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SJSU football team assisted in Pearl Harbor aftermath

By Angela Marino Staff Writer

The SJSU football team had traveled to the island of Oahu to play the University of Hawaii, but on Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was bombed, according to the Oct. 25, 2002 issue of The Spartan Daily.

Annette Nellen, professor of accounting and finance, said the team was eating breakfast in a Honolulu hotel as Pearl Harbor was being at-

Instead of immediately flying home, the football team volunteered for duty with the Honolulu Police Department, according to the Oct. 25, 2002 issue of The Spartan Daily.

Caitlyn Williams, a junior business marketing major, said she wasn't familiar with the courageous actions of the football team after the Pearl Harbor attack.

"It was a really noble thing for the football team to volunteer and stay to help out the residents in Hawaii," she

Lawrence Fan, sports information director at SJSU, said the Spartan football team arrived in Hawaii on Dec. 5.

"There were team activities on Dec. 6, then the bombing occurred on Dec. 7," Fan said. "A number of San Jose State players were either enlisted into the Navy or worked for the Honolulu police force."

According to the SJSU Web site, the football team assisted the city police in enforcing a blackout on the city and guarded the city's water supply.

Blackouts are usually ordered by the army in a time of war to disorient planes overhead from attacking major buildings on the ground, according to the History Channel Web site.

"The two San Jose State games were scheduled for the Dec. 13 and Dec. 16," Fan said. "Neither game was played because once the bombing of Pearl Harbor occurred, the games were cancelled."

The first players were able to return to the main land near the end of December, Fan said.

Audra Graham, a junior double major in behavioral science and psychology, said the football players' decision to help after the catastrophe at Pearl Harbor was patriotic and

"I would like to help out after a traumatic event," she said. "I think that after most tragic events, people are willing to help, such as the support that was received from volunteers during Katrina. It is nice to see people care about other people."

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Two's a crowd in

student housing

By Kyle Szymanski

Staff Writer

All freshmen housing buildings at SJSU will offer individual

"It's essentially taking a double occupancy room and arrang-

Joe West Hall has always offered individual students the opportunity to live in their own double occupancy room, but the

Brown said the decision to offer new housing options for students came after occupancy rates began to decline this semester

Brown said occupancy rates will be affected next semester when

"With space available and a more private living arrangement

Freshman microbiology major Jin Zhu said he won't take ad-

"Personally, I like having a roommate," Zhu said. "You learn

Brown said housing will continue to offer single occupancy

"This option meets the needs of those students interested in

Although single occupancy rooms will be available, the exact

price of single occupancy rooms has not been determined, Brown

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having more privacy and their own living space," Brown said.

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ent living options as to meet the needs of our residents," she said.

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tor Kevina Brown said. "Ultimately, this would mean more closet

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Gridmen Unreported In Honolulu Crisis: Games Are Indefinite

No word had been received late last night of the San Jose State college footall team in Honolulu, Hawaii, ty awaiting its game with the University of Hawaii Satur-

College officials gave no indication of immediate oncern over the team although the Islands are now a scene of international conflict.

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A photo illustration of the Dec. 8, Dec. 9 and Dec. 10 issues of the Spartan Daily in 1941.

Career Center aims to help students graduate

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By Husain Sumra Staff Writer

The Career Center is helping high-unit seniors graduate on

time, said a career counselor at the center. "We're trying to support

seniors in graduating as efficiently as possible, basically so more students can come in," said Thomas Rogers, a career counselor at the Career Center.

High-unit seniors are seniors with over 120 units, he said.

Rogers said the center offers tools like resume-building workshops and job searches to help high-unit seniors.

According to the SJSU Web site, high-unit seniors will be advised to graduate and will not be allowed to take any classes not needed for graduation.

Edward Chan, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, said the education of students shouldn't be cut.

"I wouldn't be for kicking anybody out of education," he said. "They're here. They're trying."

Rogers said the Career Center is trying to help.

"Our role is to support the students of San Jose State to make their transition to the working

He said other university services like counseling services and academic advising and retention

world which would include a job

search and resume writing and so

on," he said.

services are aiding high-unit seniors with the Career Center. "Those three student affairs groups are all putting some extra

effort and resources into supporting the high-unit seniors," he said.

John Pfenning, a senior comparative religion major, said advising and counseling for highunit seniors would help.

"People figure out what they

want to do with their college education in a variety of different ways, but counseling could never hurt," he said.

Pfenning said he thinks seniors need to graduate so freshman can enter the university.

"Getting into college is the first step to getting out of it," he

Rogers said advising and counseling for high-unit seniors would be based on each student's

"We would coach and counsel them about trying to address

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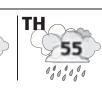
rooms to students as long as space is available.















View a slideshow of the women's basketball team's loss to Denver University at spartandailysports.wordpress.

HOUSING

said.

"This option meets the needs of those students interested in having more privacy and their own living space," Brown said.

Freshman engineering major Phil Rose said he would like the opportunity to live in first-year housing next semester.

"That was actually one of my plans if I couldn't get an apartment," Rose said. "I like living here."

Brown said there is a plan in place to use housing as an incentive for students who are attempting to enroll in impacted programs such as nursing.

Shanique Flynn, a freshman interior design major, said the option of living alone isn't appealing to her.

"It doesn't excite me," Flynn said.

University housing began to see the number of housing residents in all buildings drop this semester, Brown said. University housing has marketed the open space to San Francisco State students with little success, Brown said.

Washburn Hall, another firstyear building on campus, was shut down after the Fall 2009 Orientation to save money on utilities and maintenance costs.

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their concerns and needs as best as possible," he said.

Freshman psychology major Andrew Nguyen said there are different reasons why high-unit seniors may not graduate on

He said that students sometimes change majors and that could keep them at SJSU longer, or that it could be an emotional

"Maybe out of fear or something?" he said.

Rogers said the Career Center can help students who are afraid

to graduate. "For students that are afraid, we are just trying to provide the support around the job search,"

he said. Nguyen said he doesn't see why a high-unit senior would want to graduate.

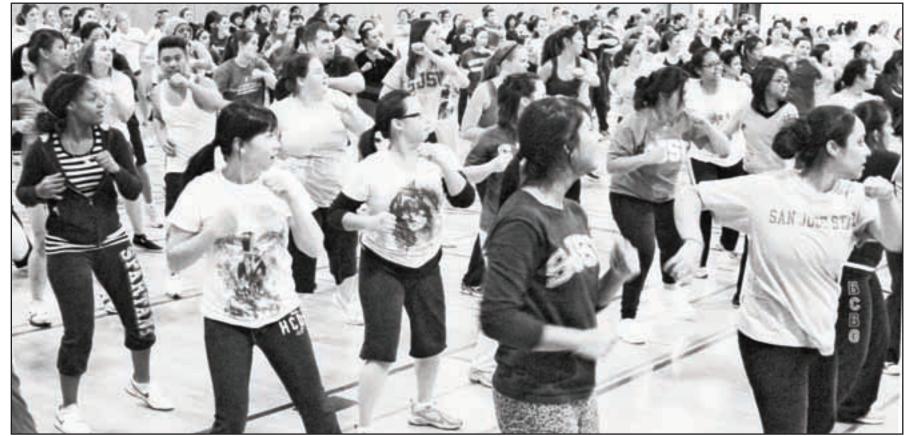
"I don't see why not graduate when you can and get on with your life," he said.

