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Ready, sweat, go!



Dance instructor Dave Dixon teaches the audience how to combat stress with his kickboxing and Zumba aerobic routines at the 20th annual Aerobicthon in the Spartan Complex on Friday evening. Photo by Francisco Rendon / Spartan Daily

Twentieth annual Aerobicthon gets students moving in time of stress and disorientation

by Francisco Rendon
Executive Editor

While end of semester finals often conjure images of students poring over screens and books, the kinesiology department created a different vision: a massive, sweat-filled, music-blasting workout session.

Carol Sullivan, a kinesiology instructor at SJSU organized the the SJSU Aerobicthon for the 20th year in a row and said it has developed substantially from when she started it.

More than 200 participants from SJSU and the wider community fell in line to put their bodies through the 15-minute aerobic routines, which included Zumba, kickboxing, Bollywood, hip-hop and Jazzercise.

"When we started, it was about 50 students," Sullivan said. "Now, there are (more than 200). It has grown substantially."

Ryan Santos, a member of the Ballroom Spartans Dancesport Team, who performed a Lindy Hop dance routine from his Beginning Nightclub and Swing class, said the scale of the event surprised him.

"This is the first time we've come here — we didn't expect this," he said. "It was mind-boggling how many people showed up."

The money raised at the event, through a \$5 fee for participants, would be used for small equipment and supplies for aerobics section of the kinesiology department and next year's Aerobicthon Sullivan said.

Despite the money being raised, however, Sullivan said the main point of the event was to help students stay healthy during a difficult time of the year.

"The main thing is for students to have fun and relieve stress," she said.

"(That and) to expose the campus and San Jose community to different kinds of aerobics."

Mara Langford, a 60-year-old SJSU alumna who used to study under Sullivan said this was her 10th year attending the event.

"It's fun," she said. "It gives (participants) an opportunity to experience different aerobic activities to choose what's best for them."

A senior graphics major, Lauren Mackey, said she appreciated the stress relief the event provided.

"It's kind of nice to break up the monotony of staring at a computer with some exercise," she said. "You just gotta jump in, because everyone here is just as awkward as you."

Mackey said she participated in the event initially because of the extra credit incentive offered by the professor of her cardio kickboxing class, but said she felt she got more out of the experience.

"I'm glad I did it," she said. "Especially with Zumba, you (usually) have to pay for it."

Senior psychology major Tim Rossomandel said this year was his first time coming to the Aerobicthon.

The 200 participants who attended the event were mostly females.

Rossomandel said he thought one reason there were so many more women is because men tend to get more embarrassed doing those kinds of aerobics.

However, he said he enjoyed himself and wished he knew about it sooner.

"It was a lot of fun. I would definitely come again if I wasn't graduating," he said. "There's really no reason to be embarrassed."

Sullivan said all the instructors who led events from a stage donated their time to the event to expose people to different styles of aerobics.

Dave Dixon, a dance instructor from Xtreme fitness in Los Gatos and SJSU alumnus, led Zumba and kickboxing routines and said he enjoyed being able to lead the exercises at the event.

"We're here because we love to teach," he said. "These are the best students to teach."

Spirit of innovation flourishes at SJSU

by Jackson Wright
Staff Writer

Entrants from every college at SJSU brought their entrepreneurial game to compete in the Silicon Valley Innovation Challenge in the Barrett Ballroom of the Student Union on Thursday.

The annual event, formerly known for the past seven years as the Neat Ideas Fair, is hosted by the Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship as a way to honor and reward innovative ideas that can change the community for the better.

"We think it was a great thing that we actually got some from every college on campus," said Anu Vuorikoski, the associate director of the Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship and lecturer at SJSU. "In the past, there would often be some entries from engineering and maybe one other college, but predominantly it was the College of Business."

"Now the College of

Business is the biggest part, because of course the professors had it in their syllabi, but now everybody else is in there."

SJSU undergraduate, graduate students and alumni made up the 189 people who worked in teams preparing a month in advance for the competition in which they presented their innovative ideas before students, faculty and judges from the community.

"What they are required to do is to come up with an idea ... and express their idea in such a fashion that the judges would want to know more," Vuorikoski said.

The competition began with an open-air presentation in the ballroom in which the competitors displayed their ideas to the public on poster boards outlining their plans.

Judges walked through the ballroom, speaking to the entrants about their ideas, and voting on their favorites with

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Presidential candidate Herman Cain places campaign on hiatus

Republican hopeful suspends run for office amid scandal

McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

WASHINGTON — His popularity sinking and his credibility under attack, Herman Cain suspended his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination on Saturday in a defiant, unapologetic blaze of glory.

