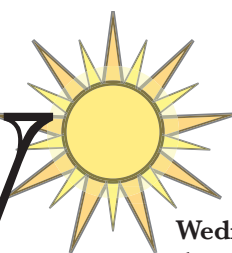




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Temp teachers could fail to make the cut

As SJSU faces further budget cuts, students could find fewer part-time teachers next yearBy **Jennifer Hadley**
Staff Writer

As student enrollment is reduced on California State University campuses, some faculty contracts may not be renewed, said a CSU spokesman.

"Some faculty positions are likely to not be renewed, as student enrollment is cut by

40,000 students over (the) next two years," said Erik Fallis, a CSU media relations specialist.

Pat Lopes Harris, director of media relations at SJSU, said tenured or tenure-track instructors are employees who work for the university full-time for their entire careers.

Other instructors on campus are nontenured, meaning they are on one to three-year

contracts that are renewed as needed, Harris said.

Harris said the university is not prepared to share the number of part-time instructors employed at SJSU this semester, because the university is waiting on the CSU chancellor's office to collect census data from every CSU campus.

One student said fewer faculty members would be the last thing students need.

"As a student, I feel that I am not receiving what I am

paying for, especially with this increase in tuition," senior kinesiology major Ana Aranda said. "Fewer professors on campus would only bring more negative effects."

Harris said when the university chooses to not renew a contract, it is not technically a layoff, even though it may feel like to employees.

"In my situation, if I did not have a contract renewed, I would not consider it a layoff," political science Professor Mark

Linder said. "I am a temporary contract employee. I knew that when I signed the agreement."

Senior psychology major Steve Dominguez said the potential of having fewer faculty worries him.

"It makes me insecure knowing that there will be less sections available, because there won't be anyone to teach the courses," Dominguez said. "It makes me nervous thinking I

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New fraternity builds path to charter

By **Dominique Dumadaug**
Staff Writer

Marco Negrete, a junior public relations major, said he had no intention of building a fraternity, or even becoming involved with one, when he first came to SJSU in 2007.

"I came to SJSU from Southern California," he said. "I knew one person through a mutual friend ... he was one of those guys that really wanted to join a fraternity, and he was encouraging me to join."

The fraternity Negrete decided to join was Delta Sigma Phi.

History on Campus

Negrete said this will be the third time the group has chartered on campus.

"The first time was in 1949 and the second time was in 1983," he said. "The last time the organization was removed in 1992."

"It was a removal not by our campus, but by our national fraternity. There's a limited amount of members each fraternity could have to remain active and our fraternity wasn't able to reach that number."

In 2007, because of strong alumni support, the group was given the thumbs up by the national chapter to re-colonize at SJSU, said Negrete.

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Sorority members join community for breast cancer walk

By **Kirsten Aguilar**
Staff Photographer

More than 70 Delta Zeta members drove to San Francisco on Saturday to participate in the 12th annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.

"It's something we did before I even joined," Delta Zeta President Caitlin Edmunds said. "Every year the house would go, and so we've just continued it every fall. We do it as an entire house."

A total of 20,000 people participated in the walk, according to Erin Bartlett, director of marketing and communications for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in San Francisco.

Edmunds, a senior child development major, said she joined the sorority in 2006, and has been continuing to support her sorority sisters, who had lost family and friends to breast cancer.

"I personally don't have any family members or anything that are affected by it, but I know a lot of my sisters are, so I want to go just to support them and help them out," she said.

Senior communications major Monica Cal-

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SJSU's Delta Zeta chapter members support breast cancer awareness by participating in the 12th annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco on Saturday.

[**Kirsten Aguilar** / *Spartan Daily*]

Campus Christians unite for prayer, song and compassion

By **Mauricio Garcia**
Production Editor

Members from various SJSU Christian fellowships came together Sunday in the Barrett Ballroom of the Student Union to worship, pray and get to know one another.

Tim Castagna, a fourth year public relations major and coordinator of United In Christ Night, said, "The essence of the event is to build unity in the Christian body of San Jose State, and for people to get closer to God."

"UIC Night is a huge night of celebration, where we come together to celebrate the unity we have here on campus as Christians — also, to pray together, pray for our campus, our town and our country and to worship God."

An estimated 200 people attended the event, Castagna said.

"From my perspective, I think that tonight was so important for us, as Christians, to come together and to really be reminded that ... we need to be aware of the hurting people at our school, in the community, and that it's such an important issue," said Amy Boyden, a junior anthropology major and member of SJSU Campus Crusade for Christ.

Jasmine Kwan, a junior creative arts major and microphone controller for the night, said, "(This is) where all of the fellowships on campus come together, because we are one in Christ."

United In Christ is an umbrella group for the Christian ministries of SJSU to come together, Castagna said.

"UIC is not just one group that works to make all of the groups come together — it's all the groups working together," he said. "All of the groups together make UIC."

Castagna said the group comprises the leaders of SJSU campus ministries.

The members of United In Christ meet once a month, and this is the first year it is recognized as a student group.

"There's doctrinal and theological differences, but one other thing that I really enjoy about this event is that people put those aside for the greater good," said Robby Valderrama, a senior business finance major and former coordinator for United In Christ.

Kwan, who is also a member of Pulse Club, said one

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Search for vegan products on campus yields tasty, healthy results

By **Angela Marino**
Staff Writer

Food options may be harder to find on campus for vegan students, but the diet delivers overall health benefits, said a nutrition, food science and packaging lecturer.

Kathleen Cahill, a nutrition, food science and packaging lecturer, said a vegan diet is healthy when the diet is fully rooted in the plant kingdom.