Rogers said more education is an option for some students.

"Instead of staying in an undergraduate program, we might look at graduating and then going into graduate school so the skills and expertise can continue to grow," he said.

Rogers said about half the number of assigned high-unit seniors have made contact with the center.

Annual Aerobicthon offers students stress relief



More than 100 hundred students got their hearts pumping with cardio kickboxing during Aerobicthon '09 in Spartan Complex on Friday.

By Angela Marino Staff Writer

A blonde woman bounced on a stage as if her legs were attached to springs and the crowd of students began to mimic her every move in the Spartan Complex on Friday evening.

The purpose of the Aerobicthon was for students to have fun while reducing stress from schoolwork and to encourage students to maintain an active lifestyle, said kinesiology lecturer Carol Sullivan.

"I started the Aerobicthon 19 years ago," she said. "The program began with about 50 students and it has grown every

year. This year we had over 200 students participate."

The Aerobicthon consisted of four 20-minute sessions of different styles of aerobics featuring zumba, kickboxing, jazzercise and hip-hop.

Zumba is a type of Latin aerobics that involves Latin dance moves combined with aerobic endurance, Sullivan said.

Jazzercise incorporates jazz dance into an aerobic routine, and is often more fast-paced than a regular aerobic style, she

Brittany Moniz, a senior occupational therapy major, said she came to the Aerobicthon because she thought it would be fun to try other styles

of aerobics.

"I have already fulfilled my P.E. requirement, but I signed up for advanced aerobics this semester," she said. "It is important to make sure you get some activity while studying, and it is hard to make time on your own for exercise, so I make a part of my school schedule."

Sullivan said she wanted to introduce other styles of aerobics outside of the normal step aerobics that are commonly offered.

"The instructors throughout the event volunteered their services to the students," she said. "Many of the instructors have helped with this event over the past 12 years."

Most of the instructors that volunteered for the Aerobicthon have their own business or teach classes at various fitness clubs, Sullivan said.

Senior biology Annaliza Rizo said staying active is important for college students to do on a regular ba-

"I am a member of the cross-country team, so this is really fun to come out and try a different kind of workout," she said.

The Aerobicthon had a \$5 entry fee which covers the cost of the event, and any extra funds made from the event were given to the kinesiology

department to buy equipment for kinesiology classes, Sullivan

The funds don't usually equate to a profit after covering the cost of the event, she said.

The Aerobicthon is offered

every fall around the beginning of December, Sullivan said. Nic Rudy, a junior double

major in animation and illustration, said he came to the Aerobicthon on the recommendation of his stress management course professor.

"I don't exercise on a regular basis," he said. "Although I do feel it is important to stay healthy, especially with all the stress that many students are going through right now."

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Budget cuts force changes to dining services on campus

By Regina Aquino Staff Writer

With budget cuts and challenging economic times, Spartan Shops dining services has had to make a few changes, said a Spartan Shops

"We've had a big drop in sales." said Jeff Pauley, director of the Spartan Shops dining services. "17 to 18 percent is how much our sales have gone down. I presume that they went down because department budgets are tighter than they were before."

Spartan Shops dining services operates most food services on campus, such as the cafe in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, the food court in the Student Union and the Village Market and Subway in Campus Village, Pauley said.

Jazzland is not operated by Spartan Shops dining services, Pauley said.

"Spartan Shops isn't subsidized,"

Pauley said. "We're non-profit and we don't receive any state funds. We need to at least break even. So if our sales go down, then we need to cut our expenses a like amount."

Eliezer Bercasio, a graduate student in sociology, said he usually stays on campus until late at night and would stop by the Market Cafe after hours of studying.

"Last year, I would come to the Market Cafe to grab coffee in between breaks, but I noticed they closed earlier," he said.

Pauley said dining services has cut its hours of operation to minimize expenses.

"I'm sure students will notice that there are times that we are not open when we used to be open," Pauley said. "The Market Cafe closes at 8 p.m. when they used to close at 10 last year and the Village Market opens at 9 a.m. on Fridays when they used to open at 7 last

He said foot traffic on campus has decreased because of budget

"I come in work at 7 in the morning, and I'm often alone when I'm coming to campus at that time," he said. "It didn't used to be that way. I'm attributing that our drop in sales is largely due to that there's just not as many people on campus."

Maria Alcaide, a senior nursing major, said she has not noticed any major changes in terms of prices at the Market Cafe, but thinks the dining room was busier last year.

"I remember how, in between breaks, I'd try to come and get something quick to eat but the lines would be really long," she said. "Now, this year, it doesn't seem as busy for some reason."

Pauley said the dining services has implemented more cost-efficient items for students and faculty as well as changing hours of opera-

"For instance, we closed Sbarro this summer and opened up Market Pizza and Pasta," Pauley said.

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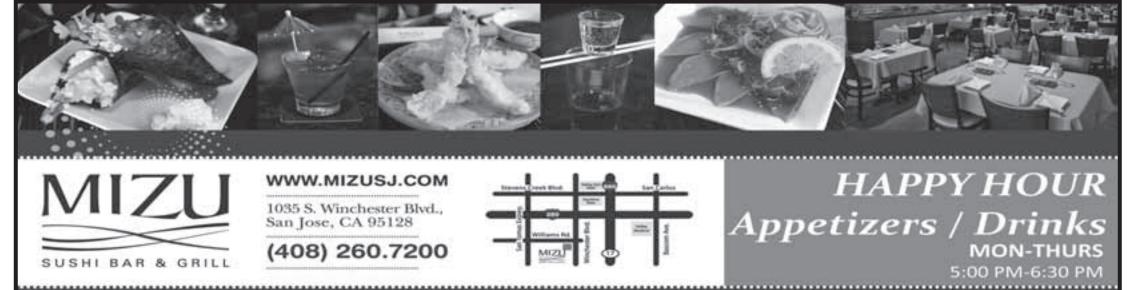
Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Source: Student Union Web site www.unionsjsu.edu

'We did that because we could offer a slice of pizza considerably less expensive than the Sbarro pizza was."

He said Market Pizza and Pasta allows Spartan Shops dining services to sell a slice of pizza for 25 cents to 50 cents less than before, because Sbarro was a franchise, Pauley said.

"Also, in the Market Cafe, our

only size of salad was a large salad so we created a smaller size that has less on it, but now you can get a salad for the \$4 to \$5 range versus the \$6 to \$7 range," he said. "We're doing that because we want to have some cheaper options since its hard times and students have less money."



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SJSU alumnus sculpts his way through life



[Photo courtesy of Peter Schifrin] Peter Schifrin, an SJSU alumnus.

the academy since 1993.

Schifrin lives in Santa Rosa

He said he didn't want to

with his wife Nicola and three

children, Gabriel, Kazimir and

have children at first, believing

they would interfere with his

who did want kids," he said.

"Having kids, it's a feeling bet-

ter than walking into the open-

ing ceremony of the Olympics.

It's exciting in a deep, cellular

things he needed to have in his

life — his health, his art and his

living in New York," he said.

"But I don't think I would be

happy if I didn't have any of

that in my life."

Schifrin said there were three

"I could be super-successful,

way. It's indescribable."

"I'm glad I married a woman

artistic endeavors.

By Ryan Fernandez Staff Writer

Artist and athlete, father and husband, teacher and friend sculptor Peter Schifrin said he has played all these roles over the course of his lifetime.

"I'm grateful for every day I'm here," he said. "I'm grateful for every day that I get to make art and be a father and husband."