For all practical purposes, Cain's suspension means he has dropped out, ending his quest for the White House because of the political damage caused by allegations of sexual harassment and marital infidelity.

"I am suspending my presidential campaign because of the continued distraction, the continued hurt caused on me and my family — not because we are not fighters, not because I'm not a fighter," the former Godfather's Pizza CEO told a loyal hometown crowd in Atlanta.

Cain, who has denied all the allegations, was accompanied by his wife, Gloria, in a rare campaign appearance. He said that he and his family were "at peace" about the ordeal.

His decision likely caused the party hierarchy to relax a little as well. Cain's personal drama had become a distraction, drawing attention away from the rest of the GOP field.

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University unveils doctorate nursing program

by Jackson Wright
Staff Writer

SJSU and CSU Fresno have entered into a collaboration to provide a doctorate of nursing practice program which, pending approval by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, could begin as soon as Fall 2012.

Preparations for the program began after the passage of the AB 867, the

Nava bill, by the California State Legislature in Sept. 2010, which gave the CSU new power to grant doctorate degrees, specifically in nursing practice as well as in the field of physical therapy.

The purpose of the bill was to prepare current working nurses for work in advanced practice, working in the program while also working full-time said Lori Rodriguez, program director and SJSU associate professor.

"This is to provide a practice doctorate, which is different from what most people are used to, a Ph.D., which is a research doctorate," Rodriguez said.

Instead of a Ph.D., participants will be working to receive a doctorate of nursing practice.

"A DNP is a doctorate of nursing

practice," she said. "If you look at some of the other professions, the doctor of pharmacy, that's a practice doctorate where there's a heavy component of actual clinical practice that the pharmacist does to become a doctor of pharmacy."

The post-master's degree will be composed of 37 units and two elective units over 21 months and five consecutive semesters, in addition to 1,000 hours of work in clinical practice that participants will be required to complete on top of the course work, Rodriguez said.

"We want to develop advanced competencies for nurses who already have a master's degree in nursing," Rodriguez said. "They come into this program to advance their learning, to take whatever it is they are learning to the next level."

According to a presentation by Rodriguez, students from all over Northern California will study using mostly online resources such as Blackboard and Skype, as well as be required to attend several "intensives," or on-campus instruction sections, at SJSU and CSU Fresno.

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CORRECTION

The article titled "It's Complicated," which ran in the Dec. 1 issue of the Spartan Daily, should have included both Jackson Wright and Christina Molina in the byline, not just Wright. The Spartan Daily regrets the error.

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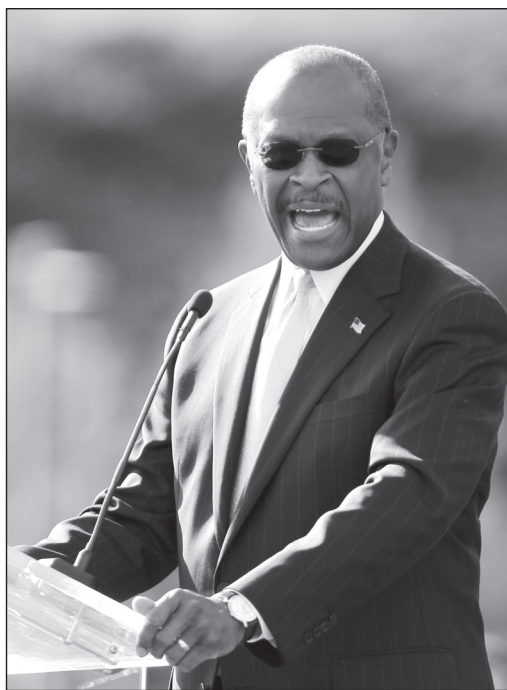
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Cadet Wing Commander Bansal of the SJSU ROTC practices for the upcoming change of command ceremony where he will relinquish command to Commander Tucker. Photo by Jasper Rubenstein / Spartan Daily

CAIN: Calls it quits for now



Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain announces he'll suspend his campaign for presidency in Atlanta, Georgia, Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011. Photo by Jason Getz / MCT

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Many in the Republican establishment also never thought Cain was a serious candidate to begin with, despite his ability to draw support. He had little in the way of ground organizations in key early states, and his travel schedule sometimes seemed to indicate more of an interest in selling his book than his candidacy.

Cain said that he got out also because his ability to raise money had suffered. Suspending his campaign instead of shutting it down altogether still allows him to raise money to help pay off his debts.

His farewell was trademark Cain: confident, cheeky and challenging of political convention.

