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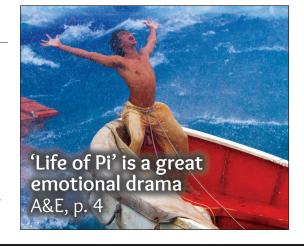
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SJSU

## **Departments** still lack funds despite passage of Prop. 30

By Jonathan Roisman

Even with the passage of Proposition 30, some departments are still struggling to find money from SJSU's budget to maintain its current level

The history department had its academic book budget cut to \$2,000 this school year, down more than \$10,000 from just a few years ago, according to history professor Jonathan Roth.

"The idea of having \$2,000 to buy books for the entire history department is ridiculous," he said.

Nearly each department purchases books professors and students can use at the library, accord-

Roth said the budget was originally set at \$0 this year, but the department was able to get some funding from academic affairs.

He said it was impossible to adequately supply the library with history books related to the different classes at SJSU on such a small

"As your budget shrinks, the question is what can you cut?" Roth said of the school's academic budget. "The easiest thing is to cut the book budget, and that's exactly what's happening."

The history department is not the only one on campus to feel cuts to its curriculum.

Meteorology chair Alison Bridger said her department had to cut classes at the beginning of the semester, some of which are needed for some students to graduate.

"We do the scheduling (of classes) months ahead of time," Bridger said. "We have no idea what the budget will look like in six months. Classes can be cut."

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**FOOTBALL** 

## Victorious Spar-TENs

SJSU (10-2) ranked No. 25 in BCS



in the Spartans 52-43 win over the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs. Photo by Jason Reed / Contributing Photographer

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### **CAMPUS**

## SJSU to honor acclaimed story writer Isabel Allende

By Sage Curtis @sagedanielle

Isabel Allende, a well-known writer who has made an impact on SJSU students and faculty in the Spanish department, will be honored today with Isabel Allende Day.

The all-day celebration will honor her work as a woman writer and her connection to SJSU in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

The event will include an exhibit of her books with supplemental sketches from the animation/illustration program based on Allende's "The City of Beasts" and a dramatic adaptation of her short story "Tosca" by the theatre arts program, according to information from the Center for Literary Arts.

Allende has written 17 books centered around her Chilean heritage, all written in Spanish and translated into more than 30 different languag-

"I live in California – in English - but I can only write in Spanish," Allende said on her website. "In fact, all the fundamental things in my life happen in Spanish, like scolding my grandchildren, cooking or making

In addition to being a prolific writer, Allende established a charity dedicated to the protection and empowerment of women and children, according to information from her biography.

"She has had a huge impact on the Spanish program at SJSU," said Anne Fountain, event organizer and Spanish professor. "Her foundation has provided many Spanish students with scholarships on this campus."

Allende describes her literature as "realistic literature" rooted in historical background and a remarkable upbringing.

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**STUDY ABROAD** 

## International House students learn culture through eating

By Celeste Lodge @celestelodge

Students at the SJSU International House gather together at dinner, laugh and share stories with one another at the end of a long school day.

"Its really important that we serve meals here at the house because it's one of the only chances that some people get to see one another," said Natasha Lamperti, a senior radio, television and film major. "It's like the family at the dinning table at the end of the day."

The International House (I-House) has students from many different cultures living together, and one way they learn about each other is sharing

their culture's food with one another. Although the I-House has a sevenday meal plan which provides cooked food for the students, they still enjoy cooking and sharing their own cul-

ture's food with one another when they can.

Students from the International House cook more often over the winter and summer breaks because the Dining Commons is not open.

Ming Cheng, a freshman accounting major from China, has cooked food from her culture for students at the International House.

"I feel proud to cook my country's food, and it's nice to hear that they enjoy it," Cheng said.

She enjoys cooking fried rice mixed with soy sauce, vegetables, and

"I miss my mom's cooking, so what I cook here is what she would have cooked for me," Cheng said. "When I cook for people here, it makes me feel closer to home."

Cheng also enjoys cooking Sichuan food, regional Chinese food notorious for its heat, with other Chinese residents for special occasions.

She has cooked spicy tofu to share and said she hopes to cook Chinese dumplings and hot pots for the Chinese New Year next year.