Schifrin graduated from SJSU in 1982 with a bachelor degree in sculpture and earned a Master of Fine Arts in sculpture from Boston University in 1992.

He has been the director of the School of Fine Art Sculpture at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco for 10 years and has been a teacher at

With blade in hand

Schifrin said he turned down a full ride to New York University because he wanted to stay in California to study.

He said he came to SJSU because he was impressed by the university's fencing program and its coach, Olympian fencer Michael D'Asaro.

Scott Knies, executive director of the San Jose Downtown Association and one of Schifrin's closest friends, said Schifrin was already an accomplished juniorlevel fencer by the time he was recruited into the program by D'Asaro.

"He came in as a hotshot," said Knies, who was also in the fencing program and graduated from SJSU in 1979 with a bachelor degree in journalism.

Knies said he and Schifrin both reached the finals of the 1978 Junior Olympics, in Houston.

"Peter used an epee (a type of fencing sword) and I had a saber," Knies said. "It was exciting, but the part I remember most is sneaking back up to our rooms to listen to music between rounds."

He said Schifrin later represented the United States as a fencer for the U.S. Olympic team in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

"Peter has always been the most committed," Knies said. "He always went the furthest in competition."

In 1981, Knies said he, Schifrin and other fencers founded the Fencing Center of San Jose, which was the only non institution-based fencing organization in the United States Fencing Association's Central California Division at the time.

Art is serious business

"Fencing trumped art dur-

ing my time as an undergrad," Schifrin said. "I knew that my time as an athlete would be short, but I knew I could do art for the rest of my life, so I focused most of my time at SJSU on fencing — it got to the point where some of my art teachers actually warned me about being more serious with my art."

As he fenced his way through college, Schifrin said he knew he wanted to study sculpture and said that he loved the facilities available at SJSU.

He said he would credit his professors with helping him succeed as an artist.

"One of the things I love about SJSU is its quality faculty pool," he said. "The teachers took the students seriously, as if we were professional artists."

Schifrin said his professors saw fit to showcase his work as a student in the D.P. Fong and Frederick Spratt art galleries in downtown San Jose.

"It's incredibly affirming for a student to see that a teacher respects you enough to include you in a gallery," he said.

The sensation of creation

Schifrin said while he creates art out of bronze, steel and ceramic, and uses paints to accentuate his works, his preferred media are clay and wax.

"I love the feeling of having it under my hands," he said. "I love leaving fingerprints in the work. Something awakens in me and I just start smiling when I start working. The way I sing and dance and play is with wax and clay.

"There's a rawness, an honesty, a raw energy in it that makes it look like it's still in process."

Schifrin said he appreciates the suppleness of clay and wax and has learned to embrace the mistakes that can occur when working with them.

"Wax melts, clay can fall down," he said. "I try not to focus on making something too perfect. It reflects the fact that we're all imperfect in some

Schifrin said that he spends time creating small models of potential works before he starts the process of sculpting, in order to have an outline of what a piece is supposed to look like.

"It frees me up," he said.

A model enables him to better visualize the final product and put more energy into the process of creation, rather than planning, Schifrin said.

Schifrin said he tries to create works that are simple and inspirational, that act as a means of communicating with people who view his art.

"All visual artists are communicators," he said. "Visual artists try to communicate ideas and feelings through their work using form, color and shape."

Schifrin said he tries to use his work to remind viewers of the positive qualities of being alive by focusing on fundamental life principles and single-word affirmations such as "love," "patience, "compassion" and "risk."

He said that examples of such work can be seen in his "all that I know" project and "love/ fear" mask series.

According to the Mudpoet Web site, "all that I know" consists of 21 sculptures that each correspond to a single affirmation and are arranged in a six-point mandala.

Schifrin's personal Web site states that "love/fear" is a series of figurative forms, again inspired by single-word affirmations, that are combined with three interchangeable bronze

masks intended to represent love, fear and the emotions that lie between the two.

In addition to works for galleries and personal commissions, Schifrin said he also creates large-scale public works, which include "Coyotes," located on the Guadalupe River Bridge on Park Avenue in San Jose, "Skyward" and "Confluence," in downtown San Francisco, "Earth and Sky," at the DeLoach Vineyards in Santa Rosa and "Full Sky," a 20-foot tall bronze sculpture in upstate New York.

Passion, tenacity, skill

Schifrin said his grandparents introduced a conundrum in their attempts to be supportive of him when he was a young man.

"We want you to be happy," Schifrin quoted his grandparents as saying. "We want you to choose a profession that you love — just don't be an artist."

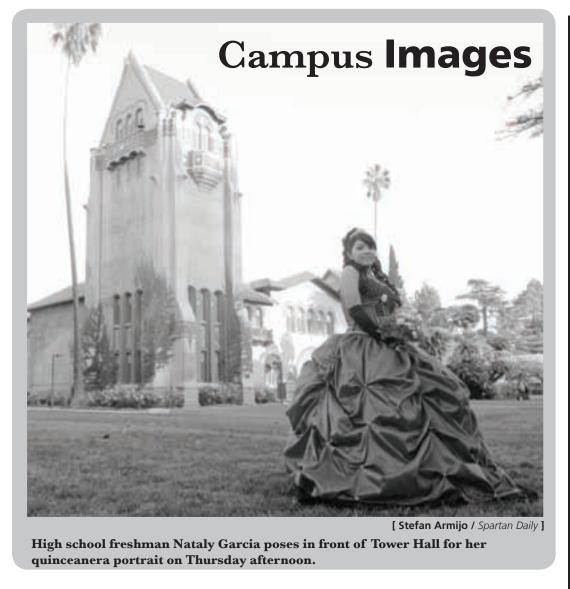
Schifrin said students should learn to trust in their own abilities and dreams, because success is "passion and tenacity combined with skill."

"Everyone has a life dream vision for themselves," he said. "You wouldn't be dreaming about something if you didn't already have the ability within you to fulfill that dream.

"If you're passionately connected to what you're studying, you won't give up when it's difficult."

Schifrin said he was fortunate to have been able to sell some of his work last year. This year, he has had to contend with the economic downturn and its effect on art sales.

"People consider fine art to be luxury items," he said. "But I think the world really does need art — it's a part of our soul."



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Freshman English major Susanne Redmond said that the initiative taken by the football team was honorable and brave.

"I think the initiative to help out the fellow man is still apparent today," she said. "Suffering is all around us, but many students can't reach the problem directly, such as last week's human trafficking event that brought awareness to the issue. The way many students help now is behind closed doors, but students still care about the people around them."

The Spartan Daily didn't publish any first-hand accounts in the student newspaper, Fan said, because the student sports editor that went with the football team returned saying there was no story since the games were not played.