Cain said he intended to remain a "voice of the people" and promised to soon endorse one of his former Republican rivals. He also announced that he was beginning his "Plan B" — creating a new organization whose goal would be to change Washington "from the outside." "The pundits would like for

me to shut up, drop out and go away," he said to cheers of support. "I am not going to be silenced and I am not going away."

Cain's turnaround in political fortunes was another abrupt shift in a chase for the nomination that has seen more twists and turns than the Monaco Grand Prix.

A new Des Moines Register poll showed that Cain's support in Iowa, where the first voting of the election season will take place Jan. 3, had dwindled to just 8 percent — down from 23 percent a month ago, when he briefly led the pack. That was also just before the sexual allegations surfaced.

"There weren't any deep-founded beliefs and understanding about who he was," said Al Cardenas, chairman

of the American Conservative Union and former head of the Florida Republican Party.

"His image was not deeply ingrained in the mind of the voters. They liked his populism, his charisma, but the moment people heard news that was not complimentary, his fortunes dropped."

Cain became the latest in a series of Republican White House hopefuls who seemed to capture lightning in a bottle — only to see it flicker and disappear.

INNOVATION: Challenge hits SJSU

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small stickers placed on a piece of paper on the table in front of the boards.

The exhibits were judged equally on five criteria: presentation quality, the idea and its value, knowledge of the target market, competitive edge/uniqueness of the idea and feasibility and practicality.

The competition then progressed to an elevator pitch style presentation in front of a panel of judges. Students took to the stage and had 90 seconds to pitch their idea as if they were potential investors.

"I was actually nervous

(going into the elevator pitch)," said Hideyuki Goji, a business-entrepreneurship major and international student from Japan who was the first to present his idea of a LED screen attachment for bikes in the part of the competition.

"Since my major is business, I have done so many presentations before so I thought I was going to be fine, but since time is only 90 seconds, it was kind of hard to do, conducting proper time management," he said.

Mike Caterlin of TechShop San Jose served as a judge for the first time this year,

presenting a special award from the TechShop.

"We see ideas like this come in everyday and we love that they're doing this," Caterlin said. "I had never heard of it before, I think it's a fantastic idea and I was happy to be involved."

Of the 16 awards given, five went to ideas coming from the SJSU College of Business.

Three awards were taken by JD Leadam's idea about hemp plastic bottles, which won the first place People's Choice award, first prize in the elevator pitch and first prize in the Most Innovative Idea Exhibit.

NURSING: SJSU to collaborate with CSU Fresno in new program

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The 47 participants who will be chosen for the program will also be required to complete a doctoral project, requiring rigorous research application in a specific area for implementation on a potential or existing health problem affecting a specific community or group, an emphasis placed on creating a partnership with the community that the student works in, Rodriguez said.

"We hope to have a lot of practice-based people enroll in the program," said DNP program coordinator Ruth Rosenblum, a lecturer at SJSU and nurse practitioner who maintains a practice at a local clinic.

Rosenblum has been working on the project in preliminary documentation and cur-

riculum development since its inception in January alongside Jayne Cohen, director of the school of nursing.

The first year of the program will be focused on planning this project, which will then be implemented during the second year of the program. Rodriguez said students will present their project to a committee in a public forum, as well as submit a final paper for publication in an applicable academic journal.

Currently the project is being prepared for review by several accreditation organizations including the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, with curriculum being finalized.

A similar collaboration has been set up between CSU's in Fullerton, Long Beach and Los Angeles, in addition to

another program site offered at San Diego State University.

Applications for the inaugural class are due Dec. 31 — the review process begins in January, interviews are conducted in February and participants are expected to receive word of acceptance before April 1, all pending final approval by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

"We're very proud of this opportunity, and I think it's going to move nursing forward," Cohen said. "I think it's the most exciting thing that's happened in nursing in the last 25 years. We have a tremendous shortage of nursing faculty in California and across the nation, and health care has become so complex that we need higher level clinicians."

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"Plane roars into San Jose" (Above)

The SJSU aviation department received a Boeing 707-100 plane which was donated to the university as an educational tool. A crowd of students showed up at the San Jose Jet Center to witness the arrival of the plane, which was painted with a Spartan helmet logo. The aircraft was retired from its commercial use and given to students of the aviation department to be stripped down and worked by students learning more about the inner workings of an airplane.

"Spring and summer grads wait for diplomas"

Citing several problems, the admissions and records department was late sending out diplomas to graduates of the spring and summer sessions. Such issues included an initial diploma release which displayed a signature from former Calif. Gov. George Deukmejian instead of then-current Gov. Pete Wilson.

"Students question selection criteria"

A forum was held by the university's presidential selection advisory committee for students to voice their opinions on criteria for the new SJSU's president's job description. However, the main discussion was about a "non-discriminate" clause in a "leadership statement" which did not recognize a gay or lesbian demographic at SJSU.