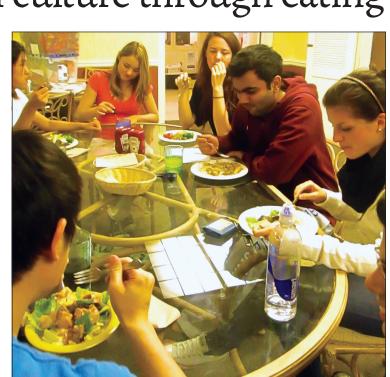
Cheng said cooking together and for one another helps everyone grow closer together.

"When we cook together, we talk and get to know each other more," she said. "When you taste each other's food, you feel like family."

Leann Cherkasky Makhni, director of the International House, said sharing a meal together is a comfortable and welcoming way to share cul-

"As we try new foods, we learn about tastes and textures and products that are eaten in different parts of the world," Cherkasky Makhni said. "When we share our food, we

SEE **INTERNATIONAL** ON PAGE 3



Students gather to eat homemade meals for dinner at the International House

last night. Photo by Celeste Lodge / Spartan Daily

# **Budget:** Low funding may lead to layoffs

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She said a section of Global Climate Change, an Area R upper-division general education class, was cut this semester, and Atmospheric Pollution, a requirement for environmental studies students, was completely cut this semester.

Bridger said she was not sure if they would be added back next semester.

Marna Genes, the director of budget planning and financial management, said the school takes every effort to maintain quality education for students.

"The people who work at SJSU are passionate about education," she stated in an email. "While the budget situation has been particularly challenging in the past two years, we strive to uphold our commitment to educating students."

She said although the passage of Proposition 30 provided "a reprieve from another serious budget reduction," SJSU still needs to plan strategically.

"The future looks a little brighter if all goes as planned," Genes said.

But Roth said he believes the school needs a major overhaul of its priorities.

He said the school should cut money from athletics, student affairs and administration and finance and add it to academic affairs.

The school could save money by moving the football team to Division II, he said, as well as cutting from the presi"Ever since I've been here, it's basically been cuts," Roth said, who has been at SJSU since 1994.

He said the school should dedicate two-thirds of its budget to academic affairs. It's currently slightly more than 50 percent, according to the school's annual budget report.

Roth said some support staff might have to be laid off to achieve this goal.

"What I'm saying is (that people) should be fired, so I can buy more books," he said. "That sounds really cruel, and it is cruel because that's somebody's job, but we're not an employment agency."

He said students need as many tools as the school can offer so they can learn.

"I know it's not an optimal thing," Roth said of cutting from other divisions of the school, "but I think it's necessary."

Professors, Roth said, are the core of any university, and he said he doesn't believe SJSU is emphasizing that. Roth said the department

had to lay off 10 lecturers in the past five years, leaving them with just 11 this year.

If cuts continued, he warned, the school would be in serious trouble.

"What you'll end up with is a four-year community col-

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# Panama Canal overhaul to change shipping industry once again

By Mimi Whitefield McClatchy Tribune

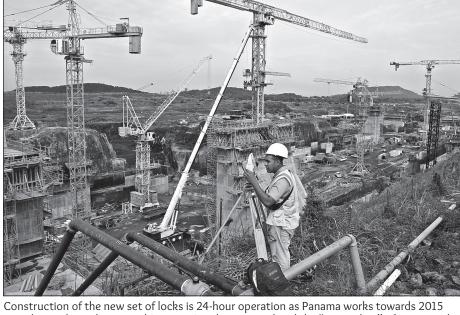
Huge yellow dump trucks resemble Tonka toys in a sand pile as they haul tons of rust-colored dirt and basalt rock from a 56-foot gash in the earth that will become a new access channel in the \$5.25 billion expansion of the Panama Canal.

The trucks keep rumbling up muddy terraced slopes as a quick-moving storm blurs the horizon. The rain chases away workers pouring concrete for a mammoth set of locks that will lift super-size ships for their transit across the narrow Isthmus of Panama, but the crews are back in the pit as soon as the sun returns.

By April 2015, it will all be under water — ready for the ever-bigger vessels revolutionizing international trade. The expansion is expected to double the canal's capacity.

The 2015 target is about six months behind schedule, but U.S. ports are still scrambling to ready their channels for so-called post-Panamax ships, and some say they welcome the reprieve. At this point, Baltimore and Norfolk, Va., are the only ports along the Eastern Seaboard with channels deep enough to handle the vessels when they're fully loaded.