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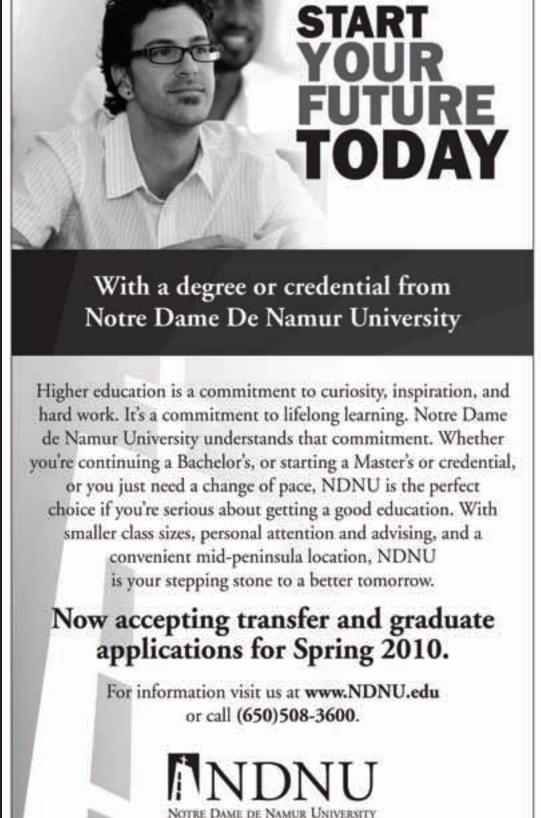
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Graphic design students create new Web site for art school

By Jill Abell *Staff Writer*

A new Web site for the school of art and design mirrors the skill, creativity and passion found in SJSU students' artwork, said an assistant professor of art and design.

Connie Hwang, an assistant professor of art and design, said the Graphic Design Practicum is the class and internship that completed the first student-based Web site design for the whole campus, which launched today.

"John Loomis (director of the school of art and design) approached me to redesign the school of art and design Web site," Hwang said. "I thought it would be a good idea to allow students to have a professional experience working with real clients."

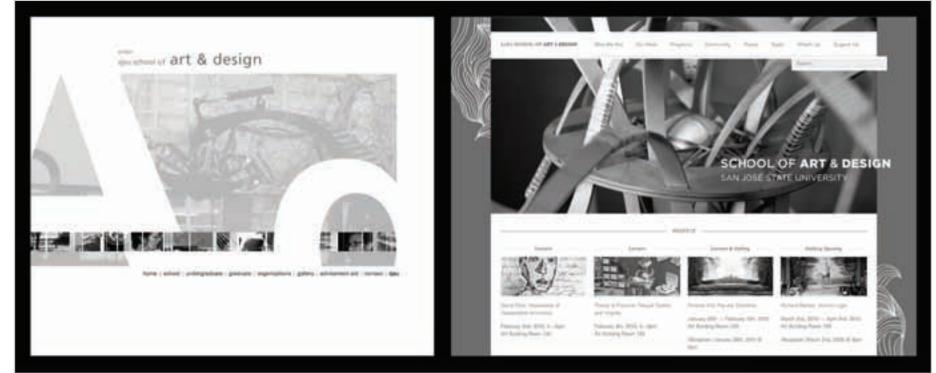
Loomis said the school of art and design first sought out private design outfits to create a new Web site.

"We didn't think students could do it," he said. "I was wrong. I am blown away. I think they could form their own company."

Priscilla Woo, a senior graphic design major, said the previous Web site for the school of art and design was not organized, was not aesthetically pleasing and was not user friendly.

"It was probably a great site to look at 10 years ago," Woo said. "Now it's outdated and cannot compete with other design and art schools around. Images are too small, some links are broken, content is old."

She said the previous Web site did



[Photo courtesy of School of Art and Design]

The old SJSU School of Art and Design Web site (on left) was replaced by the new Web site (on right), which was created by students.

not fully represent the talent of students and faculty in the school of art and design.

The class split into four teams to create four different Web site design options and presented them to an approval board that consisted of Loomis, operating system analyst Bruce Gardner and the school of art and design executive committee, Hwang said.

Woo said presenting the new design was nerve-wracking.

"I tend to feed off of clients' facial

features, but their faces didn't give anything away," she said.

She said her concept of "community" was chosen by the board and then the class worked together to integrate that concept into the Web site.

The Web site design involved a three step process of research, design exploration and refining, Woo said.

She said Loomis and the design team wanted the Web site to be more innovative or more experimental.

"They did their own drawings, they

took their own photos and they created the content — they researched," Hwang said. "We wanted the site to be a celebration of student work."

She said the name of their design group is "Design Creatures."

Woo said she hopes the new changes to the Web site will encourage others to join the school of art and design.

"We made a point to keep the navigation shallow and easy to find with just one to two clicks of the mouse,"

she said. "We use lots of beautiful images of work, of students and our classes, because we want to showcase our talent."

Hwang said that since this is the first Graphic Design Practicum class, it was not given monetary compensation, but in the future she hopes the class will receive compensation from other organizations.

"We're testing to see if SJSU can facilitate a client and design working relationship," said Jennifer Huang, a senior graphic design major. "It's like a real-world business, but we have fun at the same time."

Woo said the students learned a lot from the class and each other.

"In our design classes, most of the projects we do are individual projects," Woo said. "Working in a team is much, much harder, but it's also rewarding because we get to hear other ideas you may not have thought of yourself and produce better results when everyone works together."

Students create fake money in hopes that Congress will donate real cash

By Suzanne Yada Staff Writer

Cups of colored pencils, plates of cookies and snacks, and a whole lot of blank hundred-dollar bills were scattered across the tables Thursday for the Fundred Dollar Bill Project coloring party at the Kappa Delta house.

More than 150 members of the Greek community stopped by the dining hall to draw and color their way through the unique charity project, spearheaded by the artist behind the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library hidden artwork, said Drew Abbaszadeh, a senior art history major.

Samson Habib, a senior religious studies major, said his brothers in Sigma Nu told him about the event.

"I was going to go buy some laundry detergent, and some of the bros told me they were going to come here, so I said I'll just stop by," he said. "It's fun. I haven't colored in a while."

The Fundred Dollar Bill Project is a nationwide art project that asks community members to draw and color their own \$100 bill, or Fundreds, Abbaszadeh said.

The goal is to collect 3 million hand-drawn Fundreds across the nation using an armored truck that runs on vegetable oil, according to the Fundred Web site.

The project organizers will then deliver the artwork to Washington, D.C. to ask Congress for an even value dollar support for an environmental project, said Mary Rubin, the national coordinator for the Fundred Dollar Bill Project.

The money would go to Operation Paydirt, a project that would neutralize harmful lead in New Orleans' soil, she said.

Rubin, who is also the senior public art project manager of San Jose Public Arts, said one of the beautiful things about the project is its simplicity.

"I was sitting next to a guy in a plane," she said. "We got to talking, I pulled out a template, and he did a Fundred right then and there."

Mel Chin, an internationally renowned artist who worked on 34 pieces of art within the King Library, said he wanted to inspire action.

"It's not enough to simply draw the drawings and make all bills," he said. "We want to make sure it's exchanged for something that would work."

Chin said he was compelled to help the environmental situation in New Orleans.

"I knew I had to do something, so I returned again and again, very much like the (King) library project I began to research and discover," he said.

Abbaszadeh said she loves seeing how instantly people understand and want to participate in the Fundred Dollar Bill Project. was featured recently or Fundreds' Facebook page. "One of the girls who in New Orleans actually the state on the front of it

"It's such a personal project," she said. "Normally, a lot of these things go over the head of so many people, but we actually get

to work with the community and getting kids excited about it and talking about it with people. It's a really great outreach project, in addition to the project itself."

She said she plans to pass out Fundreds to individuals in other Greek houses, to the local Girl Scouts, even to other students in the art department where she studies

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"One of the girls who was in New Orleans actually drew the state on the front of it, and on the back she drew the Super Dome where she was evacuated after Katrina," she said. "It's a really powerful one."