"SJSU athletes get fifth-year aid"

A former linebacker for the SJSU football team was given a fifth year of eligibility under his scholarship to complete his graduation through a new intercollegiate athletics program called the "Fifth Year Scholarship Program."

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Jobless rate drops sharply to 8.6 percent

U.S. private sector creates 206,000 jobs in November 2011

McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

WASHINGTON — The surprising drop in November's unemployment rate to 8.6 percent overshadowed what may be a more significant positive trend: a sharp upturn in hiring by the nation's small businesses.

Overall, U.S. employers added 120,000 jobs in November as the unemployment rate fell sharply from 9 percent, the Labor Department said in a report that brought holiday cheer.

Private-sector employers added 140,000 jobs last month, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported in its survey of non-farm payrolls, but the net job gain was dragged down by 20,000 government jobs lost at federal, state and local levels.

The bureau also revised the September job estimates sharply upward from the original 158,000 to 210,000. October's estimate of 80,000 jobs gained also was revised up, by 20,000.

"The job market is firming at year's end. Job growth has picked up in recent months, particularly among smaller businesses. The employment gains have also broadened out across industries from retailing to manufacturing," said Mark Zandi, the chief economist for forecaster Moody's Analytics. "The sharp improvement in unemployment is encouraging, but overstates the improvement. The job market is still struggling, but it is gaining momentum going into 2012."

Economists think the bureau payrolls report may be undercounting hiring by small businesses. This may explain why a key private-sector employment gauge on Wednesday posted surprisingly strong numbers that were somewhat at odds with Friday's bureau data. The ADP National Employment Report said 206,000 private-sector jobs were created in November. Employers with more than 500 workers accounted for about 6 percent of the hiring, the ADP report said, while employers with fewer than 49 workers accounted for 53 percent of the new jobs.

The National Federation of Independent Business, which surveys the pulse of smaller firms, also said Friday that its members were seeing an uptick in hiring.

"The percent of owners cutting jobs has returned to 'normal' levels," said William Dunkelberg, the group's chief economist. "And the percent of owners adding workers continued to trend up. Reports of new job creation should pick up a bit in the coming months."

The sharp fall in the unemployment rate, while a potential boost to the political fortunes of President Barack Obama, stemmed from two factors.

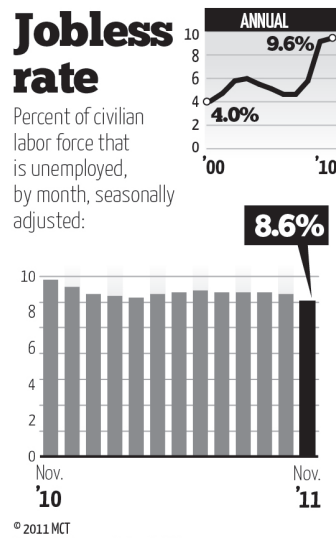
First, there was an outsized decline of 315,000 people in the workforce. Those presumably are people who gave up looking for work, and they are likely to return to the workforce eventually. The rest stemmed from growth in the number of jobs.

"About half of the drop in unemployment in the household survey was due to a decline in the labor force ... and about half to employment growth," Alan Krueger, the new head of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, said in a statement.

The unemployment rate is derived from a survey of households, while the job-growth number is drawn from a survey of businesses. Economists at RDQ Economics, a New York forecaster, argued in a research note that the



President Barack Obama and Former President Bill Clinton tour a "trophy" office space building at 815 Connecticut Ave. NW in Washington, D.C., and speak about job creation and energy efficiency last week. Photo by Olivier Douliery / MCT



household survey has shown stronger employment gains than the payroll survey has for four straight months. RDQ said the unemployment rate had shown "a more rapid decline than one would have expected given the data on the broader economy."

The strong job numbers add to a recent trend of positive economic indicators, including sharply rising consumer confidence, auto sales, Black Friday retail sales and a key manufacturing index by the Institute of Supply Management. It all points to a firming U.S. economic recovery, with the biggest shadow cast by Europe's debt crisis.

"November's employment gain, augmented by net upward revisions of 72,000 to September-October readings, continues the run of U.S. economic data showing heartening (and in its degree somewhat surprising to us) resilience in the face of the deepening euro area debt crisis," Alan Levenson, the chief economist for Baltimore-based investment giant T. Rowe Price, stated in a research note.

Stocks rallied as trading opened Friday, but concerns

about Europe, where leaders are holding key meetings next week, killed off the rally late in the day. The Dow Jones industrial average ended down 0.61 point to close at 12,019.42. The S&P 500 was off 0.30 point to 1,244.28 and the Nasdaq, composite finished up 0.73 point to 2,626.93.

