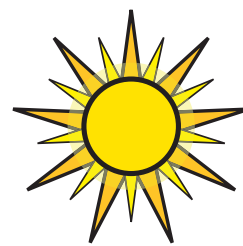




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## Student group rallies against higher fees

By Suzanne Yada  
Staff Writer“Don’t hate, educate.”  
“The students united will never be divided.”

These and other chants filled the air as students and faculty marched across campus Wednesday to deliver a stack of 1,600 student complaints against the budget cuts to the Office of the Provost.

About 40 people gathered at the Tommie Smith and John Carlos Statue for the protest planned by Students for Quality Education, an organization with 19 chapters in the California State University system.

By the time the protest ended, the group’s numbers increased to about 65.

Andrae Macapinlac, the vice president of Students for Quality Education, led the first rallying call.

“I know that you’re angry,” he said to the crowd. “I’m angry. The faculty is angry. The governor — not so much.”

California lawmakers slashed the CSU budget by \$584 million, and SJSU is facing a \$42 million

[Michelle Gachet / Spartan Daily]

Christopher Carter, a senior political science major, walks with other students toward the Administration building during the protest rally Wednesday.

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## Enrollment reduction plan sends some students to community college

By Jill Abell  
Staff Writer

The first wave of budget cuts eliminated 3,000 students who tried to enroll for Fall 2009, said an SJSU official.

Enrollment must be reduced by 40,000 students throughout the next two years, and the goal for reducing admission for Fall 2010 will be 2,500 students, said Larry Carr, associate vice president of public affairs.

Pat Lopes Harris, director of media relations at SJSU, said Spring 2010 admissions are

closed.

Because winter session is a specialized session, it will not face enrollment caps, she said.

Deanna Carter, interim director of undergraduate and graduate admissions, said admissions have never been this difficult during the 20 years of her SJSU career.

She said SJSU is the most overenrolled university within the California State University system.

Eighteen-year-old Donnie Lingham from Pleasanton, said he was accepted into SJSU for

Fall 2009.

Lingham said he had purchased his books, set up his room in Campus Village and paid tuition — or so he thought.

He said his debit card transaction did not go through, and all his classes were dropped.

Lingham said he could not add any classes, because the school was overenrolled, and he was forced to apply for community college.

Admission restrictions began last November, Carter said.

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## Jazzland Cafe takes its curtain call at its MacQuarrie Hall location

By Ryan Fernandez  
Staff Writer

Students looking for a caffeinated pick-me-up on the south side of campus will have to find their fix elsewhere.

On Aug. 24, patrons of MacQuarrie Hall’s Jazzland Cafe found themselves unable to take the edge off that first day of class, because the establishment was closed for business.

Khalid Saeed, a graduate student in economics, said the closure “sucks.”

“Now there’s nowhere to go for drinks on this side of campus,” Saeed said.

Jerry Mimnaugh, executive director of Spartan Shops, said Jazzland Cafe’s lease on the property had expired.

Mimnaugh said Spartan Shops plans to fill the vacant space with new offices and a convenience store.

He also said the new offices will replace Spartan Shops’ current building, which will be demolished to make room for the new Student Union.

The convenience store will be similar to the Village Market in the Campus Village, and will include a Jamba Juice and a deli, in addition to the normal convenience store fare.

Despite the promise of a new shopping complex, health sciences senior Hai Nguyen said he was sad to see Jazzland Cafe go.

“It was really convenient,” he said.

Project manager Daniel No

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## Dorm left vacant to save costs



[Jennifer Valdivia / Contributing Photographer]

Mattresses fill part of the Washburn Hall lobby Wednesday morning. The dorm building used to be full with SJSU students, but now possible tenants could be San Francisco State students.

By Angela Marino  
Staff Writer

Washburn Hall has been shut down, because it saves the school money on utility fees and general maintenance, said a housing official.

“The main reason for Washburn Hall being closed is there are less first year students due to the enrollment and the campus needs to save money by shutting down the hall,” said Kevina Brown, community relations coordinator for housing.

Next year housing has the po-

tential to be cheaper, because of fewer students applying for on-campus housing, Brown said.

Washburn Hall was open during the orientation session this fall, Brown said.

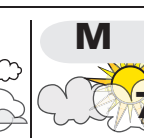
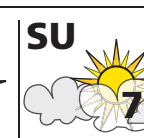
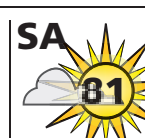
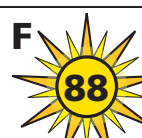
“There is nothing wrong with the building, and there has been less students applying for on-campus living, Brown said.

Washburn Hall can be used for California State University students, but currently there are only three San Francisco State University students attending SJSU, which would not fill up a dorm hall, Brown said.

“The possible uses for Washburn Hall could be housing San Francisco State students who don’t have room in SFSU dorms,” said Victor Culatta, university housing services director. “Joe West still has room this semester.”

The dorms allow anyone with a CSU affiliation to stay on campus, which could add more dorm population from other schools outside of SJSU, Culatta said.

There used to be a waiting list for housing, but now the restrict-

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RALLY: SJSU students participating in the rally against California State University budget cuts raise their voices in unison. Hear what they have to say in a video on [thespartandaily.com](http://thespartandaily.com).



[ Chad Ziemendorf / Spartan Daily ]

SJSU students march through the campus in protest of California State University budget cuts Wednesday afternoon.

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One strategy to reduce the number of students was to graduate people efficiently, so that those students in need of more units have the opportunity to take the classes they must have, Carr said.

Aubrey Smith, a San Jose City College student, said she was accepted to SJSU and was then denied, because four units failed to transfer from Santa Rosa Junior College.

She said she attempted to enroll in classes at SJSU as an "open university" student — which is when a student cannot sign up for classes until class session begins.

Smith said she could not add any classes and was forced to enroll at San Jose City College.

"It isn't fair," she said. "I met all of the qualifications. I shouldn't have to prolong my education because of four units."

Other methods to reduce enrollment is to give high school graduates in Santa Clara County guaranteed enrollment at SJSU, as long as they meet its minimum requirements, Carr said.

Another denied student, 18-year-old Samantha Kharma said, "I did everything right in high school. I was treasurer of the student body and had a high GPA. San Jose State was supposed to be a back-up school. Now I'm stuck at DeAnza."

Kharma said she was also denied from UC Davis — her first choice.