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SJSU choir and orchestra join for Holiday Benefit Concert

By Suzanne Yada Staff Writer

A harmonious mix of voices, string instruments, woodwinds and brass resonated through the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph on Saturday night.

An estimated 500 people, including a 90-person choir and a 43-person orchestra, packed the downtown San Jose cathedral for the Holiday Benefit Concert, a fundraiser for the SJSU Choral Department.

The Chamber Singers and the Concert Choir have not performed with the Symphony Orchestra in 10 years, said Amanda Quist, director of choral activities.

Quist said she had been talking about collaborating with orchestra conductor Janet Averett since the beginning of the year.

"It was just the right time for our departments to work together again," Averett said.

Maryloie Rivera, a junior music education major and a singer with the Concert Choir, said she loved the sound of the choir performing with the orchestra.

"Maybe because I'm a music education major, I might be biased, but it's breathtaking," she said. "I would consider it lifechanging. But for the people in the audience to experience such beauty, with the architecture and with the orchestra and choir, all of it coming together is just magi-

The pieces performed were a mix of classical symphonic music, vocal jazz Christmas carols and modern choral compositions not all of them holiday-related, Averett said.

"I like to think of them as an overall celebration of life as opposed to division of faiths," she

The symphony orchestra performed the "Overture to Fidelio" by Ludwig van Beethoven and "Variations on a Theme by Haydn, op. 56a" by Johannes Brahms, neither of which is seasonal, Averett

She said the orchestra doesn't often get to play in an impressive setting like St. Joseph's, so she chose music that would work well in the venue.

"When we came in here the other night for rehearsal, everybody was really amazed at the sound," she said. "The warmth of the Brahms, the sparkle of the Beethoven — we were able to pull it off in a very echoey space."

The Chamber Singers performed a vocal jazz medley of Christmas carols before intermission, then launched into "Magnificat," a modern minimalist vocal piece by Arvo Part that premiered in 1989, according to the concert program notes.

"Magnificat" uses the Latin text of a Bible passage known as the Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary, according to the concert

Part's work was inspired by Johann Sebastian Bach's "Magnificat," Quist said.

The choirs and the orchestra united to perform Bach's "Magnificat," a piece that is traditionally seasonal, she said.

Bach composed the work for a Christmas Day performance in



The SJSU choir and orchestra perform in the Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph Saturday night.

hearts."

Leipzig in 1723, according to the concert program notes.

"The music itself is extremely difficult," Quist said. "It's very virtuosic music, meaning that there's lots of vocal technique required to sing these pieces."

Quist said the students rose to the challenge.

"I thought it went beautifully," she said. "Everybody pulled their concentration and their technique out, and they sang with their

Jessica James, a senior child development major, said she was there to support her former coworker Maria Cammisa, who had

a solo in the concert.

James said her background with the clarinet and choir allows her to appreciate classical

"It's part of our history," she said. "Seeing the progression of music is gorgeous, and I really appreciate that a lot."

BELLES BETES

[Stefan Armijo / Spartan Daily]

The cover of Nadja's new album titled "Belle Betes." Canadian duo Nadja offers frosty, metallic delights Review: CD

By Hank Drew Executive Editor

Frosty Canadian doomgazers — a hybrid of doom metal and spacey shoegaze — Nadja have released the stunning "Belles Betes," a collection of covers of one of its own member's side project.

M.C. Escher, eat your heart out.

Nadja's main man Aidan this side of black metal. Baker has been quietly releasing some of the most consistently beautiful heavy noise for the past few years.

The Nadja Web site counts 30 releases just under the band's own name. I don't have enough fingers or toes to start working on Baker's solo releases and Nadja split records with other bands.

The six-track "Belles" starts off with the softly oppressive "Sand like Skin." Baker's voice lightly floats under the surface of the most distorted guitar howl

Drums and bass — provided by Leah Buckareff the other Nadja doomster — round out the blanket of sound. All this is played at a leisurely pace.

Nadja is able to turn that distorted and heavy sound on its ear, and is able to make the grotesque into the "belle" of the ball.

"Beautiful Beast" ups the tempo a bit. The oppressively distorted bass and guitars are still present, but are augmented by little background tinkles that sound like high-pitch guitar strumming.

The low-end hum and highend twinkle swirl into a gigantic plasma cloud of sound at about the seven-minute mark. Under the influence of a nice pair of headphones, this cloud seems to lift me out of my chair.

Nadja isn't for everyone. Nadja isn't Beyonce — though I would love to hear them work

Nadja is a force of flailing sonic entities. These songs should not sound as pretty as they do.

The band does have a certain sound that doesn't radically change over the course of an album or even over the years.

The band's sound evolves at a glacial pace at the song and album level.

Baker is able to dig deep into these layers of noise and pull out flowers of sonic joy. I would suggest this record-

ing for fans of My Bloody Valentine in search of something more extreme and equally beautiful.

Adventurous metalheads that aren't afraid to stop, smell the roses and then stomp on them should also give this a listen.

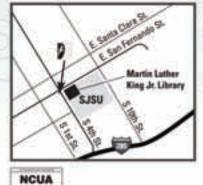
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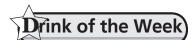


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Stinky fruit makes for a sweet smoothie



By Jon Xavier Senior Staff Writer

It's long been my opinion that the smoothie is the best thing to happen to fruit since refrigerated shipping containers.

Eating fruit the way nature intended just seems outmoded when I can blend it, mix it with some frozen yogurt and have myself a frosty treat I can consume while feeling inordinately superior to those fat slobs who drink mere milkshakes.

Still, I have to admit there's a certain lack of variety at most places where smoothies are served. Everywhere I go, I see the same assortments of fruit apples, bananas, oranges and the occasional peach or mango.

Even specialty establishments focused solely on smoothies stick to the staples, simply combining them in different ratios and calling it a wide selection.

Enter Lee's Sandwiches.

Although primarily a sandwich restaurant serving up cheap subs with an Asian twist, Lee's also has a smoothie menu that encompasses flavors running the gamut from mundane to outlandish.

The familiar favorites are there, of course — strawberry, mango, banana.

Then there are the oddballs, recognizable fruits that one nonetheless wouldn't immediately regard as drinkable — avocado, for example, which tastes like a vanilla shake but gave me a nosebleed the one time I tried it.

Finally, there are the truly bizarre tastes, likely unfamiliar to those who haven't traveled much in Asia.

There's taro root and lychee smoothies and smoothies made from iced mint, honeydew and mung beans.

And there's also a smoothie made from the strangest fruit of all — the incomparable, paradoxical durian.

For those not in the know, a durian is a large, roughly oblong fruit native to Southeast Asia, where it is commonly regarded as "the king of fruits."

It's weird looking, like a cross between a melon and a "thwomp," a grimacing, spikecovered brick of Super Mario Bros. fame that takes great pleasure in flattening the mustachioed protagonist.

The resemblance is not entirely cosmetic, either — since they weigh up to seven pounds, are covered in sharp spikes and grow high up in trees, durians are usually cultivated on farms equipped with safety nets to prevent them from killing unsuspecting passers-by when they

That's not the durian's defining characteristic, however. Even though they look like an alien egg sac and taste like custard, most people remember durians for their smell.

They have the delicate odor of something that died in a bog. It's bad enough that the fruit is actually banned for consumption in confined public spaces like buses or trains in some parts of the world, lest the fumes distress those with weak constitutions.