Economists for Bank of America Merrill Lynch characterized the good jobs numbers with a catchy headline: "Employment: Labor market moved into second gear." The U.S. economy has built momentum heading into 2012, they said.

"Over the last three months, the U.S. economy has been generating roughly 145,000 jobs per month — not a blow-out, to be sure, but still ahead of what we saw in the summer," the economists wrote.

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■ MUSIC REVIEW

New Christmas release by The Killers continues annual holiday traditon

“(RED) Christmas EP” puts six years of musical gifts under the tree for fans, while helping end AIDS in Africa



by Jackson Wright
Staff Writer

Every year after the end of Thanksgiving, I start to look forward to two things.

The first is winter break and the relief that it, along with the beautiful sights, smells and tastes of the most wonderful time of the year, brings.

The second is the release of Las Vegas-based band The Killers' annual Christmas song, a gift that my favorite alternative-indie-rock group has kept on giving for the last six years in a row.

What's even better is that all of the proceeds from this album will go to the (RED) Campaign and the Global Fund, which raises money to fight the spread of AIDS in Africa, aiming for a world free of the disease by 2015.

On November 30th, to coincide with the 30th annual World AIDS day, The Killers released a new song called “The Cowboy's Christmas Ball” as well as arranging their new single with previously released Christmas songs on the (RED) Christmas extended playlist.

It's amazing to me that although these songs came out years apart from each other, they feel like part of the same puzzle, almost as if they were meant to be this neatly wrapped package from the beginning.

Listening to the EP in the sequence feels like skipping through the band's life, offering a snapshot of where the band was at that point in the year that the song comes from, as well as building on the one before.

Each song brings a different feeling to the whole. The first track, “A Great Big Sled,” released in 2006, feels like an intro to the spirit that they embrace through the entire album. It's light and fun, and stirs up the same happy feelings that I got when I first heard their album “Sam's Town.”

2007's “Don't Shoot Me Santa” is definitely the strangest of the songs on the album, featuring a pleading conversation between lead singer Brandon Flowers and a murderous gun-toting Mr. Claus with ill intent, as well as some interesting guitar riffs that embody the perfectly fun and goofy personality that shines throughout their discography.

Sir Elton John and The Pet



(From left to right) David Keuning, Mark Stoermer, Brandon Flowers and Ronnie Vannucci of The Killers from Las Vegas, NV released a

Shop Boy's Neil Tennant joined the band in 2008 for their song, “Joseph, Better You Than Me,” which takes a more somber tone that is more “Silent Night” than “Deck the Halls,” injecting the album with some much needed gravitas.

2009 brought “Happy Birthday Guadalupe!” a spirited Latin-inspired track that featured fellow indie-rockers Wild Light and hardcore punk/mariachi band, Mariachi El Bronx.

“Boots,” was the 2010 entry into The Killers' Christmas catalog, featuring a clip from classic film “It's A Wonderful Life” and offering a slower song that felt more like the it was a crooning track from “Flamingo,” Flower's 2010 solo release, rather than a product of the full band.

The real gift that comes from the EP is “The Cowboy's Christmas Ball,” the first new material

that we've gotten from the band since “Boots,” but that actually better embodies the sound of the band than that release.

That being said, I hope “Cowboy's” isn't too reminiscent of the direction the band is headed with their next full-length release. It fits the rest of the tracks well, serving as a hillbilly sleigh bell cousin to some of the other more reserved tracks.

It definitely isn't the best of their Christmas releases, that honor goes in my opinion to 2008's “Joseph, Better You Than Me,” but “Cowboy's” gets the job done in raising spirits with a solid beat and lyrics with a little bit of yuletide flavor.

If you are a fan of The Killers, or just feel like hearing some great music that is helping out an important cause, the (RED) Christmas EP will not disappoint.

collection of their holiday songs with (RED) Christmas EP on Nov. 30. Photo courtesy of thekillersmusic.com



The Killers' (RED) Christmas EP features the group's new single, “The Cowboy's Christmas Ball,” as well as previously released tracks. Photo courtesy of thekillersmusic.com