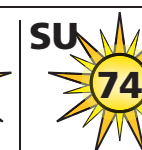
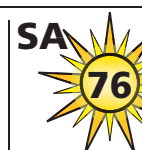
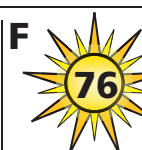
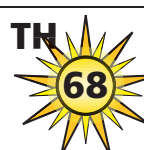
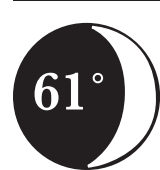
Components of a Vegan Diet

According to the Vegetarian Resource Group Web site, vegan diets do not include animal products or by-products, such as eggs, dairy products, honey, leather, fur, silk, wool, etc.

"Vegans are never deprived of protein," Cahill said. "The only nutrient that is not found in the plant kingdom is vitamin B-12,

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One of the 12 concepts offered at SJSU's Dining Commons is "The Garden of Eden," where students and faculty can choose from a variety of vegan foods.



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Late physics professor known for giant stature and humor

By Amber Simons
Staff Writer

The physics and astronomy department lost one of its former professors, Franklin Muirhead, who died unexpectedly on Sept. 23 from unknown causes at the age of 73.

While Muirhead worked for SJSU, he was a key member of the physics and astronomy department and extremely well liked, emeritus faculty member Gareth Williams said.

Muirhead retired in 1998 after working at SJSU for 33 years, according to the physics and astronomy department.

"Since he was a physicist, he was just fascinated with just about everything ... he was just interested in everything going on in the world and he could relate it to physics," Muirhead's wife, Grace Muirhead, said.

Donald Strandburg, another emeritus faculty of the physics and astronomy department, said he met Muirhead in 1963.

Muirhead's focus of research in the physics and astronomy department was on magnetism, Strandburg said.

He taught classes that ranged from introductory physics to graduate courses and was also an adviser for graduate students for some time, Strandburg said.

Williams said he enjoyed Muirhead's humor.

"He was quite sarcastic but in a very, very humorous manner," Williams said. "And he

reminded me a lot of a number of personalities at the end of the second World War.

"He always saw the grim side of things, but he kept it very light and very humorous. He had a remarkable sense of humor."

A few years ago, in a Christmas card that Muirhead sent out, instead of highlighting positive things, he described all of the terrible things that had happened to him in a remarkably funny letter, Williams said.

They knew each other for about 45 years, Williams said.

"He would always go off on tangents ... he was a very good conversationalist and a very interesting person," he said.

Muirhead was someone who physically suffered, Williams said.

"He was a tall gentleman," Williams said. "Well he was 6 feet, he had terrible joint problems, and he had a number of operations ... he treated it almost as a joke, what he was going to have done next."

Muirhead had many interests, according to his wife and friends.

"He was also quite a musician," Williams said. "He took to playing the guitar in the later years of his life, classical guitar, and also the harpsichord."

Soon after his retirement, he was unable to take part in his two passions, golf and wood-working, because of arthritis, according to an obituary by Grace Muirhead.

Strandburg said Muirhead was intelligent and said he

would miss Muirhead's sense of humor the most.

"One time, he bought a house in Los Gatos, and he was refurbishing the house, so every Monday morning, I and his other officemate would wait to hear his story on what had happened during the weekend," Strandburg said.

Strandburg said one day Muirhead was trimming a hedge and he accidentally cut the cord of his electrical hedge cutter. He repaired the cord, plugged it in, heard a noise, looked and saw that he had cut the cord again.

"Another time, he was working on the house, he was putting a wall in somewhere, and when he was all through he couldn't find his hammer," Strandburg said. "And he realized that his hammer was behind the wall that he had put in."

Muirhead was good at laughing at himself, Strandburg said.

Muirhead was born in Kilmacolm, Scotland, on March 4, 1936, and was raised in England, according to his obituary by Grace Muirhead.

He attended the University of Sheffield, and entered a post-doctoral program at the University of Minnesota, according to his obituary by Grace Muirhead.

"It was quite a shock to us, because we're around the same age," Williams said. "Most of the time, he had all these problems ... He seemed to get through them all quite well."

Muirhead is survived by his wife, his two sons and their families, his two daughters and their families and his brother.

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may not be able to get the classes I need because of the cuts."

Fallis said it is not likely that tenure-track instructors will be laid off.

He said that, at this time, there is no way of knowing how many non-tenured instructors' positions would not be renewed.

"Faculty layoffs are a very serious matter, and an option not under consideration at this time," Harris said.

She said that if planning for a major reduction next year was necessary, the number of years of service would not be a major factor when considering cut backs.

"We don't eliminate people," Harris said. "We make priorities, and we shuffle our resources for those priorities. Special consideration goes to what will get us to retain and graduate students. That's our top priority."

Professor Mark Linder said he hasn't heard anything about contracts being renewed.

"Faculty layoffs are a very serious matter, and an option not under consideration at this time."

- Pat Lopes Harris
Director of Media Relations at SJSU

"I enjoy the teaching, as I enjoy the students, and the students really help and teach me," Linder said. "If the university chooses not to have a contract with me that is their prerogative."

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Senior communications major Monica Calvillo was one of 70 Delta Zeta members who joined the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in San Francisco on Saturday.

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Calvillo also joined the five-mile walk that trailed around Golden Gate Park.

"I think that breast cancer is something that affects everyone, and being in a house with over 70 girls in it, the odds are that it would affect one of us sooner or later," said Calvillo, who says she was recruited into the sorority in Spring 2009. "I would want to support my sisters or have them support me if it were me, so that's why I'm here."

The walk was sponsored by the American Cancer Society and raised more than \$600,000 toward breast cancer research and support programs, such as transportation assistance and emotional support programs, according to the American Cancer Society Web site.

Delta Zeta was able to donate

\$1,735 in addition to members' donations through online registration.

Sarah Lewis, Delta Zeta philanthropy chair, is one of many of the chapter's members who personally knows someone who has been affected by breast cancer.

Lewis said her long-time best friend's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, and it has since been resonating in Lewis to support the cause.

After joining Delta Zeta and seeing women her age having close family members pass away from breast cancer, Lewis said she finds motivation to continue to donate to and participate in breast cancer organizations.