I don't think Lee's uses actual durians in their smoothies. As evidence. I submit the fact that I can walk into the restaurant without my eyes watering.

The drink itself is even fairly inoffensive, with the famous fug dialed back to the intensity of a distant tire fire.

After a couple sips, my nose adjusted and I didn't even notice it anymore.

Which is good, because I wouldn't want anything to distract me from the taste.

Eating a real durian is something of a bait-and-switch.

One goes into it expecting something truly horrific because of the smell, and then one takes the first bite — incredibly rich and sweet, coating the tongue like good ice cream.

There's a kind of vertigo that goes along with this discovery, a side effect of falling into the gulf between results and expectations.



The durian smoothie sold at Lee's Sandwiches.

this.

It never presents itself as anything other than rich and creamy, and it follows through on that promise.

It's sweet and a little bit spicy, with an initial of vanilla.

There's also a slight aftertaste of almonds or walnuts. It's subtle, but stays on the palate for some time. I found myself encountering it with my tongue long after the cup was finished.

Lee's sells their smoothies

The smoothie has none of for \$3.75. At that price, I got a clear plastic cup of foamy liquid roughly the size of a Starbucks grande caramel frappuccino with extra whip. Which, incidentally, hits the taste buds in about the same way as the smoothie.

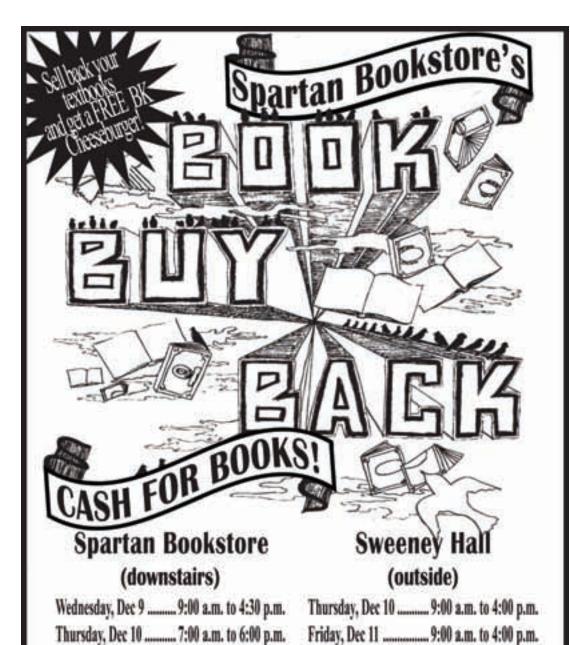
Yet, it's undeniable that the rush of flavor reminiscent more conventional drink lacks a certain elan compared to the Lee's concoction, made from a stinky, spiky fruit that's banned from subways.

> If you are looking for a sweet treat and can stand a little stench, you owe it to yourself to give Lee's a try.



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The durian fruit native to southeast Asia is known for its awful stench.



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SPORTS 7

Season in review

(Commentary)

By Joey Akeley Sports Editor

@ USC L 56-3

For those of you who forgot, the Spartans scored the first three points in this game. By first quarter's end, they led 3-0 against one of the best teams in the nation. The second quarter is where the Spartans went downhill — for the season. The Trojans would score 28 points in the second quarter. They would finish the game with 620 yards of offense, while the Spartans had 121.

vs. Utah L 24-14

This may have been the Spartans most impressive effort of the season. SJSU was tied going into the fourth quarter against a ranked Utah team that won the Sugar Bowl a year ago. A blown coverage led to a long touchdown pass for the Utes early in the fourth quarter. Utah never looked back, scoring on its last two drives.

@ Stanford L 42-17

Cardinal running back Toby Gerhart gets my vote for the Heisman Trophy. In a loaded Pac-10 conference, Gerhart has broken the conference record with 26 touchdowns and leads the nation with 1,736 rushing yards. Suffice it to say, the Spartans had no chance of stopping the stud running back. Gerhart rushed for 113 yards and two touchdowns. Stanford return specialist Chris Owusu ran the opening kickoff back for a touchdown. The game was over midway through the third quarter. vs. Cal Poly W 19-9

At this point in the season, the Spartans had never established a running game. This trend changed against the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Mustangs. Running back Lamon Muldrow rushed for 184 yards and a touchdown. Quarterback Jordan La Secla earned his first career win in his second start of the season.

vs. Idaho L 29-25

This truly was the turning point of the season. I'm not saying the Spartans would have been a bowl team if they won this game, but losing at home on a touchdown late in the fourth quarter must have put this team in the dumps. La Secla, who threw for a career-high 299 yards, led a drive that resulted in a go-ahead field goal with six minutes to go. The Vandals had already benched their starting quarterback, and everybody in the building knew that all the Spartans had to do was stop the run to win the game. But they couldn't do it, as the Vandals ran the ball eight of nine plays, scoring on a 5-yard touchdown run to cap a 67-yard drive.

@ Fresno State L 41-21 Speaking of not stopping the run, the Spartans had no chance against the best running back in the Western Athletic Conference. Ryan Mathews put on a show, rushing for 220 yards and a touchdown. The Spartans actually led 14-7 after the first quarter, but the Bulldogs would go on to score 34 unanswered

@ Boise State L 45-7



No. 4 Michael Avila puts his head to the turf during the Spartans 62-7 loss against Nevada on Nov. 8 in San Jose.

Something must have been in the smurf turf, because in the first half of this game, the Spartans held the Broncos to eight rushing yards. Where was this effort all the season? As for the game, the Broncos scored two touchdowns in the final minute of the first half to take a 17-point lead. They routed the Spartans in the second half, rushing for 132 yards.

vs. Nevada L 62-7

This had to be the low point for the Spartans. The Wolf Pack rushed for 517 yards in what was the worst loss in Spartan Stadium history. Four Nevada players had more than 100 yards rushing, tying an NCAA record. Before this game started, I thought the Spartans were a below average team with a

brutal schedule. After this game, the whole nation knew that the Spartans were bad — really bad.

@ Utah State L 24-9

The Spartans run defense once again did not show up, allowing the Aggies to run for 381 yards. But before I rip the defense any more, I have to mention that the offense scored nine points against an Aggies team known for giving up big plays. This loss officially made the Spartans the worst team in the WAC.

vs. Hawaii L 17-10 (OT)

The Spartans defense actually played quite well, particularly in the second half. The offense had the ball with a chance to win the game with a minute to go. But Muldrow fumbled the ball, and the Rainbow Warriors

won the game in overtime. The loss reminded me of the last time the Spartans played Hawaii at Spartan Stadium. That time the Spartans were winning with minutes remaining, but running back James Callier fumbled the ball, giving Hawaii the opportunity to tie game at the end of regulation, which they converted. The Rainin overtime.

vs. New Mexico State W 13-10 At this point, head coach Dick Tomey had already announced his retirement by season's end, and it was becoming a distraction for the team. The Spartans really wanted to get a win for their coach, and they delivered. Tomey deserved a bright spot for an otherwise abysmal season. With the game tied at