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- Coast Guard alert
- End of the Greek alphabet
- Former "American Idol" judge Abdul
- Large Australian bird
- Smooth jazz instruments
- Exhibiting activity
- Grand Canyon viewing area
- "Witch of Wall Street" Green
- Place for fuel
- Eggs eaten uncooked
- Birth name signifier
- Freon, e.g.
- Maine specialties
- Notation on an invitation
- Wedder of Lennon
- Taste tester, e.g.
- Disorderly outburst
- Physics unit
- Sing by changing register
- One in competition
- Celebrate and then some
- Dovetail wedge
- '60s war zone, informally
- With no need to diet
- Convenience for wedding-gift shoppers
- Poor Richard's book
- Winter hazard
- James Clavell best seller "___Pan"
- Panhandler's request
- Bridal veil material, perhaps
- What Matthew collected
- Wicker material
- "He's ___ nowhere man" (Beatles lyric)
- The Thatcher years, e.g., in Britain
- Fails to show
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- Type of sleep cycle

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WESSIDESTORY

by Wesley Dugle

God doesn't play sports



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A while back, on Sunday night of week nine of the NFL season, a game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Baltimore Ravens took place in one of the most heated rivalry games of the modern era.

The game saw true grit on both sides as both teams traded leads back and forth and fought to the bitter end.

It was capped off with a thrilling 26-yard touchdown pass by Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco to wide receiver Torrey Smith to put the Ravens on top 23-20 with eight seconds to go, thus sealing the game.

In the post-game interviews, Flacco answered NBC reporter Michelle Tafoya's questions

with the typical answers you usually hear from a pro-athlete regarding the team's chemistry and "taking one game at a time."

Then, Ray Lewis stepped in for his own post-game chat, talking about his advice to Smith and what he said to keep his head in the game.

"You know, position yourself, so when God gets ready to pour out his blessings, that you are in position to receive those blessings."

Lewis basically just said here that Torrey Smith literally "received" God's blessings in the form of a touchdown pass.

At this point I groaned and rolled my eyes and said, "Gee, I wonder what God's quarterback passer rating is?"

This is one of the best examples of one of my biggest pet peeves in pro sports — athletes claiming that God helped them win a sports game.

Now before you start thinking this is going to be an attack

on religion — it isn't. I'm agnostic, but I have no problem with pro-athletes being Christians, Muslims, Jews or whatever.

But when one of them claims God is helping them win a few petty, insignificant sports games that are pointless in the grand scheme of things — that's when I get upset.

I would like to think, if there is a God, that he's working a little harder on ending world hunger, violence and racism than some stupid football game.

Ray Lewis isn't the only one though who considers himself religious in the NFL.

With the recent emergence of Denver Bronco's quarterback Tim Tebow, God and football have taken the spotlight as Tebow is easily the most religious player in the league and also wears his religious pride on his chest, praising the Lord for each of his wins.

Quarterback Jon Kitna too, back in his "prime," sometimes

would say that God was even "testing" him in his defeats.

Huh?

This guy makes millions of dollars to throw a football around, while people less fortunate pay tons of money just to see it, and he means to tell me God is testing him?

Sorry, Kitna, but you are not Job.

Buffalo Bills wide-receiver Steve Johnson probably had the biggest religious flub of them all.

In a 2010 game against the Pittsburgh Steelers, after dropping a what would have been a game-winning touchdown pass in the closing seconds of regulation, an angry Johnson took to his Twitter, stating "I PRAISE YOU 24/7!!!! AND THIS HOW YOU DO ME!!!! YOU EXPECT ME TO LEARN FROM THIS??? HOW????!! ILL NEVER FORGET THIS!! EVER!!! THX THO..."

Now praising God for your

small victories is one thing, but calling him out over a loss is just really petty and shows a lack of maturity on Johnson's part.

I highly doubt God was trying to spite you, Steve.

God in sports is not limited to just football, however.

I remember before game six of the the 2006 NBA Finals, Dallas Mavericks' shooting guard Jason Terry said his team would pull even down three games to two to the Heat because "God is on our side tonight."

Then came the irony when the Heat clinched the NBA title and Finals MVP Dwyane Wade stated in his post-game interview "God was watching over us tonight."

Hmmm, all this talk would imply God takes a side in these matchups.

Does Wade mean to tell me God has a Miami Heat Jersey hanging up in his room in the clouds somewhere? Or would that the Mavericks took the most recent NBA title?

It's not the fact these people are religious that bothers me, it's that they seem to believe God takes time out of his busy schedule to help them win a meaningless sports game when there are far more important things that I would think a being of higher power would care more about.

Does God take prayers from these guys and go "Sure, I will help you win the Super Bowl, I'll get back to helping starving African children tomorrow I guess?"

It just doesn't make a whole lot of sense to me.

I don't think there is anything wrong in counting your blessings and giving thanks for having the talent to throw a ball really well.

But when you start heaping praise and believing that somehow a higher power is helping you win a game, as opposed to the other team who probably has another athlete praying for the same things, it's just absurd.