"It's been really important to me to kind of support the cause, because it's something that could really happen to any of us," Lewis said.

Shelby Duncan, a freshman graphic design major, said she

participated in the breast cancer walk for the first time this year because she felt compelled to be more involved in spreading breast cancer awareness.

"Well, it's affected my grandma and one of my teachers passed away from breast cancer and until then, it wasn't really brought to my attention how there should be a cure and how it's important to raise money for research," Duncan said.

In 2008, the Bay Area Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk raised a total of \$1.3 million, and is Northern California's largest breast cancer walk, according to the American Cancer Society.

Since its first year in 1984, founded by the late cancer survivor Margery Gould Rath, Making Strides events has raised more than \$340 million, according to the American Cancer Society.

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"International organizations will send letters of interest to the campus and once one is chosen."

"The campus and international organization work to colonize on campus," said Jeanne Sabaroff, assistant director of fraternity and sorority life on campus.

"All of our Greek organizations have certain requirements in order to become recognized," she stated in an e-mail. "First, they must be affiliated with a Greek council. We have four councils, three of which are affiliated with international organizations — the National Panhellenic Conference, National Pan-Hellenic Council, North-American Interfraternity Conference and United Sorority and Fraternity Council."

Humble Beginnings

"Our national had a couple of officers from the national expansion staff come out to San Jose's campus and started recruiting," Negrete said.

Eighteen freshmen and one senior pledged during Delta Sigma Phi's first semester in Fall 2007.

"It was a really exciting time," he said. "But when we got there, we were on our own, because the national help could only be here for so long. They were here for a month, got us started and just left, so we were expected to run this fraternity."

The young members recruited new members trying to rebuild the organization, but ran into a few speed bumps along the way.

"We made a lot of mistakes throughout first year," Negrete said. "One of them was that the school was cracking down on us because of our grades. The second one was the recognition process where you have to re-apply to be a club on campus."

Sabaroff said every active student organization must annually renew its recognition status.

"The year before, we didn't register, because we weren't here yet," Negrete said. "This was a new thing to us, and we weren't really aware of it and didn't take the proper steps to get recognized, so the school had no choice but to just de-recognize our status on campus."

A Momentary Pause

Delta Sigma Phi had to stop the building process.

"We had to freeze all fraternity activities," Negrete said. "The recruitment we had been working on for the previous three weeks had to stop."

Members of Delta Sigma Phi said they felt they had to prove themselves not just to SJSU, but to the other fraternities in their council.

"We had to get approval from the fraternity council," Negrete said. "The other fraternities in our council had to vote us back on. We did a couple of presentations in front of our council, just showing them the progress we had made since making our mistakes ... and how we're going to be a contributing house in that council."

With the vote of confidence from their peers, the men of Delta Sigma Phi turned in the proper paperwork to become

a recognized organization on campus, improved their grades and started recruiting new members.

Redemption

Negrete said there are now nearly 60 members in Delta Sigma Phi.

According to SJSU's Web site, Delta Sigma Phi improved its GPA to 2.72 during the Spring 2009 semester.

"One of our goals is to have robust life for our students in the classroom, but also outside of the classroom," President Jon Whitmore said during a press conference with student media Tuesday.

Delta Sigma Phi will have its official charter ceremony, in which it will be recognized as an official chapter of the fraternity, on Nov. 14.

According to SJSU's Web site, there are currently 21 fraternities and 13 sororities recognized on campus.

"Part of going to college, for undergraduates in particular, is learning social skills, developing networks, and I believe that fraternities and sororities and other kinds of social or learning club environments are a big plus for any campus, but certainly for ours," Whitmore said.

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VEGAN

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which can be taken as a vitamin supplement. But other than that, proper meal planning will keep the vegan diet balanced."

A healthy vegan diet should include varied fruits, vegetables, plenty of leafy greens, whole grain products, nuts, seeds and beans, according to the Vegetarian Resource Group Web site.

Juliana King, outreach coordinator for Nutrition Education Action Team, said a vegan diet can be healthy if students are aware of what they need to eat to receive proper amount of nutrients per day.

Nutrition Education Action Team is the nutrition peer health education group at SJSU.

"The vegan diet can be healthy if you are diligent about the sources of food that you eat, such as getting protein from beans rather than meat products," King said.

Availability of Vegan Items

Junior nutrition major Yadira Valdez said she is a vegan because of her food allergies, and said she believes that rather than feeding animals grain, society should give the extra grain to malnourished people.

"It is hard to find items on campus that are vegan," Valdez said. "I usually bring items from home. Sometimes I feel like getting soup, but when I ask what it is made with, nobody really knows the ingredients."

Hector Diaz, a senior nutrition-concentration in dietetics, said there is a guide for the type of ingredients used in the food such as vegetarian or vegan meals at the Dining Commons.

"It is nice to see the Dining Commons accommodating to the small group of students who are vegan," he said. "I personally don't think the vegan diet is healthy, it is overplayed and more of a trend than a lifestyle change."

According to the Dining Com-

mons Web site, there are three different ways to purchase meals, through optional meal plans, traditional meal plans and gold points.

Retail operations manager George Gemette said the Dining Commons accommodates the vegan diet.

"Daily, there is at least one hot entree that caters to the vegan diet, as well as the vegan salad bar that consists of vegan items, including cheeses," Gemette said.

The Dining Commons includes other areas, such as the burrito bar, which allows students to create their own burritos, Gemette said.

There are other areas outside of the Dining Commons that offer vegan options, such as the baked potato bar in Market Cafe and the burrito bar in the Student Union that allow students to create their own meals by eliminating food items that would not be in a vegan diet, Cahill said.

The positive health effects of a vegan diet are that such a diet is low in fat and low in saturated fat, King said.

"Saturated fat is the fat that causes cardiovascular diseases, which is a major killer in the United States," King said.