According to the SJSU Web Site, minimum eligibility requirements are calculated by high school GPA, combined with SAT or ACT scores.

The SJSU Web Site states that resident high school graduates in Santa Clara County must meet minimum eligibility standards with a 2.0 GPA and a 1300 SAT score.

All other students will be placed on a waiting list, Carr said. Non-California residents and international students are a part of a different slotting system, Carr said.

"We want a certain number in order to make San Jose State a more diverse, richer environment," he said. Nonresident prospective students need a 2.59 GPA combined with a 3200 SAT score to meet the minimum requirements, according to the SJSU Web Site.

"We restricted high school applicants to Santa Clara County," Carter said. "If students outside of Santa Clara County applied after Nov. 20, they were denied admission."

Carter said the main complaints they received were from students who failed to meet deadlines and were denied admission.

She said she wanted to make sure future students are aware that the Fall 2010 admissions cycle opens on Oct. 1, 2009 and ends Nov. 30, 2009 for prospective freshmen and transfer students.

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**JAZZLAND**

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said construction is set to begin Oct. 6 and is projected to be finished by April 6.

Jazzland Cafe's spokeswoman Nee Khok confirmed that the cafe in MacQuarrie Hall was shut down as a result of the lease expiring.

She also said that Spartan Shops was being uncooperative during negotiations and was unwilling to extend the rental contract.

Mimnaugh said that in 2005, Spartan Shops began signing outside vendors to one-year contracts instead of the previous four-to-five-year contracts.

"When we made the switch, we were anticipating a time when we would need to operate the facilities ourselves," he said.

Khok said her family assumed ownership of various Jazzland Cafes around campus in 2006.

She said her family had been attempting to retain the lease for the last two years, but that Spartan Shops was unwilling to accommodate them.

"They've been trying to phase us out," she said.

Khok said Jazzland Cafes wanted to stay on campus, and said she was saddened by the closure of the MacQuarrie cafe.

"It was nice to have something homey and symbolic of SJSU," she said.

Mimnaugh said that while he could not comment on Khok's perceptions, he felt that Spartan Shops was very upfront in dealing with Jazzland Cafe.

He said Jazzland Cafe's owners were informed as early as Fall 2008 to anticipate vacating the property and were reminded several times since then.

"We have had a productive relationship with Jazzland," he said. "But business needs change over time, and now other needs have taken precedent. We wish Jazzland nothing but the best."

Melanie Wilcox, a liberal studies graduate student, was concerned the closure would have a negative effect on the student experience on campus.

"Jazzland closing is just making students go off campus more," she said. "They're just going to go to places like Pizza My Heart, or Starbucks or the new Safeway."

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**PROTEST**

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shortfall, said President Jon Whitmore during an Aug. 20 news conference with student media.

In response to the budget crisis, the CSU Board of Trustees raised student fees, he said.

Macapinlac said the Students for Quality Education collected 2,000 complaint forms in two weeks, more than they had planned to collect in an entire semester, but only 1,600 could fit in his backpack.

"Andrae's a tough guy, and he's still having trouble carrying that thing," said Julian Rosenberg, the president of Students for Quality Education.

Christopher Carter, a senior political science major, marched with the group and said he is frustrated with the raised fees.

"I have a hundred dollars to my name, and I gave all my money, my loans, to these people, and they're abusing me," he said.

Carter said he wasn't a member of Students for Quality Education, but he plans on joining.

"Protesting really is the answer, and people really do have power," he said.

Larry Carr, the associate vice president for public affairs, watched the rally before the march but didn't participate.

He said the administration is also upset with the budget cuts and sides with the students.

"We need to combine our voices and let the California Legislature know what their actions of cutting millions of dollars from our budget does to real people," Carr said.

Macapinlac, a senior political science major, said he met with Interim Provost Gerry Selter on Tuesday and was encouraged by his support, but Macapinlac said he remained frustrated that the administration won't join the protests.

"When they tell me that there's only so much they can do with the

resources that they have, I do believe them," Macapinlac said. "But my respect for them would shoot through the roof if they became activists with us."

Edward Collins, a geography lecturer who spoke at the rally, said students are not getting the education they deserve.

"My courses are as large as they let me make them," Collins said. "I have 40 students who are denied places in my class. On top of that, we have not taken 3,000 students into the program who would have been freshmen."

Students were the majority of the protesters, and some displayed signs such as "Students are not ATM machines" and "Education 4 all."

"What Sacramento is doing to the students is ridiculous," said Marcus Kilgore, a recent graduate student in sociology. "It's time for students to rise up and fight for education."

Plans for the protest were quickly put together, Macapinlac said, noting that even though they had the idea for a protest since the first day of school, official plans were only made firm last Friday.

Herlinda Aguirre, a participant in Students for Quality Education, said she thought the march was a success, though she thought more bystanders should have participated.

"I think they're just scared because they don't know what will happen to them if they join," said Aguirre, a sophomore art history major. "Or they might feel like it doesn't really affect them, but technically it does."

Students for Quality Education is planning another larger protest on Sept. 22, SJSU's first mandatory furlough day.

"You're paying money to go to class, and you won't have class that day, so you're going to spend it with us," Macapinlac said to the crowd.

Staff writer Amber Simons and senior staff writer Jon Xavier contributed to this report.



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## Workshop offers to help make the most of your time



[ Katrina Kane / Contributing Photographer ]

Counseling Services counselor Angela Krumm discusses time management skills with students Wednesday afternoon.

By Jhenene Louis  
Staff Writer

SJSU Counseling Services held a workshop Wednesday where 38 students discussed time management and techniques to organize their day schedule.

"I want students to leave with at least one approach in prioritizing their time," said Angela Krumm, a student services professional at the counseling service department.

Krumm said students take on too many obligations, and should only handle the most important things in their schedule.

"I found that the advice about rating everything I have to do on a scale from important to less important will really help me plan better," said

Elaine Kirschen, a senior occupational therapy major

Krumm said that balance is important when managing your time.

"Limiting some of the time you spend on Facebook can actually help," Krumm said.

During the presentation students were shown that fun and less important tasks can be used as awards when you accomplish something more important.

"I recommend some type of scheduling advice," Krumm said. "Writing things down is always good."

Krumm said students need to understand the consequences of not managing their time, such as increasing stress, missing important tasks and neglecting loved ones. It can cause a student's grades to suffer.

"I find that a planner would

be very useful in organizing my day," Kirschen said.