It's a race for deep water as ports up and down the East Coast and along the



Construction of the new set of locks is 24-hour operation as Panama works towards 2015 completion date. The original Panama Canal was considered the "moon shot" of its time. The Panama Canal expansion may be the Mars trip of today. **Photo by Carl Juste / MCT.** 

Gulf of Mexico make plans to dredge their channels, shore up their docks or rustle up funding for renovations to receive the big ships. Many won't be ready by the time water floods the new locks.

Latin American and Caribbean ports also are trying to figure out how to capitalize on the expansion.

As this new phase of canal construction nears completion with 13,000 people working around the clock, there is renewed interest in preserving the history of the old Panama Canal Zone as well as the legacy of those who worked and died building the canal.

While the 50-mile-long Panama Canal has provided a maritime shortcut between the Atlantic and Pacific for almost a century, it's just about maxed out.

This year, vessels from the four corners of the globe — car carriers from Japan, bulk carriers loaded with soybeans and wheat from the U.S. heartland, oil tankers, towering container ships carrying the output of Chinese factories to U.S. retailers — are expected to move a record 332 million tons of cargo through the waterway, said Jorge L. Quijano, chief executive of the Panama Canal Authority.

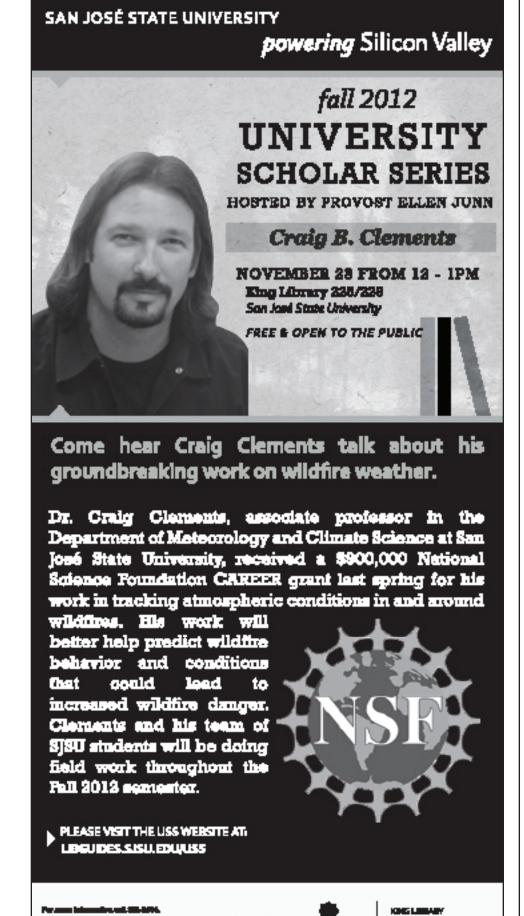
That's only about 20 million tons short of the canal's capacity, he said. The canal is also popular with cruise lines, and dozens of cruise

ships are being built that exceed the size limits of the current canal.

But the more immediate problem is that the huge cargo ships increasingly favored for trade with Asia are too wide, too long and too heavy for the current canal.

With a growing number of ships in the post-Panamax category — exceeding the specifications for the largest ship that can fit through the existing locks — the Panama Canal must expand or risk losing market share.

Post-Panamax Plus ships, such as most U.S. tankers that carry liquefied natural gas bound for Asia, are five times too big for the Panama





NATIONAL

## Amid Obama's re-election come cries for state secession

By James Rosen McClatchy Tribune

WASHINGTON - In the three weeks since President Barack Obama's re-election victory, his most ardent foes - nearly 1 million people from all 50 states - have signed online petitions to take their opposition to the extreme: seceding from the United States.

They're doing it on the White House's "We the People" website, taking advantage of a pledge to review any petition that gains at least 25,000 signatures.

Texas was far ahead of the pack with 117,373 digital signatures on its petition by midday Monday.

"Given that the state of Texas maintains a balanced budget and is the 15th largest economy in the world, it is practically feasible for Texas to withdraw from the union," the petition

"To do so would protect its citizens' standard of living and re-secure their rights and liberties in accordance with the original ideas and beliefs of our founding fathers, which are no longer being reflected by the federal government," it says.

Randy Dye, a North Carolina tea party member and retired trauma nurse from Pittsboro, started his state's petition, which had drawn more than 30,000 signatures, good for sixth-most among all states.

While helping victims of Hurricane Sandy in the New York City borough of Queens, Dye explained why he would like North Carolina to leave the union.