Nutrients in a Vegan Diet

The fat in a vegan diet is free of cholesterol and is found in oils, nuts, nut butters, seed butters, avocado and coconut, according to Vegetarian Resource Group Web site.

"The vegan diet is low in saturated fat, because the majority of the fat comes from natural fats that are better for the body than fat found in meat," Cahill said.

Essential nutrients, such as calcium, are found in dark green vegetables and in tofu with calcium sulfate, according to the Vegetarian Resource Group Web site.

"There are also other ways to integrate calcium into a vegan diet, by taking a supplement or drinking soy milk that is fortified with calcium," King said.

Zinc is found in grains, beans and nuts. Iron can be found in



[Photos by Kirsten Aguilar / Spartan Daily]

Sophomore pre-nursing major Kurt Schmidt fills his plate at "The Big Tuna" counter inside the Dining Commons on Tuesday.

dried beans, such as soybeans, lentils, kidney beans and dark leafy greens, according to the Vegetarian Resource Group Web site.

"Zinc and iron are important to integrate into a vegan diet for overall health," Cahill said.

Omega-3 fatty acids, which are usually found in fish, can be found in flaxseed oil, canola oil and walnuts, according to the Vegetarian Resource Group Web site.

"Nuts and oils are a great alternative source to get the healthy omega-3 fatty acids into a vegan diet," Cahill said.

Jennifer Waldrop, a nutritionist at the Student Health Center, said the vegan diet can lower the risk of many diseases, such as obesity, hypertension and digestive disorders when compared with a diet high in meat.

"It is important to understand that balance is key to a healthy vegan diet, because it

can at times be masked by an eating disorder," Waldrop said. "As long as the diet is planned and combined with proper information on essential nutrients, the diet will have positive effects on overall health."

Waldrop said it is important to develop a vegan diet that consists of the right foods in order to stay healthy.

"Sometimes, vegan diets can consist of doughnuts, scones, because flour and fat are vegan — so there is a big range of quality in a vegan diet," Waldrop said. "A healthy vegan diet depends on the individual and how committed they are to being healthy and planning their meals."



Vegan student Yadira Valdez, a junior nutrition major, volunteered to help guide a food tour given by the Nutrition Education Action Team on Wednesday.

University Scholar Series

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Roberto J. Gonzalez is an associate professor of anthropology. His current book, "American Counterinsurgency: Human Science and the Human Terrain," is a searing critique of what politicians, pundits, and Pentagon officials are calling a kinder, gentler counterinsurgency. Military contract firms are embedding anthropologists with army combat units as part of the Defense Department's \$200 million Human Terrain System program. But when the military, corporations, and the human sciences become obsessed with controlling the "human terrain" --the men and women of Iraq and Afghanistan--what are the consequences? Gonzalez's book illuminates the problems of using "culture" as a weapon.



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Review: SJ Repertory Theatre

Poverty and greed go from South Africa to San Jose Rep

By Angela Marino
Staff Writer

"Groundswell" is a beautiful play about the collision of life's unfortunate struggles and glamorous dreams of wealth — full of excitement and drama.

The San Jose Repertory Theatre was a full house Friday, during the opening night of "Groundswell."

The play began with Thami, played by Dwight Huntsman in his San Jose Repertory debut, according to the "Groundswell" pamphlet.

Thami, the black caretaker of a South African lodge, is an honest man who wished to give his family what he never had — a bright and secure future.

He sat over a letter in despair as he contemplated what to write to his beloved family.

The stage replicated the look of a South African lodge. The beautiful details of the wood paneled walls and elaborate decorations adorning the walls created a feeling that transported the audience to Africa.

Beyond the lodge, the audience was able to see a cloudy gray sky through the windows. Vegetation and patio furniture created the illusion of actually sitting in the lobby with Thami.

A loud man approached the

lodge in a rain suit.

He bounced around as he exclaimed to Thami that they are going to finally strike it rich by enticing a wealthy investment banker staying at the lodge to fund their diamond mining.

Scott Coopwood, who played Johan, has performed across in the United States in lead roles such as Iago in "Othello" and Edmund in "King Lear," according to the "Groundswell" pamphlet.

He pranced around the stage with energy and mystery.

Johan, a white ex-cop who lives in the staff quarters of the lodge, revealed himself to be less strong willed than mentally unstable.

The wealthy investment banker, Smith, is naively accepting of the two men, who have intentions of taking advantage of Smith's innocent acceptance.

Smith found himself in a situation that thrilled and frightened me as the evening proceeded with more intensity from each of the characters.

Peter Van Norden, who played Smith, marked his 10th appearance at San Jose Repertory Theatre, according to the "Groundswell" pamphlet.

Van Norden, a native to New York City, has worked alongside many famous actors on film and the stage, such as "Jungle of Cit-



[Photos by Kevin Bern / San Jose Repertory Theatre]

Top: Thami (left), played by Dwight Huntsman, teaches Johan, played by Scott Coopwood, a South African tribal dance in the premiere of "Groundswell."

ies" with Al Pacino and "Hamlet" with Kevin Kline.

The tension between the three characters was filled with passion and fire as they violently yelled at each other.

"Groundswell" was a play that encompassed drama and relatable characteristics that captivated my attention for the entire play, because each act confronted the serious topics of poverty and the desperate feeling that wealth is just a paycheck away.

Ian Bruce, the director of "Groundswell," said Thami and Johan resemble how the political pressure to build wealth has overcome the ideological issues

in South Africa.

The play showed Johan and Thami as poor men obsessed with wealth and the more that is offered, the more they become distracted with what they still lack.

The immaculate talent of the acting and directing of "Groundswell" made it a climatic performance that was an educational and eye-opening experience about a much neglected topic.



Tension builds between Johan (left), Smith (middle) and Thami (right) in "Groundswell."