Krumm said the 'ABC' value rating system is a helpful method that assigns high "A", medium "B" and low "C", priorities.

"It's important that students breakdown their task into huge parts," Krumm said.

Krumm said that students need to start asking themselves what's important versus what is urgent and that breaking it down into the "ABC" system will lead for more time in the day.

"The 'ABC' value rating is a good source that I can use," Kirschen said.

Krumm said that even she procrastinates from time to time.

"I personally start cleaning my house or doing any other small activities to avoid do-

ing my really important task," Krumm said. "There is always a learning curve, students need to learn how to say 'no.' It's all about using your time wisely."

Senior hospitality management major John Pedersen said, "Though I manage my time pretty well, the workshop had some good qualities about it, like the 'ABC' value rating system is a good resource."

Krumm suggested that students should put their average time on their calendar including classes and sleeping, and then take out designated time for just social obligations.

Between school work and social life Krumm said she does realize it is a balancing act and that students take on many tasks, but they need to realize that it's not possible to do it all.

## Spartan Squad kicks-off free fun

By Alicia Johnson  
Staff Writer

SJSU students attended the Spartan Squad fall sports kick-off event Tuesday night with free ice cream, games, movies, and golden T-shirts.

Associated Students hosted its fourth event, to show student support of SJSU's athletic teams, as well as introduce the Spartan Squad, SJSU's official athletic booster club, said Clifton Gold, Associated Students marketing and event coordinator.

A lot of free activities were available to students such as the game "Duck Race," where two players competed by blowing their duck, with a straw, the furthest in a trough-like plastic container — and "Fifth Grade Trivia," where players answered fifth grade level questions for prizes.

About 300 students gathered in the Campus Village Quad and the event ended with a showing of the film "The Waterboy."

"So far it doesn't look like there's going to be that much of an affect of the budget cuts, it looks like there's a lot of fun activities ... it looks like more money was spent," said Edward Davis, a sophomore forensic science major.

All of games were homemade by members of Associated Students.

"We actually toned down some of the things that we've done, as far as how much we are providing," said Interim Associate Executive Director, for Associated Students, Randy Saffold.

"We have one very talented staffer named Clifton Gold, who basically conceived and built most of the elements [students] see as far as games," he said. "We saved

a lot of cost by not purchasing pre built games."

"Even though we are in a budget crunch, students still have to have fun. The mission of A.S. is to be advocates for students," Saffold said.

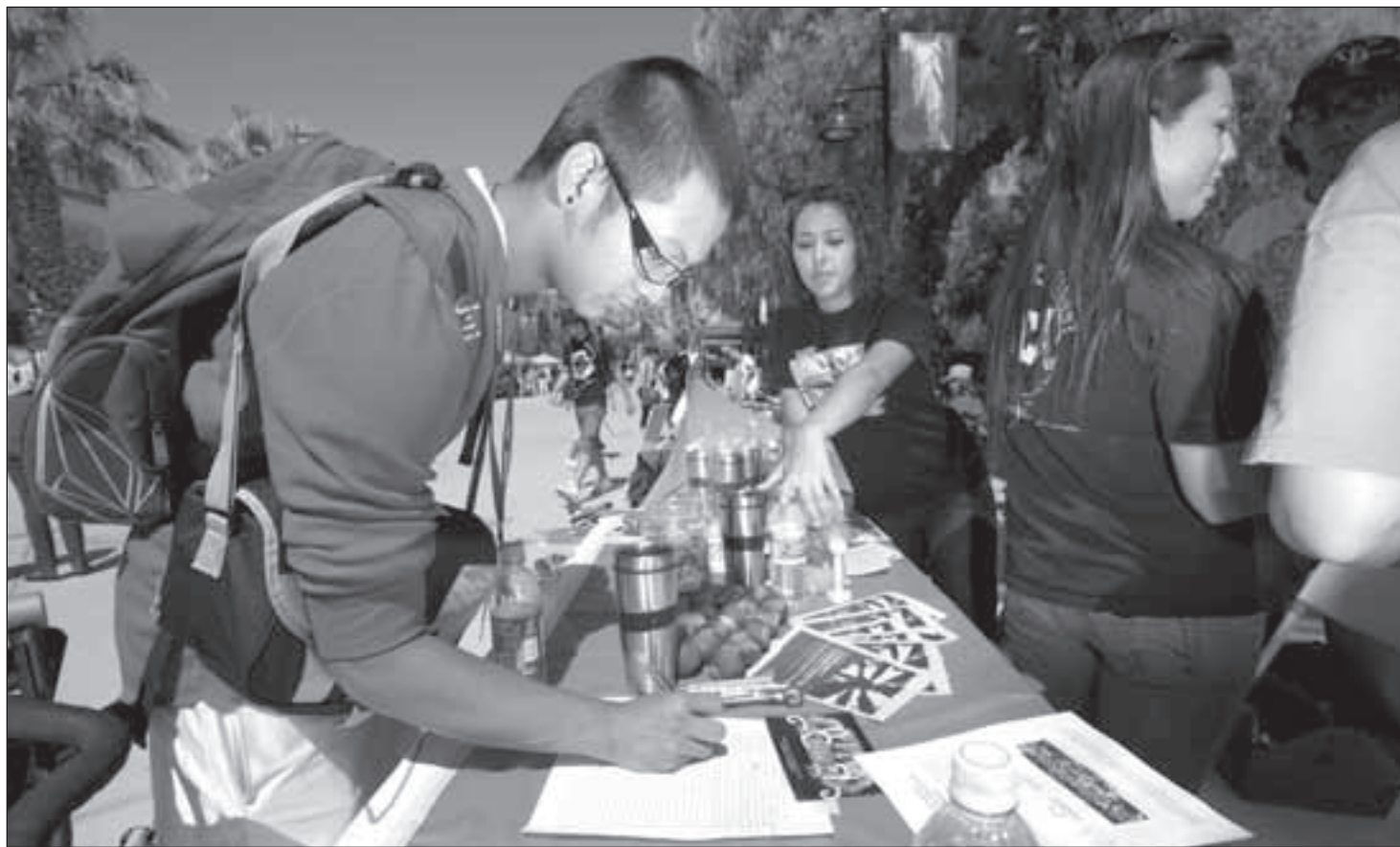
Events such as the kick-off, and Homecoming week, are funded by students, for students, said Bradyn Blower, Marketing Associate for Associated Students.