"States need to turn into

countries where we keep our own money," Dye said in an interview.

"It would be a lot easier to control government at the state level than at the federal level," Dye said. "I believe that President Obama is probably a good man and a good daddy to his kids, but he's a socialist. I think we're headed we're heading toward a socialist nation, and I want nothing to do with

As of Monday afternoon, 11 would-be seceding states - Texas, Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee, North Carolina, Alabama, Oklahoma, Florida and Ohio - had reached the 25,000-signature threshold that the "We the People" website promises will gain an official Obama administration review. Nine of the 11 states voted against Obama in the Nov. 6 election, with only Florida and Ohio as pro-Obama outliers.

"Every petition that crosses the threshold is reviewed and receives a White House response," spokesman Matt Lehrich said. "As a rule, we don't comment on the substance of those responses until they're issued to the petitioners."

Some constitutional law scholars say that while it wouldn't be impossible for a state to secede, to do so legally would entail highly implausible steps such as gaining ratification of a constitutional amendment or passage of a law redrawing the nation's boundaries.

"It all boils down to whether the larger country is willing to accept a peaceful withdrawal," said Sanford

### Secession fever?

Nearly 1 million people have signed secession petitions on the White House web site. Eleven states have more than 25,000 signatures and are entitled to formal review.

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52,707 South Carolina

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North Carolina

30,392 Alabama

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Source: White House Graphic: Judy Treible Infographic courtesy of MCT

Levinson, a law professor at the University of Texas-

"I think it is a fantasy, but given the history of the United States, secession is not necessarily a laughing matter," Levinson said. "The Constitution doesn't specify an answer one way or another. My view is that it's a close

Akhil Reed Amar, a Yale University law professor,

While the Constitution doesn't directly address secession, Amar said, the founding document makes it clear in a half-dozen clauses that such a move is banned and would be tantamount to

## International: Students learn through sharing food and culture

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share our custom of hospital-

Sultan Aziz, a student preparing for graduate school with a Bachelor of Science in accounting, said he cooks rice many different ways for International House residents because it is a main dish in his country, Saudi Arabia.

He cooks for people once or twice a month and every day during summer and winter breaks.

"Most of the residents like it and I get good feedback," Aziz said. "They encourage me to make it more often."

Aziz said when he cooks. he invites people that he is not as close with so he can get to know them better.

He said he has had made many close friends through the experience of cooking together.

Aziz said last semester he did a fundraising event for the I-House with other students from different countries and they cooked their cultures food for the residents.

"You learn more about their behaviors, what they eat, and what they like," he

Samson Bailey, a senior Japanese major, said that learning about someone's culture through food is an important way to get to know

"Food is an easy and good way to broaden your horizons and learn about other people," Bailey said. "It's a way to get to know people without actually having to

Bailey, an American, said food helped change his perspective on a resident in the

He said it was hard to get along with a Vietnamese girl from the Czech Republic because he said he thought she was a self-absorbed pageant

"Then one day I was in the kitchen just sitting there, and she started to make food and offered me some," Bailey said. "It was super nice, and I never expected that from her

Bailey said it showed him a different side of her, and he realized she was actually nice.

"After that I gave her another chance and became really close to her," Bailey

He said she made some of the best food he has ever tasted at the I-House.

Lamperti said she enjoys when students from Korea invite her to eat and cook with them.

"I like listening to them speak their language to one another," she said. "When they cook, they really cook together. It's a group effort. I love watching the interactions between people when

Lamperti, an American, said kimchi is her favorite food she has tried so far at the house.

"I actually really like kimchi, especially kimchi pancakes," Lamperti said. "Its really grown on me."

Vilok Bhatia, a senior marketing major from India, said he has cooked with some of his friends from Korea and learned about their culture through the process.

"The act of making the food is just as important as the taste of the food," Bhatia said. "When I was helping out one of my friends, he would not let me do the specific thing he was doing because he thought that was his domain."

Bhatia said that cooking together is a great way of bonding and said cooking sushi with 20 other students over spring break was a great experience.

"People processed rice and would lay it out, others chopped up the meat, a few laid out seaweed, and some rolled it. It was a community thing," Bhatia said.

Bhatia said cooking together is a medium that provides more contact with one

"You get together and all different people work toward one goal," he said. "That brings people together."

Lamperti said she enjoys the experience of tasting different culture's food at the

"Growing up, everyone's idea of a home cooked meal is different and everyone's favorite meal preference is different," Lamperti said. "But the more you try and eat different types of food the more open you are to variety."