Review: CD

Darkness falls on yet another electro-pop mess that attempts to be out of this world

By Husain Sumra
Staff Writer

LIGHTS' debut album, "The Listening," was an easy listen, and a romp through the universe of synthesized music.

LIGHTS does reach for the stars in her debut, as she either wrote or co-wrote and produced or co-produced all the songs in her 13-track electro-pop CD.

The Canadian artist said she makes "intergalactic-electro music," and that she tries to find sounds that could be plucked from the rings of Saturn, or a meteor belt.

The sounds aren't as far out as she'd like to think, but they are different.

Lyricaly, the majority of the songs are standard pop fluff that aren't going to light the world on fire.

Most of the songs deal with love and the troubles of relationships. Although the lyrics are concise and flow well, there's no depth to them.

In a way, it's similar to cotton candy, in that it's sweet to taste and it's good while it lasts, but ultimately leaves you unfulfilled.

The lyrics serve more as the ambassador for the "intergalactic" tunes, resulting in the abduction of your mind well past the time you finish listening to the album.

Yes, you will be humming some of the songs once in a while.

But her Vanessa Carlton-like voice won't be featured at the next fraternity-hosted tailgate party.

Roughly half the album does stand out — in the title song, "The Listening," and songs "Saviour," "Drive My Soul," "River," "Ice" and "February Air."

"Saviour" sounds like a slow-paced techno song with an almost epic crooning of the lyrics by LIGHTS.

Linkin Park's "Shadow of the Day" seems to have been the inspiration for "Drive My Soul," as it sounds like an eerily similar, yet more electronic, little sister.

"River" follows the same formula as "Saviour," but at a faster pace and with a more traditional pop sound.

The title song is a much more balanced affair, as it combines the techno feel of "Saviour" and "River" with the methodical build-up in "Drive My Soul."

"Ice" seems to take inspiration from old arcade games — it sounds like

she sings the song while gaining power ups in Super Mario Bros.

It sounds odd at first, but the video game-inspired tune in "Ice" melds well with the faster-paced chorus that only gets better with repeated listening.

"February Air" is probably

the best overall track on the album.

Lyricaly, the song is the most compelling, and the tune is a nice blend of electronic beats and more traditional instruments that combine to create a powerful feel similar to some of Evanescence's songs.

LIGHTS also seems to show more of her vocal range in the song.

There's even a hint of a video game inspiration in "February Air."

Although LIGHTS doesn't reach "the intergalactic" heights she may be hoping for, she does debut well enough to land on the moon, and shows enough potential to be worth looking out for in the future.

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Women's volleyball team wins first game

Five-set thriller ends with Spartan victory over Louisiana Tech on Saturday night

By Angela Marino
Staff Writer

The SJSU women's volleyball team won its first game of the season against Louisiana Tech on Saturday at Spartan Gym.

Freshman setter Caitlin Andrade said the team has waited 16 games for a win, and it feels great to finally have it.

"We worked really hard and worked together, even through the tough times that we had throughout the game — but we worked really well together and we never gave up," Andrade said.

The Spartans lost the first set 25-23, but came back in the second set with a 25-21 victory.

During the second set, Taylor Japhet spiked the ball into Bulldog Jennifer Goodwin's face, scoring a point for the Spartans.

Head coach Oscar Crespo said outside hitter Taylor Japhet, who tied for the team lead in kills with 16, has grown this year.

She made errors early in the match, but came back aggressive and strong, he said.

In the third set, the Spartans

defeated Louisiana Tech 25-19.

During the fourth set, Kylie Miraldi tipped the ball over the net and for a point that left them two points behind Louisiana Tech, 23-21.

But the Bulldogs won the final two points to win the fourth set.

The Spartans won the fifth set, 15-12, resulting in a three sets to two win over the Bulldogs.

Andrade led the Spartans with 54 assists. Louisiana Tech's Bianca Bin led her team with 26 assists.

Crespo said the win was well deserved.

"We have gotten a lot better at understanding what is going on across the net and picking that up," he said.

Crespo said the win helped the Spartans believe that all the work they have done has been worth it.

"We are doing a better job offensively and defensively," he said. "They have definitely developed and grown."

Miraldi also led the team with 16 kills, while Krista Miller, outside hitter and middle back, had a season-best 12 kills.

Kara Jones and KC Clayton led Louisiana Tech with 15 kills each.

SJSU's Thao Pham and Louisiana Tech's Lori Hunsucker led their teams with 20 digs each.

Andrade led the team with four aces.

Alex Akana, Spartan middle blocker and outside hitter, led the team with five blocks, one solo and four assists.