"We use student fees to give back to the students on campus and off campus, so we want to do the best we can with the money that they do put into that budget," Blower said. "We are really conscious about how extravagant we go, we don't want to blow their money out the window."

Although signs of the budget crisis were subtle, there were also changes made to the production of the free Spartan Squad T-shirts, which are worn by students to athletic games. SJSU's first home game of the season is Saturday, September 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Associated Students has a budget of 1,550 shirts, and the cost per shirt, including the graphic design, is \$4.78, Saffold said. The shirts are available free to students who did not receive one at last year's event, and \$5 for those who did.

"So far we have succeeded in cutting costs by not outsourcing a graphic designer and producing all our materials in-house," said Sabrina Hengehold, marketing and communication chair for Fall Welcome Days 2009, in an e-mail. "That has allowed us to focus our budget on the students. This has helped create a wider variety of Fall Welcome Days events for the students at SJSU."



[ Chad Ziemendorf / Spartan Daily ]

Senior sociology major Ruby Salazar (center) encourages junior kinesiology major Bernie Ramos to sign up for more information about "Project Inspire" during the 6th annual Community Connections Fair in the Seventh Street plaza Wednesday afternoon.

## Fair attempts to connect students with San Jose community

By Alicia Johnson  
Staff Writer

Students passed through the sixth annual Community Connections Fair collecting information and freebies from community organizations Wednesday afternoon.

"I didn't know they had this event," said Julia Barba, an SJSU junior. "I really like it — it's a lot better for people to get around in the community. To just be on campus, and just coming here and leaving, there's a community around it."

The fair lasted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and about 40 community organizations were in attendance, with hopes of getting student interns and volunteers, said Joseph Herry, a mentor program case manager for Fresh Lifelines for Youth.

"We do internships through

justice studies and the sociology department, so we have every year at least 30 volunteers for our organization from San Jose State," Herry said. "People get to know us more than just to pick up a flier or look at a piece of paper ... it's a good chance to get exposure."

Students showed interest in the free ice cream that was available at the Cesar Chavez Community Action Center's booth.

The purpose of the event is to help students get involved with the community, said Jeanette Ramos, student administrative assistant for the SJSU Center for Community Learning and Leadership.

"The event was founded by the Center for Community Learning & Leadership creators Debra David and Michael Fallon," she said. "[They] wanted students to be more engaged in their com-

munity and what better way than having community organizations come to campus and offer volunteer opportunities?"

SJSU established the Center for Community Learning & Leadership in its commitment to "building community through service, learning, and leadership," according to its Web site.

The event has been successful for some organizations, including Charlotte Casey from San Jose Code Pink.

"We've already got a lot of people signed up on our e-mail list, and we're giving out a lot of ribbons" Casey said. "Either they're curious, like 'What is this pink stuff?', or they see the pink sign."

"Unless somehow peace breaks out all over the world, between now and next year, we'll be back," she said.

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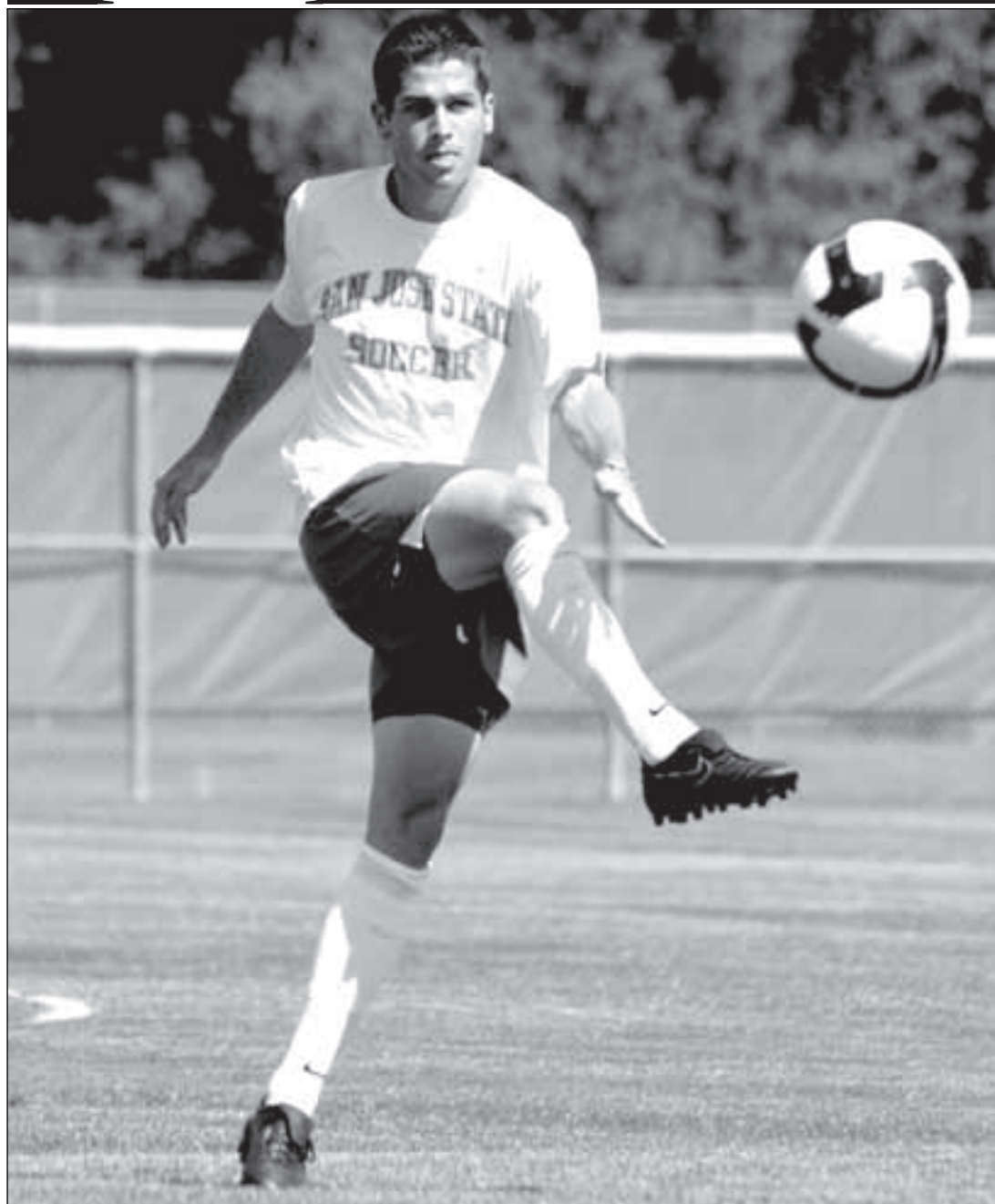
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Outside left midfielder Nick Cukar makes a pass during a practice.