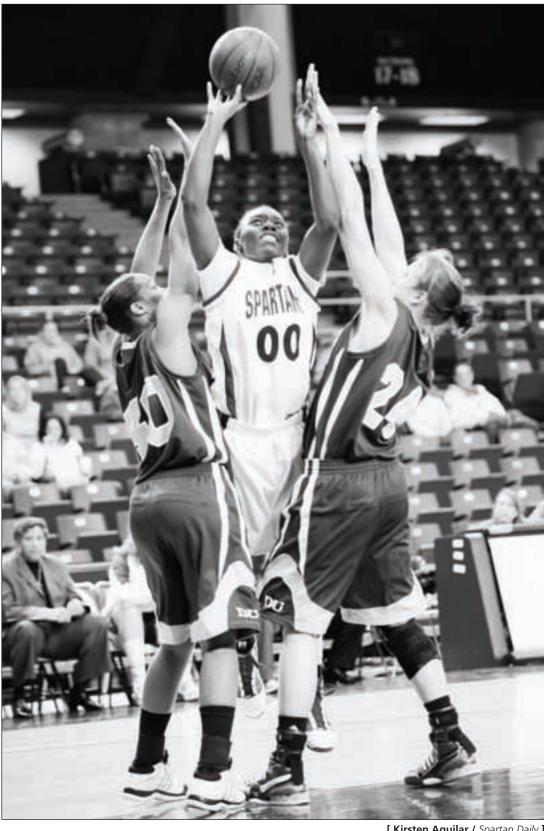
10 late in the fourth quarter, La Secla connected with wide receiver Jalal Beauchman for a 57-yard gain. That play set up the gamewinning field goal by placekicker Tyler Cope, giving the Spartans their first conference win of the season while ending a six-game losing streak.

vs. Louisiana Tech L 55-20 bow Warriors would win the game Tomey was honored before the game by the host Bulldogs, and the Spartans appeared fired up to win his last game. They led 14-7 in the first quarter. But, the Bulldogs would score 38 unanswered points. Sound familiar? Essentially, the same set of circumstances occurred against Fresno State. Bulldogs running back Daniel Porter had 189 yards rushing and three

touchdowns.



Spartans lose close contest



[Kirsten Aguilar / Spartan Daily]

Chasity Shavers, No. 00, attempts to shoot the ball between two defenders Sunday during the Spartans 66-61 loss to Denver University at the Event Center.

By Suzanne Yada Staff Writer

Although the SJSU women's basketball team sent the Denver Pioneers to the line 25 times

Sunday, they still had a chance to win the game late.

But a series of close calls in the dwindling seconds of the game, including two controversial calls against the Spartans, sealed the

66-61 loss for SJSU.

"It sucks," forward Samantha Marez said. "It sucks because we have such talent on the team in every position. We have depth on the bench, and it just sucks



Monique Coble, No 15, and Rachel Finnegan, No. 11, walk off the court during the Spartans 66-61 loss Sunday to the University of Denver at the Event Center.

to come into a game and lose, knowing we could come into each game and beat everybody off the charts."

SJSU assistant coach Brett Studley said the result was disappointing.

"It was a tough battle, like pretty much every game we've been in," Studley said. "Our kids fought, but we put DU on the free-throw line 25 times. It's pretty much been the story of our season. We got to do a better job of not fouling and keeping teams off the free-throw line."

It was a close game throughout, neither team leading by more than seven points.

Each time one team racked up points, the other was typically seconds behind.

The last time the Spartans matched the Pioneers on the scoreboard was when a layup by guard Sayja Sumler tied the game at 56 with 4:26 remaining.

Twenty-five seconds later,

a foul was called against guard Chasity Shavers that had spectators booing the referee.

That gave guard Britteni Rice the opportunity to score two free throws for Denver, giving the Pioneers a 58-56 lead that the Spartans inevitably couldn't

Another controversial call hurt the Spartans with just 43 seconds left in the game, when Sumler was called for a blocking

"There were five or six seconds on the shot clock, and Sayja was trying to make a play," Studley said. "From where I was sitting, I couldn't tell if she beat her to the spot or if she was late. The official made the call, that's what they saw, and I don't have any problems with that. We just have to play better defense for the entire game."

Marez said she was not blaming the referees, but she questioned their decisions.

"It's just frustrating to see that when the game is on the line like that, to see refs just nonchalant about anything," Marez said. "Even if we would have won, I would have said the same thing."

Another factor to the Spartans' loss was that two key players, Britney Bradley and Ashley Brown, weren't in the game Sunday, said forward Shaunna

"When you don't have your whole team there, it really truly affects you on the court," Ridge said. "Those little things take a toll on you mentally, so you just have to be stronger and fight, which is a lot of times really tough for a young team that's really inexperienced together."

Though Marez scored 19 points, which was both a season best and a game high, she said the achievement was bittersweet.

"Our ultimate goal was to win, and even though I did score, it doesn't matter how many points I score if we lose," Marez said.

Ridge said the team is refocusing and gearing up for Wednesday's game against Cal.

"I think we can play with anyone. We truly can," she said. "We're so talented. We just haven't put the pieces together for whatever reason."

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Sports In Brief

Men's Basketball

Won 82-74 against Utah Valley in Utah Saturday afternoon. Kyle Thomas, Robert Owens, Mac Peterson, Adrian Oliver and Chris Oakes all scored in double digits. Oakes recorded his second double-double of the season, contributing 12 points on 4-6 shooting and grabbing 14 rebounds in the win. Oliver led the Spartans with 17 points. The win improved the Spartans record to 3-3 on the season.

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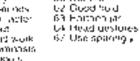
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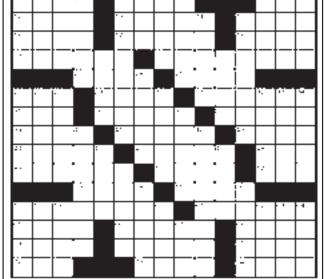
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Better read this if you want to graduate



Suzanne Yada

Staff Writer

Yeah, you, the student who plans on graduating some time this century.

If you don't know every single class you need to graduate, stop everything you are doing.

Put down the paper and log on to your MySJSU account.

(I can't believe I have to tell you this. I feel like an idiot for missing this myself.)

Click the link toward the left called "Degree Progress."

Pull down the menu and "Academic Advising

I'll wait right here until it

Still waiting.

Are you back yet? OK, hit "Expand All."

Do you see those scary-looking red boxes?

Yeah. They mean the require-

ment isn't complete.

Make sure you understand each and every one of those red flags. Some of them could be false alarms, but some of them could be marking a class you never knew you needed to graduate until now, when you paused your reading of this

column and checked. God, I feel stupid.

Stupid for relying on the checklist of classes the counselor in my department gave me. (I only got the requirements for the major, not for graduation as

Stupid for assuming that my transferred community college units would have taken care of anything labeled GE.

Stupid for thinking the WST I passed took care of my 100W class requirement.

Stupid for procrastinating until the last semester to make sure I was squared away.

Now I'm approaching my last semester, trying to cram in these last-minute surprise classes in a time of crazy bud-

I've heard so many stories

exactly like this, and I should have known better.

Good thing I insisted on seeing more than one counselor, otherwise I may have never found out about all the upper-GE units that must be taken at SJSU.

I met with the counselor and I had to ask her if I was the only one who failed to notice the upper-GE requirements.

She said I was far from it.

She then asked me if I attended orientation, and for the life of me, I couldn't remember if I did or didn't.

I confessed that I probably didn't. It was optional, she

So vital information students need to know is optional?

She also said many students who did attend don't remember the part of the presentation that explained graduation require-

At this point, I was done beating myself up.

SJSU needs to do something drastic about letting its students know about the proper graduation process.

