that he coach girls?" asked Nancy Hogshead-Makar, a former Olympian, rape survivor and now Senior Director of Advocacy at Women's Sports Foundation in Jacksonville.

The poignant question obviously got lost in the misguid-



Former Rutgers head basketball coach Mike Rice has words with forward Derrick Randall during a March 8 game against Seton Hall University. Chris Szagola/ MCT

ed justification process of the AAU program in Holmdel.

In fact, it seems they would just as soon this dirty little secret stay between them.

Various reporters — including myself — have tried to reach out to those AAU officials since Brian Geltzeiler, founder of hoopscritic.com, sent a series of tweets on April 14 outing Rice.

Instead, phone calls and emails have not been returned.

Perhaps they are strong believers in second chances. Or maybe they're embarrassed.

"One of my moles is watching Mike Rice coach 12 year old girls at Holmdel High in NJ right now as crazy as ever yelling @ both refs and kids," Geltzeiler wrote in one of the tweets.

One of the parents told the New York Daily News they have no issues with Rice. "He's a very passionate guy," said the parent, requesting anonymity, "and he runs a very structured program."

The thing is, Rice's definition of "passion" includes playing dodgeball, using his players' faces as target practice. This man has no business coaching.

Any chance at redemption begins with extensive therapy and anger management classes, not to mention apologies to every single player that he has treated like scum.

But to presume that the "road to redemption" includes coaching adolescent girls is insulting and infuriating.

"I don't know why he would be different with young, powerless girls than he would be with older young men," Hogshead-Maker said. "I read a lot of stories about the whole thing, and a lot of issues that were brought up included the homophobic and physical altercations, but few people were calling him out for calling his players women, or you (bleep) or you (bleep)."

Those bleeps are the most vile words you can call a woman.

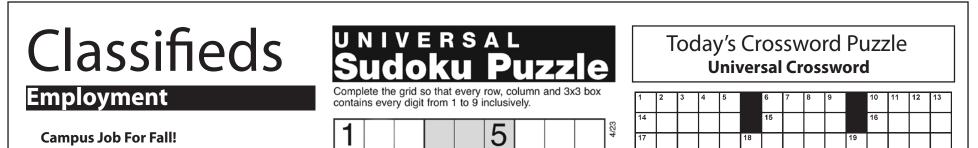
Belittling women, making them feel guilty, piling on with harsh words, are all part of a culture that makes them feel less than human.

Hogshead-Maker had to face up to her own personal demons of insecurity – "what did I do wrong? – as she struggled to find her way back from that rape when she was 19 years old.

Mike Rice cultivates all those horrible stereotypes in his coaching methods.

And yet he is deemed a leader and role model for ado-

lescent women. Ain't that a bleep?



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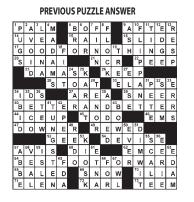
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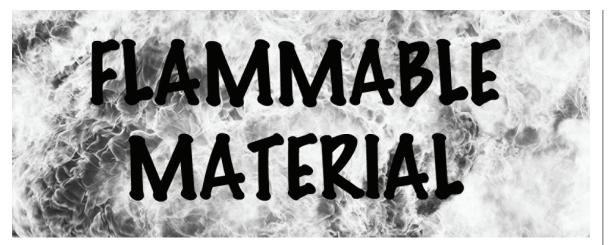
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OPINION



"Bet on Your Baby" is a moral bust

It's easy to lose faith in humanity and American societal values when you flip through television channels and find nothing but the latest Kardashian drama or Real Housewives catfight.

I often mindlessly and despondently flip past these options on the off chance I watch television, and can't help but think that we're a nation on the cultural decline.

"It can't get worse than this garbage programming," I usually mutter to my cat, who always responds with an understanding look.

When I stumbled upon ABC's new game show "Bet on Your Baby", however, I realized that yes, it can get much worse.

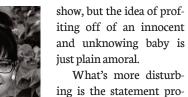
The show's title basically gives the gist of the game away. Yes, parents seriously bet on their toddlers for a chance to win up to \$50,000 for their kid's college fund.

Basically, the parents of an unsuspecting and unaware toddler place said toddler in "The Babydome" to guess their kid's actions in front of a cheering audience.

As if placing actual bets on a child to obtain money isn't already completely devoid of basic morals or values, the show's creators had to name the children's room "The Babydome" as if a group of toddlers are going to battle each other to the death.

Did the "Bet on Your Baby" creators just think the premise of this show up after watching Mad Max and simply say, "Hey bro, what if we had a Thunderdome, but for like, babies?"

Thankfully, there are no actual baby barbarian battles on the game



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amazing way for parents to celebrate their babies and have a chance to win real money for their kids'

college fund," he said. "It's the happiest show on television."

vided by Craig Armstrong,

co-creator and executive

"Bet On Your Baby is an

producer of the show.