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## **Allende:** Award ceremony to be held at King Library

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"I always stick to the poetic truth," Allende wrote. "I am a writer because I was blessed with an ear for stories, an unhappy childhood and a strange family. Literature has defined

The event will also include an award ceremony featuring President Mohammad Qayoumi and Allende's husband, William Gordon, as well as an official declaration of Isabel

Allende Day by the San Jose Mayor's office.

The event is a collaboration of the Northern California chapter of the Fulbright Association and its president, Thomas Rodden, and is cosponsored by SJSU's Center for Literary Arts and The Círculo Hispánico (Spanish club), according to Fountain.

"The idea to bring (Allende to campus) began as Mike Conniff, professor of Latin American history at SJSU, and I had lunch with Isabel in Mill Valley in May 2011," Fountain said. "We rushed to get on her calendar and now Allende Day

All of the day's events will be held on the second floor meeting room foyer in the King Library from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

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**MOVIE REVIEW** 

## 'Life of Pi' delivers an emotionally-charged survival story

By Kimberley Diaz @SD\_KDiaz

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Survival against the sea and a tiger is no easy task.

"Life of Pi" is director Ang Lee's newest film based on the novel by Yann Martel.

The story is about a 16-year-old boy named Pi (Suraj Sharma) who, while on his way to Canada with his family and their zoo animals from Pondicherry, India, survives a shipwreck and is stuck on a boat with a Bengal tiger named Richard Parker.

In order to stay alive, Pi must keep both him and Richard Parker fed so that he does not become the tiger's next meal.

The novel was a huge success in 2001, but many fans of the book will tell you when it first came out that turning this inspiring tale into a film would almost be impossible, mainly because of Pi's constant interaction with a Bengal tiger.

Because of this, Lee decided to make the tiger, as well as some of the other zoo animals digitally rendered, which normally is a risky choice.

However, thanks to advanced technology, the animals, especially the tiger, look incredible and could fool any audience member who doesn't know about the CGI animals.

The film itself was visually stunning with one scene



Pi, played by Suraj Sharma, and his Bengal tiger named Richard Parker star together in Ang Lee's adaptation of Yann Martel's novel "Life of Pi". Photo from Uk.Cine-Trailer.Eu

standing out.

At one point, the movie shrunk to a smaller widescreen and Pi and Richard Parker witness a school of fish flying over

The flying fish looked real and beautiful as they jumped out of the water and almost looked like they were going to jump into the audience.

That moment was incredibly breathtaking and it was just jaw-dropping to see how

far technology has come to make this look so real.

This is one of the few films where the 3-D worked in its favor and actually added to the story rather than make it gimmicky.

Sharma, who made his movie debut in his role as Pi, does an excellent job portraying the naïve young boy who sees the world innocently so much so that he follows three religions - calling himself a

Catholic-Hindu-Muslim.

His interaction with the CGI rendered Richard Parker was very believable and easy for the audience to not only care about him but also worry as he is in constant contact with this 400-pound Bengal tiger in a smallboat.

A movie where only two characters are interacting with little dialogue can run on for so long and end up boring, but Ang Lee did a very good job at

keeping the movie interesting.

However, Lee keeps us engaged with the story while also remaining faithful to the That is a difficult feat to

accomplish.

The moments before the survival story where we learn about Pi, were incredibly stunning, making Pondicherry look almost like a fantasy

Showing the audience how

Pi grew up and what he learned and believed in is an important element to what happens when he gets shipwrecked and the overall theme of the story.

Also, the interactions between the older Pi (Irrfan Khan) and the writer (Rafe Spall), whom the audience can only assume is Martel, the original author of the novel, are great and add more to he film as the older Pi tells his story and in between gives more details about those events to the writer.

It is easy to see that Ang Lee worked very hard on trying to do this film justice. Usually, Lee's films are either fantastically done or incredibly bad and this falls into the category of some of his more accomplished films.

One of the choices Lee had to make was cut out Tobey Maguire, who originally was going to play the role of the

Lee says that he made this decision because he wanted the entire cast to remain consistent, as most of the main cast were portrayed by some unknown international

Having a big star known for his action films would distract from the main themes of the movie and Lee made a wise choice going this route and choosing Spall instead.