## SJSU looks to end Utah's streak

By Joey Akeley  
Sports Editor

After a loss to the team with the second-longest win streak in the Football Bowl Subdivision, SJSU will play the team with the longest winning streak, the Utah Utes.

SJSU running back Patrick Perry said playing another big televised game should help the Spartans bounce back.

"Especially after you take a loss like that, it's great to have an opportunity on national TV," he said.

Last week, SJSU was out-gained by 499 yards in its 56-3 loss to USC at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Head coach Dick Tomney said he was disappointed in his team's play, but added that the game could become a positive.

"I think the fact that we played against such good competition will really be a plus for us down the road," he said.

In the loss to USC, quarterbacks Kyle Reed and Jordan La Seca each played in multiple series. Tomney said he has not decided

who will start against Utah, and the two quarterback system will continue until one of them starts to lead more scoring drives.

"We are just looking for someone to really separate themselves, someone to light it up, and we haven't seen that in practice, and we haven't seen that in games," he said. "Until we see that, we are going to keep looking."

Last week, USC rushed for 342 yards. The defense will have its hands full trying to contain Utah running back Matt Asiata, who rushed for 156 yards and two touchdowns in Utah's 35-17 win over Utah State Thursday.

"They have an outstanding running game," Tomney said. "They get into the Wildcat formation with Matt Asiata, and they have done that for a number of years. He's an outstanding back, and he's a big guy."

Utah allowed 221 yards on the ground against Utah State a week ago. Perry said he thinks the Spartans could have success on the ground.

"I think it's possible," he said.

"We just have to stick to the game plan the coaches have drawn out for us and execute."

Utah quarterback Terrance Cain threw for 286 yards and two touchdowns against Utah State. Tomney said Cain's versatility is the key to the Utes' offense.

Tomney added that one of the positives from the loss to USC was the play of Patrick Perry, who ran for 48 yards on 14 carries.

"That's the best job of downhill running football that we have seen here, since I've been here against one of the best defenses in the country," he said.

The Spartans will be making their home debut on the new FieldTurf. Tomney said it is important for SJSU to get its swagger back at home, where they had won 15 of their last 17 games before losing three in a row to end last season.

"We'd like to rekindle that start we had at home after the end of last year," he said. "I think that is important to us. Football is like any other game — you need to defend your home field."

## Goal scorer Cukar acknowledged for achievements in classroom

By My Nguyen  
Staff Writer

SJSU midfielder Nick Cukar has been recognized for his athletic abilities as well as his excellence in the classroom.

Cukar is a two-time All-Conference Player and is also one of 30 national candidates being considered for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award for men's soccer, said Doga Gur, assistant sports information director.

The award focuses on all-around student-athletes and encourages them to use their position in athletics to make positive changes in the community, according to its Web site.

Cukar, a senior kinesiology major, attended Capuchino High School in San Bruno, where he played soccer all four years.

"Everyone in my family plays baseball," Cukar said. "And I wanted to do something different."

Cukar began his SJSU career playing forward but was moved to right midfielder. In his sophomore year, he switched to outside left.

As an outside left midfielder, Cukar said he plays offense and defense.

"There are five guys in mid-

field," Cukar said. "It's our job on the outside to get out there as well as come back on defense."

The switch from forward to midfielder was different for him, he said.

"I'm still involved, and I can still come back on defense and help the team out, which is good," Cukar said. "I'm still able to score too, so I like that."

Coach Gary St. Clair said Cukar contributes to the team in a lot of different ways.

"He's one of our captains, and he brings great experience to this team," he said. "He was the leading goal scorer in the conference last year. That speaks volumes for what he does for the team."

Last year Cukar scored nine goals, seven of which were game-winning goals, Gur said.

St. Clair said Cukar's strengths are quickness, impeccable timing, the ability to know when to run and finishing plays.

"I think Nick will do very well [this season]," St. Clair said. "Nick has an ability to show up at the right place, at the right time. That's not something you can really coach."

Cukar is a representative of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee for men's soccer. As a representative, Cukar said he plans community service events with other soccer teams around the Bay Area and voices team issues.

"[Being on SAAC] helps me out with my leadership role as team captain," Cukar said. "It's also relative to the field I'm going into."

Cukar said time management is the key to balancing school and soccer.

"I have to manage my time wisely," Cukar said. "You know, go to school and don't miss too many classes."

He also said the team is traveling a lot this year, so going into office hours and setting time aside for school will be important.

Forward Colby Moore has a strong connection with Cukar on and off the field.

"We've been together for four years," Moore said. "And we've kind of grown together as teammates, because I lived with him my freshman year, and we kind of started to come together on the field as well."

Moore said Cukar runs off the ball well, setting up scoring chances between the two.

"I've led the league in assists, and he's led the league in goals," said Moore, a senior business administration major. "So we've had a lot of hookups on the field with his run making, and he just finds his way to the front of the goal."

Cukar said he is trying to play soccer at the highest level. He said he would like to play in Major League Soccer, but he is also considering other career options.

"I'm trying to get a try out," Cukar said. "Test it out and see where else I can play and if it happens, it happens. I'm going to work toward that and if it doesn't, then I got to be thankful for the time I got here at San Jose State."

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Restaurant of the Week: Yogurtland

# 'Fro yo' fans are only 10 minutes away from bliss

By Amber Simons  
Staff Writer

As I walked through the door, the burst of cool air that met my face was quite a contrast to the humid day outside.

"Welcome to Yogurtland!" the servers yelled, bearing smiles as I strolled into the green and pink accented frozen yogurt shop — yes, they really do greet every person like that.

Trendy music blasted in competition with the loud, echoing voices of fellow patrons.

Yogurtland opened on Aug. 27 and is located 10 minutes from SJSU in Evergreen at 2742 Aborn Road. And I'm quite happy it did, since I love frozen yogurt.

Sixteen yogurt flavors, ranging from vanilla to taro, and 46 toppings, such as fresh fruit, sour gummy worms and cereal, caused my mouth to water in seconds.