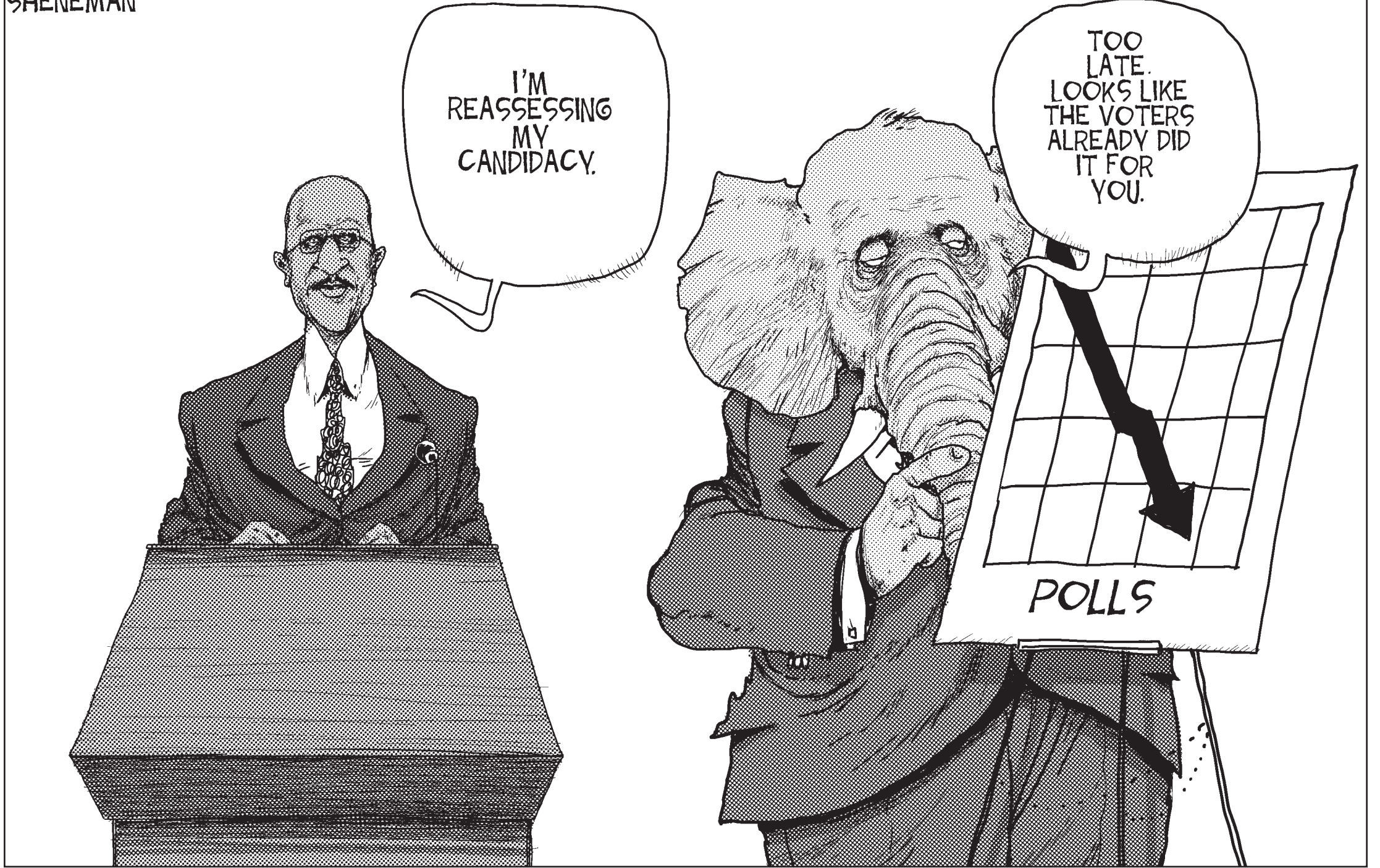
God doesn't take sides in my view, and I believe if he's trying to help anybody out there these days it's people who are struggling to make ends meet or who are actually in bad situations in their lives.

So please, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Tebow and the rest of you professional athletes out there, stop bothering God about winning your games.

He's a busy guy and on his list of priorities I would like to think helping you win the Super Bowl falls pretty far down, just above "Hey God, can you help me sleep with that one hot girl in my class, please?"

But that's a different story altogether.

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Women's basketball squad wins first game of season

Staff Report

The SJSU women's basketball team won its first game of the season on Thursday night, defeating Northern Arizona University 74-64 in the Event Center.

The Spartans were backed offensively by senior guard Sara Plavljjanin, who scored a game-high and season-high 26 points.