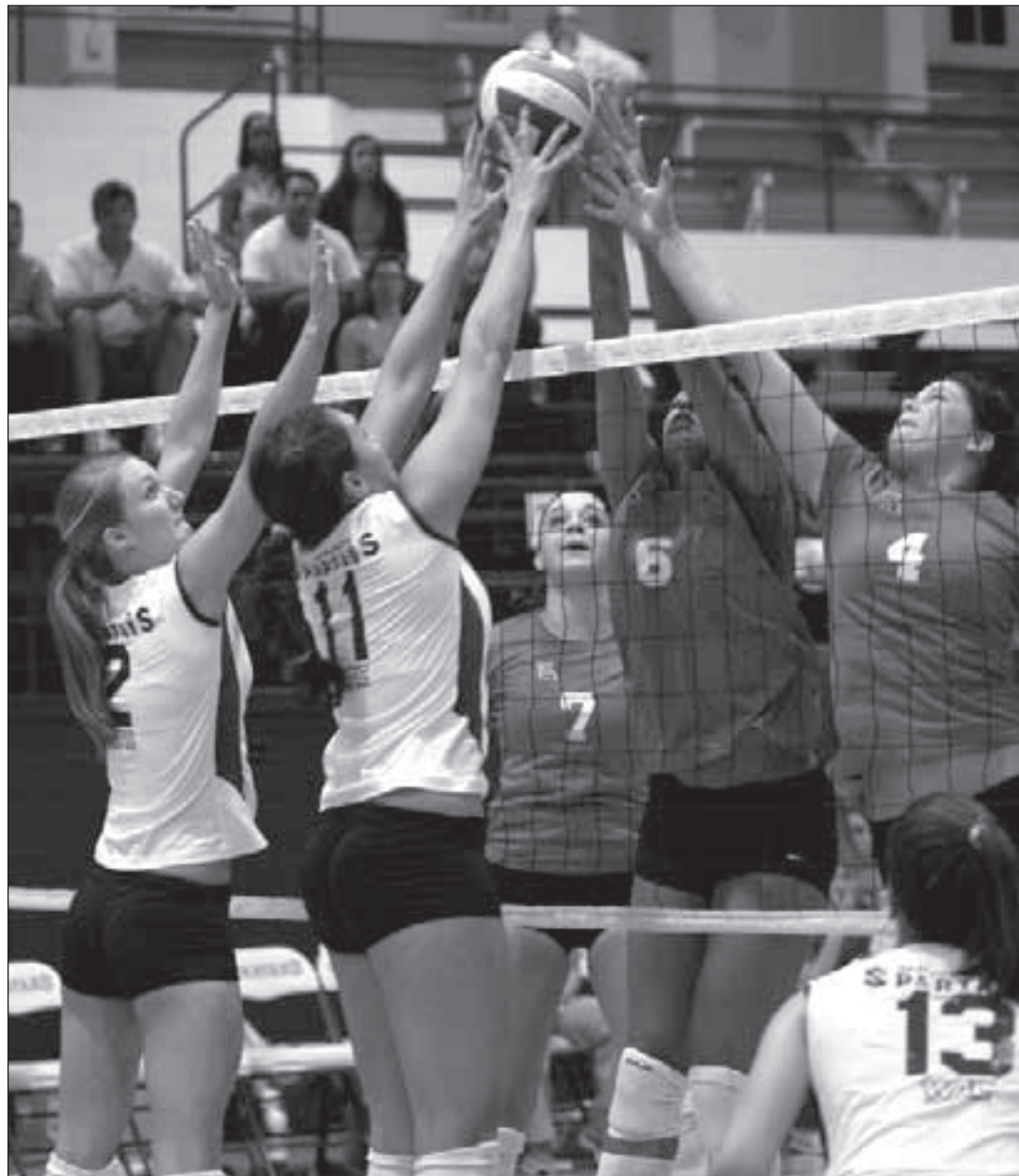
Freshman libero Kristal Tsukano said the win made her happy after all the effort that the team has given.

"Our energy level was really high, even though it did get really close," Tsukano said. "(Our energy level) allowed us to come through in the end."

The game was a Western Athletic Conference match that earned the Spartans their first win in the conference and first win of the season.

Crespo said the team is young, and experience won't come fast enough.

He added that the lack of experience is finally fading, and the team members are starting to build on their strengths.



[Photos by Adam Murphy /Spartan Daily]

(Above) Spartans Taylor Japhet, No. 2, and Alex Akana, No. 11, meet the Bulldogs' KC Clayton, No. 6, and Taylor Fritz, No. 4, at the net in the Spartans' win Saturday night.



(Bottom) SJSU's Thao Pham, No. 1, celebrates with her teammates after the Spartans won the last set 15-12 to win the game. The game featured 26 ties and 13 lead changes.

Game Stats

	SJSU	Louisiana Tech
Kills	27	25
Blocks	6	20
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Hockey club undisciplined in loss

By Jennifer Hadley
Staff Writer

The SJSU hockey club was defeated by the Denver Pioneers 7-6 Saturday night.

The Spartans started off strong in the first period with a 3-0 lead, but one too many penalties ultimately led to their loss.

Andy Dickerson, SJSU hockey club president, said the first period was nearly perfect.

"It was about the best we played all year for a period," Dickerson said. "Outside of that, we didn't have much else go good."

A five-minute penalty in the second period for checking from behind set back the Spartans, and the Pioneers took advantage on the power play.

SJSU defenseman Salvatore Barranco said if it weren't for the five-minute penalty, the team wouldn't have given up three goals.

"I think they scored about three goals on the penalty kill," Barranco said. "I think if we work on that, we could beat them five on five. We're a solid team."

SJSU head coach Ron Glasow said the penalty kill on Saturday night was horrible.

"We were five on five (where) we've been very solid," Glasow said. "I think we can play anybody, but penalty killing is really our Achilles' heel."

Other penalties against the Spartans included holding, slashing and tripping.

Spartan forward and defenseman Jeff Kuncaitis said the team needs to work on playing well even when there are penalties.

"Even if the penalties aren't fair, you still have to compensate," Kuncaitis said. "I think that's something we need to work on if we're going to become a championship team."

Forward Jeff Malave said the team needs to focus when the score isn't in its favor.

"Everybody gets really negative," Malave said. "A lot of chirping, a lot of people try to act like they're the toughest guy on the team, going out there and trying to fight somebody, trying to hit somebody illegally, and it definitely takes a toll on the team."

Assistant coach Ian Fazzi



[Dave Cabebe / Spartan Daily]

A lone Spartan clashes with a Denver opponent in front of the Denver net during the Spartans' 7-6 loss Saturday.

said the team played well in the first period, but in the second the team got sloppy.

"The second period, we started to expose our weaknesses," Fazzi said. "We were running around, not playing our positions, and it ended up costing

"We need the crowd to be in this one rather than just when goals go in ... this isn't a golf game."

- Caleb Murray
Goaltender

us on the score board."

With 19 seconds left in the third period, forward Kyle Dutra scored a goal assisted by forward Lathan Logan, but it wasn't enough for the Spartans to win the game.

"We worked hard to get a

couple goals back in there, and we never gave up," Barranco said.