Overall, "Life of Pi" is an inspiring and beautiful tale of survival and will, as the older Pi says, "Make you believe in Kimberley Diaz is a Spartan

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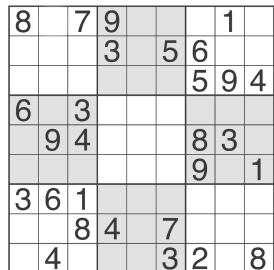
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## OPINION

## Internet dating is worth it



Follow James Simpson on Twitter at @JimmerSimpson.

I have a confession to make I've tried online dating.

You see, that admission was hard — one, because I've never actually told anyone, and two, because I'm conservative in most aspects of life.

I prefer to keep things simple – even some of the superlative sandwiches at Subway are on a menu that will forever be untapped in my eyes.

So when I joined a popular dating site a few years back, it was a giant leap.

It was for one woman: DairyMcquary.

This lactose-named beauty caught my vulnerable eyes in a promotional email that the lock-down spam security of AOL mail once again failed to apprehend.

There was just something about DairyMcquary: so innocent, so beautiful, so understanding - the kind of gal who would forgive me for an attraction based off a bite-sized photo in electronic correspondence shamelessly meant to hook me.

New to it all, I knew my first message to her had to be

strong, as I probably was in a long line of other "Finding Nemo" seagulls obsessively shouting "Mine! Mine! Mine!"

So I articulated one of the more riveting and carefully crafted emails I've ever wrote, a little long but with a sincerity and grammatical excellence I thought this milk goddess would appreciate and

Wouldn't you know it, I never got a response back.

Who even knows what DairyMcquary is up to now, probably living in a Manhattan apartment with her cultured yet short-tempered husband who's taught her more about the art scene than she ever dreamed of.

Or maybe she died in a devastating construction ac-

One or the other.

But I will always look back at her with bittersweet appreciation, not for my first online rejection but for opening my eyes to a world I considered taboo.

Online dating isn't for everyone and even though I gave it the old college try, the short experiment didn't work out for me either.

But at its core, it's a way to broaden your horizons, take you out of your comfort zone and meet all kinds of new

And despite my past halfhearted swing at it, I still think Internet dating is a reputable way of meeting someone, and there is no reason it should be avoided in this day and age.

My advice: Keep it simple and don't invest too much into a world with numbers increasing by the second.

If you still want to send each incomparable person a long, wonderfully prepared introductory essay with a rhetoric that reeks of light humor and wit, more power to you, but always be prepared for disappointment.

Believe me, the diabolical DairyMcquary got every bit of my eloquence and charm and she didn't even thank before she was tragically blindsided by that wrecking ball.

That aside, our own matchmaking capabilities can be severely limited by our eyes, as the natural instinct is to look at how hot a person is when deciding whether they are meant for us.

And with most dating websites, they actually apply some shred of science to block some of the superficiality and help people find that someone that they could actually deal with for days, months, or

So get out there singles, get out of your comfort zone, take a chance and meet some interesting new people.

It's worth a shot. Just stay away from ones

with dairy in their names. James Simpson is a

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## Letters to the Editor

### Is it really love at first sight?

I think this article (Nov. 8 of the same title) had some interesting information.

The more key concepts I learn about love, then the better I can apply them into my everyday life.

I believe that the author brought up some very great points about love at first sight.

However, I disagree with some points that the author

First of all, you might find a woman who is beautiful and has similar interests as you.

Normally, you might have a difficult time on finding an attractive woman who has the same interests.

When this happens, which part of the brain are we using?

For example, my hobbies basketball, running, skiing and movies.

I know a girl named Jennifer who is very gorgeous.

She is very interested in running, skiing, movies and

Therefore, we both have similar interests.

Once a week, we watch a movie and run in the gym Also, we like to go skiing

Having a lot of fun activities without arguing with each other can make our

and enjoyable.

relationships very successful

Therefore, I used the part of my brain to think clearly whether we would be a good couple.

The article said that I should have just considered her looks.

In my opinion, the author misses another part of the brain that controls with whom we fall in love.

For example, Kobe Bryant is a professional basketball player and has led his team toward victory.

Therefore, more attractive women will go after him and fall in love with him.

These women experiencing "love at first sight," but are thinking about his professional skills, not his physical appearance.

Is this the same part of the brain being used?

Jimmy Chung Junior accounting major

### Helping hand

After reading Nina Tabios' article, "From the Bay to Brooklyn: New York and the wrath of Hurricane Sandy," I felt extremely thankful for what I had.