There were only two cup sizes, big and bigger, but everything is self-serve, so you don't have to



[ Amber Simons / Spartan Daily ]

A patron dispenses yogurt at Yogurtland.

get a lot — even though I did.

I couldn't help myself — there were so many options to choose from. I felt like a kid in a candy store, which was funny since this was a frozen yogurt store, and I'm not a kid anymore.

It's an icy dessert anyone can afford, since they only charge 30 cents per ounce.

Two college guys sitting in silver chairs enjoyed the air conditioning on their first trip to the newly opened shop.

This is a cool place to hang-out when you're in the mood for a sweet, savory snack.

Like me, one of them smothered his yogurt with gummy bears. That was my favorite thing to do, until my second visit when I discovered the peanut butter flavored yogurt.

Now I think I've found my one true love and as Lucy Ricardo would say, "It's so tasty too!"

You might want to bring a light sweater in case you become a little chilly while you eat your cup of yogurt, because it was quite cool inside this eatery.

A couple of sisters sitting at a round, white table were eating away at their first frozen yogurts at the new shop, enjoying conversation.

This modern shop was the definition of pristine — clean and orderly.

Workers were constantly wiping down surfaces and sweeping the floors. They even hand you a green or pink spoon with your purchase, so not too many hands have grasped your biodegradable utensil.

The wall of yogurt flavors that even Willy Wonka would appreciate is made of lime green and white tiles.

To those who wish to try something new, the cheerful and friendly workers offer taste testers.

The variety is the best I've seen and each flavor is enjoyable, but you have to try the peanut butter, it will change your life forever.

I love family shops, and this one is owned by a family of four. Owner Charlie Vu told me

he wanted an inexpensive frozen yogurt option for families and a fun environment for young people around the Evergreen area to gather.

A place "even kids with a dollar can enjoy some yogurt," he said.

Vu has done it.

I watched several children purchasing frozen yogurts, well actually mostly candy with some yogurt, with a few bucks. The ecstatic smiles on their little faces were adorable.

There is a very diverse crowd of yogurt connoisseurs at Yogurtland, from various ages to various nationalities.

So grab your friends, families or even your enemies, and head to Yogurtland — this place will add some positive flavor to any relationship.

This new Yogurtland earns a 4.5 star rating from me, only because you have to drive to get there from SJSU. But it's definitely worth it.

You will appreciate it and so will your wallet.

# SoFA art festival earns split review

By Suzanne Yada  
Staff Writer

An artistic pocket of downtown San Jose comes to life for South First Fridays, a monthly community arts event I like to check out every first Friday of the month.

I am a big supporter of independent arts, so I like to witness what San Jose has to offer in its SoFA District.

I love how posh, little galleries on South First Street swing their doors open to the public for the event and hipsters hock their creative wares to passers-by.

But when I attended on Sept. 4, the event felt unnecessarily split into two events.

The first was the "Street Mrkt," the deliberately misspelled creative vendor fair near the corner of San Carlos and First Street.

The other was dominated by the 20th anniversary street party for the art center Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana, down the road near William Street.

The ambience of the "Street Mrkt" side of the event was sparse but hopeful. Live bands took their turns on a street stage, and makeshift booths displayed artisan work varying from sculptures, paintings and indie crafts.

About 100 people swarmed the booths of "Street Mrkt" when I arrived at 8 p.m. That was too few to make a good street party, but just enough to make it seem worthwhile.

I enjoyed and appreciated the display of creativity, but as a poor college student, I have neither the money nor the shelf space to invest in anything they were selling.

And to be honest, I've seen most of the kind of artwork they offered before.

It was nothing truly original.

First Street was practically empty between San Salvador and William Street. It was an awkward split, because the party was just beginning near First and William Street.

Clusters of people, at least 100, were dancing in the streets to a Latin band, and even more people were pouring in and out of the small galleries.

MACLA — an art center that focuses but not limited to Latino arts — was handing out slices of cake to celebrate its 20th birthday.

I wandered into its latest exhibit,

"La Reconquista," by Einar and Jamex de la Torre and was overwhelmed.

The blend of Aztec, Asian and American influences — including gold-plated sculptures and video displays — was by far the most bold and interesting exploration of art I saw that night.

I also saw the exhibit "Next-New: Green" at the San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art.

I tend to turn up my nose at oversimplistic modern art that doesn't take any talent to pull off, but some pieces in the exhibit defied that stereotype of

contemporary art.

One in particular, Michael Ryan's "Dead Space," hit me in the face once I walked in the door. A tangle of plastic bags hooked up to tubing and air pumps gave the feeling of a synthetic breathing machine. It was intense, creepy and mesmerizing.

Those few standouts, plus the jubilant dancing in the streets, made this month's South First Friday worthwhile.

I almost had my doubts at the beginning, but it's just enough to make me continually curious for more.



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First Friday attendees admire the displays at the San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles.

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# Campus Voices

## How do you feel about Sonia Sotomayor being sworn in as the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice?

**Erica Cortez**  
Senior, Justice Sciences



I am very excited. As I explained to my parents, the minority is slowly becoming the majority. I think it's awesome Hispanics are becoming known more. It's an inspiration for young people at school who are trying to make something of themselves.

**Katrina Sarkissian**  
Sophomore, Biochemistry



I think that it carries a different gateway to minorities. There are very few on the Supreme Court. There are two women who are Caucasian, and now it represents the minorities a little bit more.

**Luis Forbes**  
Senior, Kiniseology



I'm proud of her. She's Puerto Rican. My family's from Cuba, so it's a big step for Latin-American culture. I think she's going to do well. It's good she kept striving to get to the top. With hard work and dedication, you can get anywhere you want to be.

**Rush Toor**  
Senior, Biochemistry



I think it's great. It shows there's a variety in the justice system, and it brings more opinions into the justice system.

Feature and Photos by Dominique Dumadaug

# SJSU students watch as Sotomayor takes seat

By Kyle Szymanski  
Staff Writer

When Justice Sonia Sotomayor took her seat as the 11th Supreme Court Justice of the United States on Tuesday, it meant a lot to one SJSU student.

"Being a woman of color myself, it is empowering to see the third woman on the Supreme Court," said senior sociology major Diana Vicia. "It is important, because one of these days they will continue to pursue injustices in terms of sexism."