Coach Glasow said the team is working on penalty killing in preparation for the team's road trip this weekend where it will play Long Beach and San Diego twice.

"Unfortunately, we have a number of players who have the swine flu," Glasow said. "Our biggest concern is getting guys healthy for this weekend. It's tough working on the penalty kill when half the team is sick."

Goaltender Caleb Murray said he wanted more enthusiasm from the crowd.

"We need the crowd to be in this one rather than just when goals go in ... this isn't a golf game," Murray said.

The Spartans next game is on the road against Long Beach State on Thursday.

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Sports in Brief

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Women's Golf

Placed eighth out of 15 teams in Stanford.

Women's Soccer

Won 3-1 against Nevada at Nevada. The SJSU goals were scored by Roxy Kamal, Kelsey Lord and Hallsie Pacheco. The team now has an 11-game unbeaten streak.

Men's Soccer

Won 1-0 in double overtime against Denver in Denver. Justin Castro scored the game winner on a free kick with less than a minute to play in the second overtime.

Women's Cross Country

At the Bronco Invitational, the Spartans' first team took 15th out of 17th. The second team took third out of 14th.

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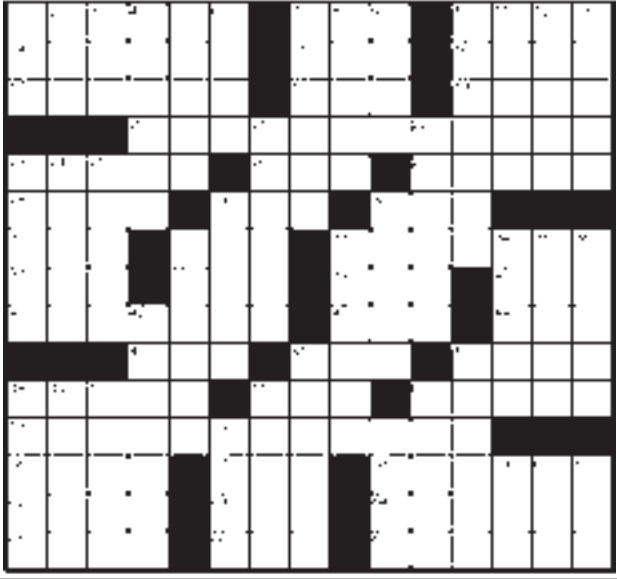
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An open letter to a brilliant soul named Leslie



Suzanne Yada
Staff Writer

Hey girl,
I saw they tagged you in a photo on Facebook again. You always have this big grin in all your pictures, but this one was different. Someone took a picture of the program from your funeral. And there you were, happy as you've ever been, a photocopied image on the cover of a folded piece of paper that oversimplified your 27 years of life. I only got to see you once a year at best, so I understood when I only found out about your death through Facebook. One status update led to an-

other, until my feed was flooded with one-line tributes to your lively spirit. I know I wasn't a close enough friend to warrant a phone call. I don't even think your family has my phone number. So instead of being upset by the impersonal nature of it all, I am gripped by this collective way to grieve. I can see strangers write occasional messages on your wall. Each time I'm wondering what incident in their lives prompted them to post a simple "Thank you" or "Love you."

It hurt us all to see such a lively character suffer. Just to know you're finally at peace is the only comfort we've got in all this. Remember that first time I met you? It was at a retreat in spring 2002. You shared your poetry, I played piano, we talked about the mysteries of life and all that sappy touchy-feely stuff I'm too busy to think about anymore. The second time I met you, you had lost your left eye. They told you in July 2002 that you had melanoma — cancer of the skin — and by May 2003 it had spread to your eye. It continued to spread to your brain and your spine, and each time you and your doctors fought back. But those aren't the memories I have of you. I don't remember your illness. I don't think you let me.

I just remember your stories. Like the time you were telling me about a particularly tough day. You composed one of your famous e-mail updates and casually mentioned how the only thing that would brighten your day was a visit from Matt Damon. And then a few weeks later, Damon showed up. If I didn't know you better, girl, I would have pegged you as a liar, but you're not the kind of person who would make up a crazy story like that. So many people adored you, I didn't doubt for a second that

someone would bend over backwards to make Damon show up at your house. (Plus, not only is that photo of the both of you too good to be Photoshopped, you're also listed on the Internet Movie Database Web site as an extra in "Stuck on You." You didn't tell me that part! When did he invite you to do that?) You must have had an incredible amount of spunk to pull that off through your illness. I'm flipping through your albums on Facebook right now and I can just see it. You're holding a koala in one picture, you're on the coastline in

Ireland in another. All with that same gigantic grin. All taken after your diagnosis. You know, Leslie, I still think of you as a survivor. Pesky details like your death do not change that. During all the years you've been sick, you refused to be defined by your mortality, and even after death, I refuse to define you by your mortality too. Because every time I want to see you, there you are, smiling back at me from the front page of your funeral program, only one of the hundreds of photos you're smiling in, still alive and joyous. All I have to do is visit your Facebook profile, and there you are. And there I am. And there are the throngs of friends who loved you. And we are collectively blessed.

So many people adored you, I didn't doubt for a second that someone would bend over backwards to make Damon show up at your house.

Ruminations

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Earthquakes have a silver lining.