While its commendable that the financial winnings at least contribute to a college fund, the fact that parents are willingly exploiting their innocent children is disgraceful at best.

The means to a college education should not have to come from selfhumiliation and self-degradation.

The only comfort I find from this game show is that the ratings have been miserably low ...

The fact that families are joyfully watching other families humiliate and exploit themselves to hopefully provide a glimpse of the American Dream to their children shows us that perhaps the Dream itself is long gone.

If anything, Armstrong should have said "Bet on Your Baby" is the most depressing show on television.

If you want to watch people stoop to moral lows, in a nation that is deteriorating, under the guise of glee and promise, then please, watch this show.

The only comfort I find from this game show is that the ratings have been miserably low since it's debut.

Regardless of the low ratings though, the reality of the show in and of itself touches on the greater cultural dilemma Americans are facing.

Many Americans struggle to attain a higher education, and the California State University system cannot even adequately accommodate the students who do apply.

All the while prospective students are reading their CSU declined admission letters while numbing their minds with reality television.

The same reality television that exploits Americans for doing embarrassing and vile things all on the off chance they'll get their 15 minutes of fame.

These are the people so many of us idolize: The Kardashian family, the Honey Boo Boo family and the Real Housewives gangs.

What have they amounted to that justifies success, besides looking beautiful or being fun to laugh at regularly? Nothing.

Is this the new American Dream?

Have our ambitions toward education and upward mobility through hard work and perseverance become possibilities we've shelved in lieu of a dubious shot at fame and fortune?

Hopefully not, but if there is any way to avoid even more sleazy and mind-numbing television programming, it is through avoidance.

Not engaging in such programming is the only way to eradicate it.

Melanie Martinez is the Spartan Daily Managing Editor. Follow her on Twitter @Meltinez

Letters to the editor

I was saddened to read that Hochmuth does not "advocate LGBT culture...." Myself and a lot of my friends identity as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, etc. Awareness is very important, and how can you make a judgement when you have not accepted that probably someone you know secretly identifies as LGBT?

People who do not feel loved due to our homophobic society often end up stressed, isolated and suicidal. As President Obama said in the online It Gets Better campaign, "There are caring adults that can help. I don't know what it is like to be... gay, but I do know what it's like to grow up feeling like sometimes you don't belong...You are not alone...and there is a whole world waiting for you filled with possibilities."

For all the SJSU students, I just wanted to let you know that identifying with minority sexual orientations and gender identities are not only acceptable, but they are beautiful. As my mom says: "I love you just the way you are."

Lindsey Young Senior, sociology

I am writing in response to the "Mother-daughter bonds can be bettered" article written by Sydney Reed, which was published in the Tuesday, April 16th edition. I agree that mother-daughter relationships could be improved upon no matter how well the mother and the daughter already get along. There should be unconditional trust and love coming from both ends of the relationship. A daughter should feel like she is able to go up to her mother and tell her anything without the risk of judgment. However, I think that a lot of times the relationships between mothers and their daughters aren't broken. Rather, they are simply strained. There will be fights and misunderstandings between the two. There will also be moments where the mother and the daughter give each other the cold shoulder. At those moments it may seem like the relationship is broken, but one thing will never change. A mother loves her daughter and vice versa. No matter how strained the relationship may seem it will never be broken, because a mother will always be there for her daughter(s). A mother brings her daughters into the world and even though

she may sometimes feel like taking her daughter out of the world, that woman is still a mother. Despite fights between the two, when a situation arises where the daughter needs someone to lean on, her mother will be there to offer unconditional support and love. The bond will always be there and at times it will weaken, while at other times it will strengthen. However, the bond between a mother and her daughter(s) will never disappear.

Jacquelyn Estrela Freshman, pre-nursing

In the first year of my college life, I have experienced the ups and downs of college. The stress of midterms, homework, and meeting new people. Bi-annually, when classes and people change, one thing throughout the year does not, and that is the exuberant preachers that pop up through campus from time to time. Sometimes these "pop-up" preachers will yell out their beliefs across campus with a bullhorn. I understand that these people are protected by the First Amendment, able to speak freely, and I have no problem with these people trying to spread the word of their religion. However, I have seen some preachers who may cross the line of free speech.

Last semester, I was walking out of the library and I saw a group of people stating "We have to repent to be saved by the Holy Lord!" Fine words to start a conversation in a calm manner; unfortunately, the woman leading the group was yelling at the top of her lungs which made some people on the street uncomfortable. I understood if that the preacher wanted to spread the ideology of her religion, but the way she tried to reach out to people was completely over the top. If the preacher had a softer and more eloquent tone of voice, I was sure she would have been able to reach out to more people. Once again. I want to emphasize that I am not trying to bag on these preachers, I applaud them for their efforts of trying to reach out to the public. However, I do believe more people are willing to listen to these people as long as the public do not have the feeling of having words shoved down their throats.