SJSU students assembled Tuesday at the Cesar Chavez Community Action Center to watch Justice Sotomayor take her seat as the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice appointed to the Supreme Court.

In a quick four-minute ceremony, Sotomayor cemented her claim in history as she became the third female to be appointed to the Supreme Court, according to an Associated Press article.

Maribel Martinez, program coordinator for the Cesar Chavez Community Action Center, said the ceremony was a great achievement.

"I think she will bring a very

distinct voice that needs to be heard on the Supreme Court," Martinez said.

In traditional fashion, Sotomayor took her seat on the far right of the Supreme Court bench reserved for its newest member, according to an Associated Press article.

The ceremony came on the heels of Sotomayor being officially sworn in on Aug. 8 when she replaced Justice David Souter who retired after serving on the Supreme Court for 19 years, according to an Associated Press article.

As the newest justice on the bench, Sotomayor brings a lifetime of experience to the Supreme Court, said James Brent, political science department chair.

"Having been raised from humble beginnings, she is also likely to be aware of the impact that Supreme Court rulings have on the lives of real people," Brent said. "Conservatives criticized her for her supposed tendency to demonstrate 'empathy' for litigants, but conservatives show empathy as well."

"The only difference is that conservatives reserve their empathy for white males and corporations, while Sotomayor may

show empathy for other groups of people."

Students who watched the ceremony said they noticed it wasn't covered by mainstream media, but widely broadcast on Spanish language television stations such as Telemundo.

C-Span also showed the ceremony on delay, Martinez said.

William Nguyen, sophomore computer engineering major, said the appointment was a positive development because it signified an era of diversity for the court.

"I think it is a positive change, because we are finally getting everyone's opinion of every race," Nguyen said.

Elsewhere on campus, students held varying opinions about the importance of Sotomayor being appointed.

"I'm Latin, so that is perfect for me," said Allison Basley, a freshman international business management major.

As the newest member of the Supreme Court, Sotomayor presided over her first case yesterday when she heard the argument in the case of Citizens United versus the Federal Election Commission regarding campaign finance law, according to an Associated Press article.

## WASHBURN

From Page 1

ed local enrollment from the impact plan, which requires admission restriction to Santa Cruz County and Santa Clara County for most majors, has effected the amount of students that apply to live on campus, Brown said.

Ashley Swell, a senior behavioral science and psychology major, said, "I like living off campus — the dorms are too expensive, and I feel more independent living off campus."

According to the Details of

University Housing Charges, a pamphlet that breaks down housing costs by semester, for Fall 2009, a studio apartment with a seven-day platinum meal membership costs students \$6,708. For Spring 2010, a studio apartment with a seven-day meal membership will cost students \$6,871.

"The cost of housing covers itself," Brown said. "The dorm cost covers the maintenance of the building. It is beneficial for the campus to close Washburn to save money that would be necessary to maintain the hall."

Jasmine Leary, a senior business marketing major, said, "I like

living in the dorms a lot — it's a place to meet new people, and I don't have to wake up too early before my class."

Housing prices can go up and down, just as utilities usage fluctuate, so do housing prices, Culatta said.

Students are more likely to stay on track if they are constantly on campus versus students who live off campus, said Veril Phillips, vice president for student affairs.

Briana Babauta, a sophomore criminal justice major, said, "I like living on campus, it's close to everything."

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# A day of numerological nonsense



**Leonard Lai**  
Staff Writer

If you're reading this then it means the world hasn't ended yet, and the predictions of doom-mongers were wrong.

Yesterday was 9/9/09, which to conspiracy theorists is 6/6/06 upside down — therefore the end of the world.

Well 6/6/06 had already occurred, and the world didn't end, so I don't understand why they couldn't just let 9/9/09 be and go back to their underground lair where they keep pouring over Nostradamus' charts.

After all, the calendar is a man-made object, and this date is a man-made thing as well.

It just so happened that yesterday's date was 9/9/09, the same way that today's date is 9/10/09. Prophets shouldn't look so hard in trying to destroy the planet.

Hopefully instead of fearing the apocalypse, everyone went out and did something fun relating to this date consisting of 9s.

Steve Jobs made his return at the Apple live iPod event in San Francisco and introduced iTunes 9. Talk about good timing.

"The Beatles: Rock Band" came out, bringing 45 — (4+5=9) (omg!) — memorable songs that any Beatles fan can play.

The Fab Four members will also get their near 22-year-long awaited digitally remastered studio records released filled with extras.

Weblog Urlesque, a Web site dedicated to spreading viral Internet media, has also asked people to not post any cat-related pictures on the Internet on 9/9/09.

This probably is not going to happen, as many commentators of the blog have committed themselves to post at least 99 pictures of cats on as many Web sites.

If you were one of the lucky 9 couples to get married yesterday at a 99-cent store in Hollywood, congratulations!

The 99-cent store decided to marry 9 lucky couples for only 99-cents per couple.

On top of that if you had a 9 pounds, 9 ounce baby, the store would also award you \$999.99.

Tim Burton's new movie, "9"



Illustration by Evan Suarez

was released yesterday.

The only thing I know about the movie is the title, and the film's heroes are supposed to save the world.

There are a number of heroes in the movie and that number would be, yes, you guessed it, 9.

In China, the number 9 is a lucky number meaning "long-lasting," and more than 10,000 couples planned to get married in Beijing, as well as 6,000 in Shanghai.

On the simple side of things, 9/9/09 is in September and on Wednesday, both of which are 9 letters long. It is also on the

252nd day of the year, 2+5+2=9.

Hopefully everyone went to a baseball game, as that game is the essence of everything 9. There are 9 players out on the field, 9 innings, 9 strikes per inning and 90 feet between each base.

Hopefully you enjoyed this list "coincidentally" listing 9 tidbits of things that were special yesterday, now everyone should go out and do something on this very boring day of nonconsecutive numbers within its date.

Leonard Lai is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

## Letter to the Editor

I am replying to the opinion article, "When I got High in Mexico" published on Sept. 3. I respect this is an opinion, but this issue is no laughing matter. My name is Alexander Woon, and I am the chapter president and founder of Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

In our organization, we discuss current events regarding drug policy reform, and drug decriminalization in Mexico has been a hot topic amongst our chapters. The root of drug decriminalization in Mexico stems from the lack of police enforcement to fight high-level drug trafficking.