Nina explained to the reader about the hardships the East Coast has been facing for the past two weeks after the hurricane was over.

I completely agree with Nina about everything in her column because New York City

has gone through a lot these past two weeks and it won't be the same beautiful New York City for a while.

The "City that Never Sleeps" has officially slept without electricity running, the beautiful streets now overflooding with water and broken down areas are estimated to cost billions of dollars in repair because of Sandy's damage.

As a school and as a community, I feel we should create or help an organization to help the people of the East Coast struggling for essentials - anything at this point could

You never know when something this life-changing can happen to you, and I know I would hope someone would lend a hand.

As a country we should be united like the people of New York City, helping each other survive the hardships they are

I, just like Nina, visit New York City very often because I have family there and the stories I hear from them are terrifying, knowing that in a blink of an eye your life could

People should take a step back and see how fortunate they are to being living so comfortably because someone else may not have that luxury.

Sana Amin Sophomore finance major

## In My Experience: Handling a friend's tragedy



Kelsey Lynne Lester-Perry's column appears every Tuesday.

"In My Experience" is an allaround advice column where expert Kelsey answers your questions based on her life experience.

### **DISCLAIMER:**

Please submit all questions to spartandaily@gmail.com, which will be kept anonymous and answered every Tuesday by Kelsey.

### Dear Kelsey,

A friend of mine recently lost his father and I'd like to know if there's any advice you could give me on how to help him cope. I have never had to experience the death of a loved one that I was very close to like he has, so I don't exactly know how to approach the situation.

Do I give him time on his own to grieve and wait for him to talk to me? Or do I keep checking up on him to let him know I'm here whenever he needs me? I can't even begin to understand how painful this is for him, and I just want him to know that I care. Help please?

Sincerely,

Helpless

My Dearest Helpless,

I really think it depends on how long ago the death of the loved one happened. You said he and his father were close, which means he needs someone else who is close to him (read: you) to be there during the grieving process.

However, if the death just happened I suspect he will need some time to mourn on his own before he even thinks about talking to someone else about the emotions he is feeling.

So to answer your question, you do both. First you give him time, I would say a few days to a week of alone time. If he doesn't approach you by then, you should simply let him know that you are there when he is ready to talk to you. If he takes much longer than a few weeks to say anything to you about the incident — that could be cause for concern.

Sure, maybe he won't want to tell you that he has been crying into his pillow every night for the past two weeks. But if he hasn't even mentioned that he is bummed out, that's when you bring out the big friend guns. That's when you get in his face and say, "I am here, as your friend, as your support and you have held on to this on your own for too long — so dish. I am here for you."

Sometimes you really just need someone to force you to talk. I have had a really rough semester here - a rough final semester at SJSU and I had (still am actually) closed myself off to the people in my life I am closest to: my boyfriend and my best friend. My grandmother died months ago and I don't think I have cried about it once.

This isn't healthy and you don't want your friend to get to this point. I had friends telling me they were there for me and I would use it as an out to say I'm fine, when what I probably needed was a friend to sit me down and say: "Listen, I know something is wrong - now speak up."

I am not blaming my friends for this. I take full responsibility for my need to be in control of every aspect of my life. It's a character flaw, but its also one of my strongest traits. I don't know if your friend shares this same attribute, but if he does it will be hard to get through to him to tell him he doesn't need to mourn alone.

Hopefully after the stress of this semester diminishes, I can take my own advice and finally reach out to my friends and start the mourning process of the death of my own

I sincerely wish you and your friend the very best and I am deeply sorry for his loss. Love,

Kelsey

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SJSU senior running back De' Leon Eskridge (center) had 28 carries for 217 yards and three touchdowns during the Spartans' 52-43 victory against Louisiana Tech on Saturday. Eskridge finished the season with 992 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns. Photo by Jason Reed / Contributing Photographer

**SJSU 52, LA TECH 43** 

## SJSU victory in finale leads to first ever BCS ranking

By James Simpson @JimmerSimpson

The aftermath of beating Louisiana Tech 52-43 Saturday night has the Spartans as a ranked team in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) for the first time in the school's history.

At 10-2 and the 25th ranked team in the BCS in-season weekly standings, the Spartans finished second in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) and now await their bowl game destination.

MacIntyre addressed the exciting times in his Monday news conference.