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curred last year will go to SJSU and there's a lot of discussion on what the \$125.1 million will be used for.

"Ten million dollars (were) put aside for academic technology," he said.

Bibb also said that \$115.1 million from the \$125 million is for CSU priorities.

During a Q&A portion of the forum, Associated Students President Calvin Worsnup said he was concerned that students are paying \$324 each semester to better the life of students by replacing older buildings and adding new ones, such as the Student Union, Aquatic Center and recreation center.

According to Worsnup, the issues the students have are simple and understandable – the number one issue that was brought up was if there are plans or discussions to take away student organizations that are paid for by the students.

"We pay to come here, we work here, we play here and we live here," he said. "These decisions absolutely affect us."

The second point Worsnup made was that promises were made to the student body to have the Student Union, Aquatic Center and recreation center finished by 2011 and it is now 2013.

"Where are our projects?" he said.

John Geoghegan, a senior communications studies major, said students should be able to share governance of what is happening on campus when it comes to unfinished the projects.

"We are in the early stages of gathering information and the board will be meeting to decide what is in the best decision for the university," he said.

Gary Daniels, president of Epsilon Mu Chapter Alpha Phi Alpha and former president the National Pan-Hellenic Council, caught the attention of Provost Ellen Junn by bringing up the failure and lack of attention to the African-American community at SJSU

"I would like to inform you that San Jose State is failing its African-American students," he said.

According to Daniels, only 177 bachelor degrees were awarded to African-American students at SJSU last year, the graduation rate for students is around 45 percent, and he also brought up the issue of African-American Studies no longer being offered.

"We request that you use part of your budget to (improve) the success of African-American students," he said.

Junn said that it is a rumor that the African-American studies major will no longer be offered.

"The Africa -American studies major has not been closed down, not at all," she said. "That has been misinformation and there are plans in place on how to build and strengthen the African-American studies as a major and minor."

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Protest: Students want transparency and specifics

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that way forever," Worsnup said. "This is not the end, and we have much more to do."

By the time the forum began, Morris Dailey auditorium was a third full. Herlinda Aguirre, an art history major in her fifth year, estimated about 100 students at the forum.

Aguirre said the support from more students is great, but there are always more to inform.

"This is just one aspect, this concept that everything needs to be behind closed doors and that decisions need to be made with the student voice and a shared voice between students, faculty, and staff," Aguirre said.

After a presentation of an assessment of the university's budget since the last budget forum on November 27, 2012, the floor was opened up for questions.

Worsnup began the question and answer portion with an opening statement before going to the questions.

"We are here today to clearly state our position to protect the Student Union as an independent student organization and to voice our concerns about the disregard that has been shown for studentshared governance and the heritage that we have contributed to this university," Worsnup said.

Students then asked for specific results from consolidating the Student Union and whether it will benefit students in the future.

Others demanded more transparency regarding the student fees and a promise for shared governance that includes students and faculty in university decisions if the merger happens.

The president applauded the students for attending the forum to show they are concerned about university issues, but made no promises.

Qayoumi was adamant about the process being at the beginning stages and said numerous times that no decision about the merge has been made because they are still just gathering information. He said once the information is compiled and assessed, then a decision will be made.

In the mean time, Qayoumi gave a thorough explanation of what the university is doing with the auxiliaries.

John Geoghegan, president of Sigma Nu and the Interfraternity Council, was one of the four students who asked questions and said he felt the president did not give him straight answers.

"He basically just rambled about what they were doing, but he didn't justify it, he didn't explain why it was going on, and he didn't explain why it would benefit the students," Geoghegan said. "He didn't really give me any value or worth with those answers and they were all very open-ended answers."

Sophomore economics major James Gonzales said he did not think Qayoumi adequately answered the questions because he was not prepared for the passion and attention students would put into his decision making, and thinks the students should continue their efforts.

"I think that the students need to continually protest and form a stronger coalition to question the president on what his plans are and stay strong in preventing the merger from taking place," Gonzales said.

Shawn Bibb, vice president of finance, said he was encouraged about the student turnout at the forum and said although there are limited ways for students to actively voice their opinion to the administration, students ought to be showing their concerns about the issues

"The president has outlined that he would go to the Associated Students board and the Student Union board to get input," Bibb said. "We will debrief after this and talk about, do we need to change that pattern, do we need to do something else based on the number of students that want to give input that may not be engaged ... and how do we start garnering that opinion and input."

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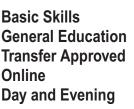
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