Of course, we should be reading our course catalog page by page like good little boys and

Of course, we should have been taking detailed notes at a voluntary orientation and remembering it years down the

Of course, we should be going to the SJSU advising Web page, following the Twitter feed and the Facebook fan page no one knows exists.

Of course, we shouldn't be too lazy or busy to look up the stupid phone number to schedule an appointment (it's 924-2129, by the way. You're welcome).

I'd like to think I'm beyond hand-holding, but apparently I'm not. I was never really shown the application process, and it would have been helpful to know this when I first transferred.

Allow this column to do that for you.

I know some of you are thinking, "Oh yeah? My problem (or my friend's problem) is far worse."

It's probably true. I have heard some shocking stories more horrible than this one.

But unlike many of the other reported problems at SJSU, such as missing transcripts, budget cuts or office miscommunications, you can prevent this one.

Promise me you will not make the same mistake.

Senator's attempt to influence NBA is a publicity stunt

members of

government.



Kyle Szymanski

Staff Writer

When LeBron James steals an open-court pass and finishes on the other end of the court with a show-stopping dunk, what do you think about?

Odds are, you aren't thinking about the uniform James is wearing or where it was made.

But Sen. Charles Schumer of New York apparently does.

According to an Associated Press article, Schumer is asking the National Basketball Association to terminate its contract with Adidas if the sportswear company does not back down from its plan to move one of its production facilities from New York to Thailand. Adidas produces about half of the game jerseys worn by NBA players.

Schumer said the closure of the facility will put 100 people out of work and put an "allamerican product at stake." He also doesn't like the decision because basketball is an "American game."

Schumer is playing this stunt off as an attempt to make it look like he cares about the "little people" he represents in New York.

nothing more than a publicity stunt to draw attention to himself.

What better way to be recognized than to take on a huge company like

Adidas and influence one of the three major sports in America?

People are laid off all the time with little objection from members of government.

Ormet Corporation, a New York aluminum producer, just announced it will dismiss between 60 and 100 of its work-

The Penn Traffic Company of New York just announced

In reality, I believe this is it would close dozens of supermarkets and lay off 4,000 workers. I don't see Schumer raising objections to these lesser-known companies firing

> If Schumer really cared for People are laid off employall the time with ment status of little objection from the people he represents, he would take on smaller, lesserknown

> > panies are laying off workers just like Adidas is planning to do.

> > Why is Schumer not going after them? Perhaps they aren't prestigious enough to give him the publicity he is after.

> > Few would notice if Schumer raised objections about

the Penn Traffic Company or Ormet, but people will surely notice if Schumer flexes his political muscles to influence the NBA.

If Schumer cared about the little people, he would be up in arms over the Cummins, Inc. New York engine plant, which announced it is going to lay off 400 workers.

All Schumer wants out of this publicity stunt is a notch on his figurative belt to help him climb the political ladder.

His argument that basketball is an American sport, thus making it inappropriate for teams to wear jerseys made outside of the U.S., is just another ridiculous argument he has developed to soften the blow of his original egotistical

He acts as if the material NBA players wear actually has an impact on the way they play. I am no talent scout, but I think it is fair to say that Kobe Bryant would be just as graceful on the court if he was wearing a jersey made in Thailand as he would be if he was wearing a jersey made in the

And James' skill at jump shots wouldn't deteriorate because the shorts he was wearing were coming from Thailand.

Schumer needs to realize that there is more to being a politician than trying to attract attention to himself to further his political career, and Adidas needs to realize their decision isn't going to change the game of basketball or the city of New York.

Thanksgiving day turkey wrap-up: the consequences of over indulgence



Rvan Fernandez

Staff Writer

Ah, Thanksgiving — a time to gather family and friends around a table, catch up on the year's doings and give thanks for all the things we have that others don't.

After which, we then proceed to "consume mass quantities" of food and drink, as the Coneheads do, and indulge in an orgy of unmitigated gluttony the likes of which is not likely to be seen again for at least another month.

Is that what Thanksgiving means now?

Is it about days of shopping and hours of cooking that results in a food coma and a stomachache, which inevitably comes from having just one more slice of pumpkin pie (topped with whipped cream), another scoop of garlic-butter mashed potatoes, yet more helpings of cranberry-chorizo stuffing and an extra slice (or

two or three) of turkey, all topped off with a glass of wine that probably wasn't of the finest vintage?

People who rant about how Black Friday's rampant consumerism has turned Thanksgiving into "Thanksgetting" appear to have forgotten about the rampant consumption that goes on during the

Or is food one of those items where too much could never, ever be enough?

Don't get me wrong, I was actually looking forward to popping out a new notch on my belt to accommodate my newfound winter girth.

I have fond memories of Thanksgiving dinners (or lunches, whenever the food is ready), but enough is enough, especially when it's been about a week-and-a-half since Thanksgiving and I'm still

suffering the consequences of my indulgence.

I'm not talking about the coma, the "grumbly tumbly," the fact that my jeans the morning after or even the es, turkey and pasta casserole and up the salt a tad for next cycle starts again next year. wine and cranberry sauce-induced hallucinations freaking me out of my overconsumption stupor at 2 a.m.

Please, I took care of that with my Black Friday work-

I had my cardio, running from store to store, aisle to aisle, sale item to sale item. I even got in some resistance training as I resisted the efforts of a man trying to take the last discounted optical mouse out of my hands at Best Buy (I lost).

No, I'm talking about the glutton's paradise that is a refrigerator (and freezer) full of leftover food that somehow never got taken home by friends and relatives, despite admonishments ("It'll go to waste if you don't take it!"), appeals to their slothful tendencies ("You won't have to cook for a week!") and vaguely disturbing but well-intentioned attempts to fatten them with mashed potatoes wand up ("You're too skinny, take

On the following day — and

gravy on the side, turkey and stuffing omelettes and a turkeynoodle soup that was clearly week — I had traditional turkey not my greatest culinary effort I can be thankful for — until mysteriously refuse to button and cranberry-sauce sandwich- (Note to self: forgo the cream the memories fade and the

time — if there is a next time). I made and ate my last turkey wrap yesterday.

I guess that's one more thing

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I'm going to study, prepare for the CMA (Certified Management Accountant) exam and enjoy time with my family.

Christine Zhu Junior, Business Corporate Finance



Taking winter classes. I might go on vacation with family and friends, and I'm going to be working.

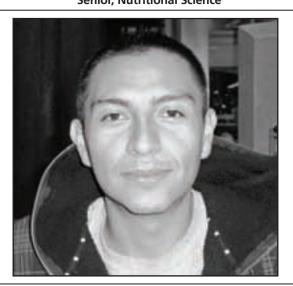
What are you going to do over winter break?

Margaret Vargas
Junior, Business



Teach myself how to sew, take modern dance and jazz class during winter session and work.

Hector Diaz
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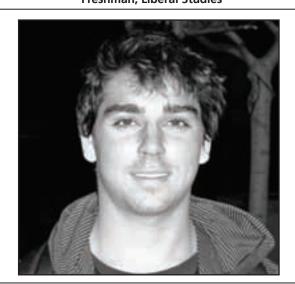
Basically just work as much as I can to make up for all the time I didn't work while I went to school, and maybe go snowboarding.

Tierney Genoar
Sophomore, Mathematics



Visit my family for a while, and then come back to look for a job, and then get ready for the next semester.

Erik Miller Freshman, Liberal Studies



I live in southern California, so I plan to go to the beach a lot and hang out with friends there.