"The last two games we were so close to a win, but something was missing," Plavljjanin said in a post-game interview. "It was confidence. When you have a long losing streak it gets into your head, but today we proved to ourselves that we can win. In the second half we played up to our ability and I know we'll build on this game."

With the victory Thursday night, SJSU (1-6) snapped a 17-game losing streak that stretches back to January of last season.

The win over the Lumberjacks is also the first victory for the Spartans' head coach Tim La Kose, who is in his first season with SJSU.

"Wins have been tough to come by and the players have been working really hard," La Kose said. "We have seen improvement every day and tonight the result reflects the work that has been put in. I hope this is the first of many to come."

The Spartans struggled offensively to begin the game after Northern Arizona jumped out to a quick 8-2 lead.

SJSU cut the lead to 8-6 with more than 15 minutes left to play in the first half after a jump shot by sophomore guard Brea Matthews and two free throws by freshman guard Ta'Rea Cunnigan.



Northern Arizona sophomore guard Amanda Frost (right) chases SJSU freshman guard Ta'Rea Cunnigan down the court during the

Spartans' 74-64 defeat of the Lumberjacks Thursday night at the SJSU Event Center. Photo by Vernon McKnight / Spartan Daily

After converting just 20 percent of their shots during the first half, the Spartans found themselves trailing 30-24 at the end of the first half.

Defense is what kept SJSU in the game during the first half, in which the team gathered up 20 turnovers. The stout defense would continue throughout the course of the game, with the Spartans finishing with 32 total turnovers on the night.

"We had a more consistent effort on the defensive end," La Kose said. "Our hands and feet were active — players were communicating which resulted in a lot of turnovers for us,

"Wins have been tough to come by and the players have been working hard."

- Tim La Kose, head coach

but in the first half we didn't turn them into points."

Despite the tough defense SJSU displayed all night, the Lumberjacks once again began the half strong, jumping to a 10-point lead with 16:21 to play.

SJSU answered right back and went on a 10-0 run, sparked by a steal by sophomore guard Rachel Finnegan, which was converted into a layup on the other end.

The two teams went back and forth, burying baskets in alternating fashion until two free throws by Matthews gave SJSU its first lead of the contest with the score at 51-49 and 7:41 to go.

SJSU outscored Northern Arizona 23-15 from then on to close out the first victory for the Spartans in the team's young season.

The Spartans shot 62 percent from the floor and 75 percent

from the free throw line in the second half.

Senior forward Brittany Johnson scored in double digits for the seventh time this season, scoring 17 points and adding eight rebounds.

Lumberjack sophomore center Shay May led Northern Arizona with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Junior shooting forward Tyler Stephens-Jenkins pitched in with 15 points and junior center Aubrey Davis added 10 points.

"We have played some really good teams this year, including Northern Arizona," Plavljjanin said. "If we come out and do what we do well, good things are going to happen."



SJSU sophomore guard Rachel Finnegan drives down the court during SJSU's 74-64 victory over Northern Arizona on Thursday night. Finnegan recorded 8 points, 5 rebounds and 5 steals during 27 minutes of play. Photo by Vernon McKnight / Spartan Daily

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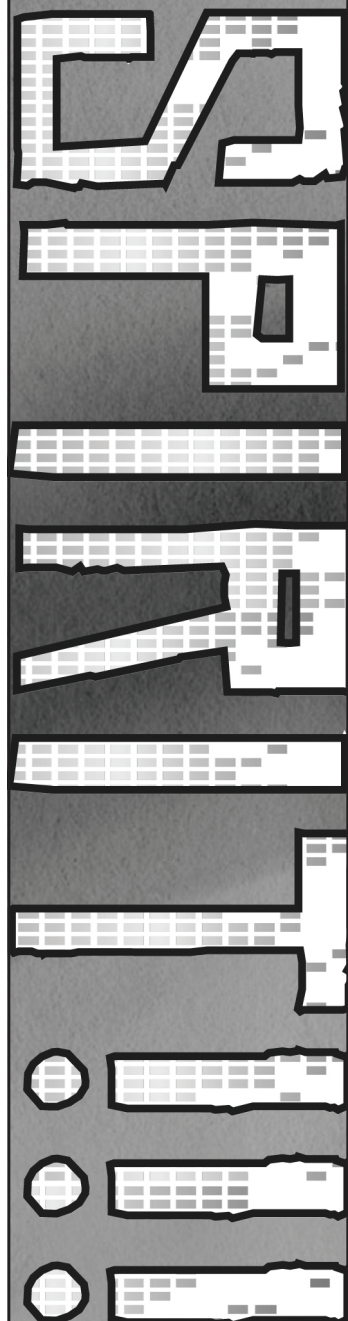
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