"I can't wait to find out where we are going and the kids can't either," MacIntyre said. "So we can go have a chance at our eleventh win and make a little history."

The Spartans are on a six-game winning streak and with a victory in the upcoming bowl game, it would mark the most wins SJSU has ever had in its history as a major college football program.

Junior quarterback David Fales once again played a big role for the Spartans in the regular season finale, completing 25 of 37 passes for

367 yards with three touchdowns and one interception.

Fales broke another SJSU record in the game, this time for completions in a season with 276.

What a way to finish their regular season. And that's fun to say, because coach Mike **We got one** more.

> Mike MacIntyre SJSU football head coach

"It's amazing, it's really about our whole offense," Fales said. "I've got four receivers that can make plays. I think as an offense (the recognition) is great for

Senior running back De'Leon Eskridge made his last game at Spartan Stadium memorable, rushing for 217 yards on 28 carries and three

touchdowns.

Eskridge also had three touchdowns earlier this year against UC Davis.

"I wasn't overhyped, I was just comfortable," Eskridge said. "I played loose today. I really enjoy playing that way."

True of the anticipation of an up-tempo affair, SJSU started the game in its no-huddle offense that eventually led to a successful field goal by freshman kicker Austin Lopez.

Lopez's only field goal conversion in the game ensured a perfect season for him on field goal attempts.

Fales found an unlikely target for a 42yard touchdown in the first quarter in freshman wide receiver Hansel Wilson, who streaked all the way from the backfield for a quick strike down the sideline that Fales put on the money.

Wilson's second reception and first touchdown of the season put the Spartans up 10-0 before the Bulldogs and the nation's top-ranked offense would strike back.

LA Tech freshman running back Kenneth Dixon would scamper for his 27th touchdown of the season, which set the WAC record for rushing touchdowns in a

SISU was mostly in control of the first half but would relinquish the lead and the momentum towards halftime, when the Bulldogs scored two touchdowns in the final two minutes to get the score to 27-24.

After a field goal for LA Tech on its first drive of the second half, SJSU answered with a touchdown run by senior running back Ina Liaina to put the Spartans ahead 31-30.

Not surprisingly, LA Tech answered right back when senior quarterback Colby Cameron found senior wide receiver Myles White on a 33-yard strike to put the Bulldogs back on top

Cameron ended up throwing for 468 yards and three touchdowns, but it would be the last time LA Tech would lead in the game.

While both teams scored at will in the second half, it was the performance of junior cornerback Bene Benwikere who would put the final seal on the game for the

"We were just waiting on (Cameron) to make his mistakes," Benwikere said. "After we finally got (an interception) everybody knew we could get one so we were trying to stop all those long

Benwikere, who didn't even start games the first part of the season, had three second half interceptions with the last finally putting an end to LA Tech's last ditch attempt at points.

"I think just working hard and having other corners



SJSU junior defensive back Bene Benwikere makes his first of three interceptions during the Spartans' 52-43 victory against Louisiana Tech on Saturday. Benwikere finished the season with  $\overline{7}$  interceptions. Photo by Jason Reed / Contributing Photographer

and everybody else during training camp, we all really went hard," Benwikere said. "Definitely by them pushing me, by them being so well is what gave me the determination to be as good as I was and have the game of my life tonight."

Benwikere now owns over half of the interceptions thrown by Cameron this season, as the LA Tech quarterback only had two coming into the contest.

The Spartans scored more than 50 points in a game for the second time this season, the first time since 2001 the team had done that while also gaining 610 yards on offense, the most since a win against LA Tech in 2006.

MacIntyre was extremely proud of the way the seniors and team captains led and played in the nationally televised regular season

"My hats off to our team, our captains, to our seniors," MacIntyre said. "What a way to finish their regular season. And that's fun to say, because we got one more."

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SJSU senior offensive tackle David Quessenberry waves San Jose State's flag to celebrate the Spartans' 52-43 victory against Louisiana Tech. Photo by Jason Reed / Contributing Photographer

# **FOOTBALL BY THE**

## 992 yards

kridge finished his senior year with 992 yards and 10 touchdowns.

### 72.1 percent Junior David Fales is ranked first in the nation with a 72.1 pass

## 11 tackles

completion percentage.

Senior Vince Buhagiar recorded 11 tackles in Saturday's matchup. Buhagiar finishes the season with 82 tackles.

3 interceptions Junior defensive back Bene Benwikere finished the season with seven picks, three from Saturday's