Since 2007, more than 12,000 people have been murdered because of drug cartel-related violence. The police simply do not have enough manpower to fight these violent drug cartels also partly because of internal police corruption. Much of this police corruption includes police officers stopping tourists who are likely to have a small drug possession, and attempting to receive bribes.

The recent legislation to decriminalize small drug possession was an attempt to steer the police to target violent drug cartel members rather than small time nonviolent drug offenders. Sure, small-time drug decriminalization will probably lead to increased tourism by college students for their drug-fueled spring breaks, but that was not the point of this legislation. This initiative is also important in harm-reduction measures to ensure that those who are addicted to drugs can receive the treatment, and rehabilitation that they need rather than wasting resources on throwing them in prison.

I think an important example is Portugal. In 2001, the country decriminalized all small-time drug possession. Since then, there have been decreases in drug use, drug related deaths, drug-related hospital visits, and HIV/AIDS transmission from needles. Portugal sought to treat drug addiction as a public health issue rather than a criminal justice issue. Maybe it is time to see the underlying intention of these drug policy reform efforts, rather than just go on drug-fueled binges in Cancun.

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### Did you know ... ?

-San Jose was proclaimed the "Third Most Fun City in America" by Cranium Inc., makers of the popular board game.

-San Jose is home to more patent holders than San Diego and Los Angeles combined.

-The Guadalupe River Park and Gardens renovation includes 15,000 planted trees, 9,000 new shrubs, 250 acres of park, and 2.6 miles of trails that extend from the Children's Discovery Museum to the Heritage Rose Garden near the Mineta San Jose International Airport.

-Downtown San Jose's Woz Way is named after San Jose native and Apple Computer co-founder Steve Wozniak.

-San Jose City Hall is made with 14,400,000 pounds of structural steel — enough to make about 8 billion paperclips.

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## Do you know the way to San Jose?



**Stephanie Vallejo**  
Bird's The Word

A few weeks ago I was watching a rerun of "The Nanny" and heard Niles, the witty butler, say, "Do you know the way to San Jose?"

You can imagine how excited I was to hear my hometown mentioned on one of my favorite TV shows.

I was jumping on my futon, headbanging to Nanny Fine's laugh and pumping my fists into the air.

When I simmered down, I thought, where does that line come from?

Turns out it comes from a catchy, old school tune.

In 1968, Dionne Warwick released a song titled, "Do you Know the way to San Jose?" It was

a hit song that may have put the city on the map.

Why would anybody travel to San Jose in the first place?

Today, there are plenty of reasons why San Jose is awesome, but when I was growing up, my mentality about this city was far from positive.

Remember "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial," where an average suburban family is "rick-rolled" with a lava lamp-shaped alien?

I always wanted that to happen in my neighborhood. I remember saying, "Nothing ever happens here!"

Since I'm technically an adult now, I've learned many reasons why San Jose is the place to be and

why people should visit or live.

In the same year Warwick's song was released, two SJSU student athletes made a bold statement.

Tommie Smith and John Carlos protested during a medal ceremony at the Olympic Games by raising their fists in the Black Power salute — you might have passed by their towering shadows in front of Clark Hall.

If you took a trip to Groesbeck Park in San Jose and climbed to the top of the hill, you would be able to see the entire city plus Santa Clara and some of Sunnyvale.

The panorama would consist of buildings, houses, a water park, two airports and a lot of rooftops.

About 50 years ago, you would have seen orchards of plums, grapes and apricots. It was green everywhere.

Isn't it crazy how things can change in just half a century?

After World War II, technology

replaced the orchards and SJSU's host city became the capitol of Silicon Valley.

The Circle of Palms that houses an ice skating rink during the annual Christmas in the Park is more than just a pretty site.

According to the downtown San Jose Web site, it was made in honor of San Jose being the first capitol of California.

And who can forget this is the home of the Sharks.

Our city's booming history, plus the billions of dollars spent to create downtown San Jose's urban look and feel, are two reasons why everyone should desire to visit here.

Now that SJSU has been a second home to you, make sure you speak up when someone asks you for directions.

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## 'Celebcreality' dating leaves an unpleasant flavor of love



**Angela Marino**  
Staff Writer

Scantly-clad women bouncing around tabletops as liquor flows like water is the main plot of the celebrity dating show.

I am tired of flipping through the channels and finding some "D-list" celebrity searching for his or her soulmate.

The standards for contestants are incredibly low and it seems that functioning motor skills are the only required trait. Dating shows have made a mockery of

the once sanctioned dating relationship.

Reality dating shows are far from the candlelight romance that was once the norm of dating. The soothing candlelight has transcended into burning cigarette embers.

Food is optional, but a bikini is required for the hot tub social that follows excessive drinking and whining.

Using a reality dating show as

means to return to the public eye is ridiculous.

The musician that seemed to turn dating into an outlandish, frantic circus was none other than Flavor Flav from the show, "Flavor of Love."

His ridiculous escapades were disguised as challenges for the women to look like love-hungry animals. Any man who wears a clock bigger than half of his body around his neck has never been someone worth dating.

Reality dating has made Flavor Flav a lady's man, as desperate women cried and wooed over his slurred advances.

Another musician trying to score a date is Bret Michaels

from the show, "Rock of Love." He has the pleasure of dating women with the IQ of a gnat.

Despite the outcome, I think neither Bret nor the girl he chooses gains a reliable mate. Once the cameras turn off, so does the lust.

Even the more reputable networks, such as NBC and ABC, are hopping on board the dating train.

Instead of using dried up celebrities, NBC and ABC are casting regular people.

This setup has been overplayed with the newest season of the show, "Bachelorette," as Jillian Harris tries to find her man on the Canadian slopes.

These couples can't expect to have a long-lasting marriage.

The attraction of the camera lights and over-the-top amenities create a false sense of reality that involves no responsibility on behalf of the cast members.

Once the winning contestant is thrown into the real world with his or her mate, the harsh reality tears the weak relationship apart.

Reality dating shows, such as "Rock of Love," have lost what little quality there could have been.

Each new season features a new attention-deprived celebrity who pushes the boundaries more and more. The shows are based

around what producers can get away with on cable television.

Dating shows have transformed love into a paycheck. It is a sum that determines how stupid one is willing to act for his or her 15 minutes of fame.

It is only the beginning.

I hope the dating shows are on their way out, but I have a feeling the shows are staying around.

If MTV's reality show, "The Hills," has been renewed for its sixth season, who knows what is possible in this reality facade of television programming.

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