Letter to the Editor

Exactly 40 years ago, the movement across the country brought peace to the campuses for one day for the recognition of the Vietnam Moratorium. A "teach-in" examining our involvement in South East Asia, and the rationale for complete withdrawal of our forces. And so, it had been planned that today there would be a "book signing" in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, to commemorate that event of 40 years ago, which united factions, and prepared many a campus for nonviolent direct action the following spring. But for SJSU, this was a much more important date, as it marked the moment James Edwards, Harry Edwards — the initiator of the Mexico City Olympic Boycott's younger brother — declared his interest in running for student body president of SJSU. That election, attended by almost 8,000 SJSU students later in November and being held under special circumstances, marked the final stroke against segregation, discrimination and racial prejudice in the largest election ever held in California by a state college or a university campus. Woodstock, its 40th anniversary having been recognized nationally last month, was not only

the "high water mark" in counter-culture agitation — or as it was then advertised, "The New Mobe" (short for mobilization). Massive turnout followed the Moratorium in mid-November, with more than one million youths gathering in the Mall in Washington D.C. and a half million assembled on the Polo Grounds in downtown San Francisco. Had we not organized for a Non-Violent Action that fall 40 years ago, there would have been no room for the shutting down of over two-thirds the campus in this country, more than the weekend of May 3, 1970, after four students were shot dead on their campus sanctuary, and almost a dozen wounded at Kent State, Ohio, the following spring. "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance," Thomas Jefferson once said, and it seems the hungry, greedy wolf is at our door once more. As Michael Moore points out in his recently released film, "Capitalism: A Love Story," may we find strength in our numbers. Tim K. Fitzgerald
Grad. Master's Candidate in Philosophy

Interracial couple faces an old-fashioned judgment call



Allie Figures
Figures It Out

What year is it? 2009. Oh, I must have forgotten and slipped into the past, where racial discrimination was allowed in local government. Phew, I am relieved — but only for a moment. Earlier this month, Keith Bardwell, a Louisiana justice of the peace, refused to sign the marriage license of interracial couple Beth Humphrey, who is white, and Terence McKay, who is black. Guess who is not coming to dinner? Are you sure this is 2009? Because I thought it was our constitutional right to marry whatever race. I guess in some places in this country, Supreme Court rulings mean nothing. Bardwell said he has never married an interracial couple and never

will, because he worries about the criticism the interracial children will endure. From oh-so-progressive California all the way down to southern Louisiana, here is a newsflash for you Bardwell: Children will endure criticism no matter what their race. Bardwell has shown himself to be a racial bully and pointed his finger as judge for the condemnation of mixed races. He feels he has the right to deny you and your loved one of a different race the legal documents to your wedded bliss. But remember, he says he's doing it for the children. Imagine the emotional toll of these children Bardwell is worried about when they grow up to be marrying young people. They are going to have to filter their partner prospects, beginning with skin color.

It is hard enough to get your old-fashioned grandparents to like your mate, but to have the law against you is double the difficulty. Instead of celebrating progression in race and diversity, limits are being placed on the evolution of our society. Unlike Bardwell, criticism does not discriminate — it attacks everyone red and/or yellow and/or black and/or white. The parents have the right to expose and educate their children to these criticisms and intolerance, and perhaps create more change. The denied couple was eventually married by another justice, and is taking legal action against Bardwell, who is required to serve the entire community as an elected official. I commend them for not quietly shrinking into the background on this issue. Not only did they pursue their right to marry, they are bringing their issue to light for the rest of the country. Being that remnants of racism are still alive and well in today's society, I think we should leave the choice of change to the children.

Let them hold hands, sway back and forth singing "We Are the World." Maybe I am making our society sound more liberal than it actually is, considering it was only in 2000 that Alabama finally removed an article in its constitution preventing interracial couples from marrying. Black president or not, this is not enough change to earn me even a dollar. I give my appreciation to Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal and U.S. Democrat Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana for outright opposing Bardwell's decision. "Disciplinary action should be taken immediately — including the revoking of his license," Jindal said in an Associated Press article. I would sure hope that Jindal, one of my favorite politicians and the first Indian-American governor, would not allow such a defeat of diversity in his own backyard. "Not only does his decision directly contradict Supreme Court rulings, it is an example of the ugly bigotry that divided our country for too long," Landrieu said. Amen.

Even President Obama's White House press secretary, Bill Burton, came to diversity's defense. "I've found that actually the children of biracial couples can do pretty good," he said in the same article, considering Obama is a child of a white mother from Kansas and a black father from Kenya. If Obama's parents let the law or opinion of someone like Bardwell dictate their choices, maybe Sarah Palin would have had her chance in office. Allie Figures is the Spartan Daily features editor. "Figures It Out" appears every Wednesday.

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From left to right: Alisan Ainslie, Amy Boyden, and Gina Herd worship during the United In Christ Night event on Sunday in the Barrett Ballroom of the Student Union.

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of the projects being introduced on United In Christ Night was a clothing drive for victims of the typhoons that struck the Philippines during October.

United In Christ will be accepting donations all week, she said.

Valderrama, a member of Campus Crusade, introduced the worship team.

"This band is a microcosm of the people attending UIC Night," said Valderrama, who also sang and played electric guitar at the event.

Some students stood, some waved their arms, others bowed their heads, as the six band members played throughout the night — the lyrics were projected above their heads onto a black screen.

"The worship part was great, especially after

the prayer and sermon," Kwan said. "It really tied everything together and gave everyone a chance to sing their hearts out."

Keivan Tehrani, a pastor for Compassion Bridges ministry, urged attendees to "break their hearts" to learn compassion for the people they seek to serve.

"I really enjoyed hearing Keivan speak," said Gina Herd, a senior radio, television and film major and member of Campus Crusade. "And his bringing to light the issue that we need more compassion in the world. It's important."

Castagna said Tehrani has worked with SJSU Campus Crusade for Christ in the past, and Tehrani's ministry helped fund United In Christ Night through advertising in the United In Christ Yellow Books.

"This place is more welcoming, more informal, less intimidating than walking into a church — students lead this group and it's powerful to see students lead themselves," Tehrani said.

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Richard Hayes, a senior mechanical engineering major, enjoys a relaxing session of contact juggling outside of Dwight Bentel Hall on Thursday. "I commute from San Francisco, and this is a way for me to clear my head in between classes when I'm finished with my work," Hayes said. He said contact juggling involves the manipulation and motion of an object, such as a ball, without it ever leaving the surface of the juggler's body.

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