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## OUTSIDE



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# Contested Korean isle has history of conflict

JOHN M. GLIONNA & ETHAN KIM  
Los Angeles Times (MCT)

SEOUL, South Korea — Last week's North Korean artillery attack wasn't the first time isolated Yeonpyeong Island has been center stage in the Korean peninsula's military standoff.

Just three miles across — part military outpost, part civilian fishing village — Yeonpyeong is the closest South Korean island to North Korea, just a few nautical miles from the barricaded shores of Kim Jong Il's secretive regime.

For half a century, the two sides have skirmished repeatedly over the archipelago, a tug of war that includes everything from sovereignty to the local catch of blue Kumori crab prized by both sides. In 1999 and 2002, the rivals' navies clashed near Yeonpyeong, resulting in numerous casualties.

This time, North Korea fired scores of artillery shells onto the disputed island, killing two marines and two construction workers and injuring at least 20 military personnel and civilians.

Nearly half of the 170 North Korean shells reportedly struck the island. The explosives burned about two dozen homes

and damaged military installations, causing 700 people to be evacuated to the mainland.

"I was in a shelter when the second round of attacks came and artillery sounds shook the entire place," one 54-year-old woman told Seoul's Yonhap news service.

The bone of contention is the so-called Northern Limit Line, an invisible boundary established by the United Nations at the cessation of the Korean War.

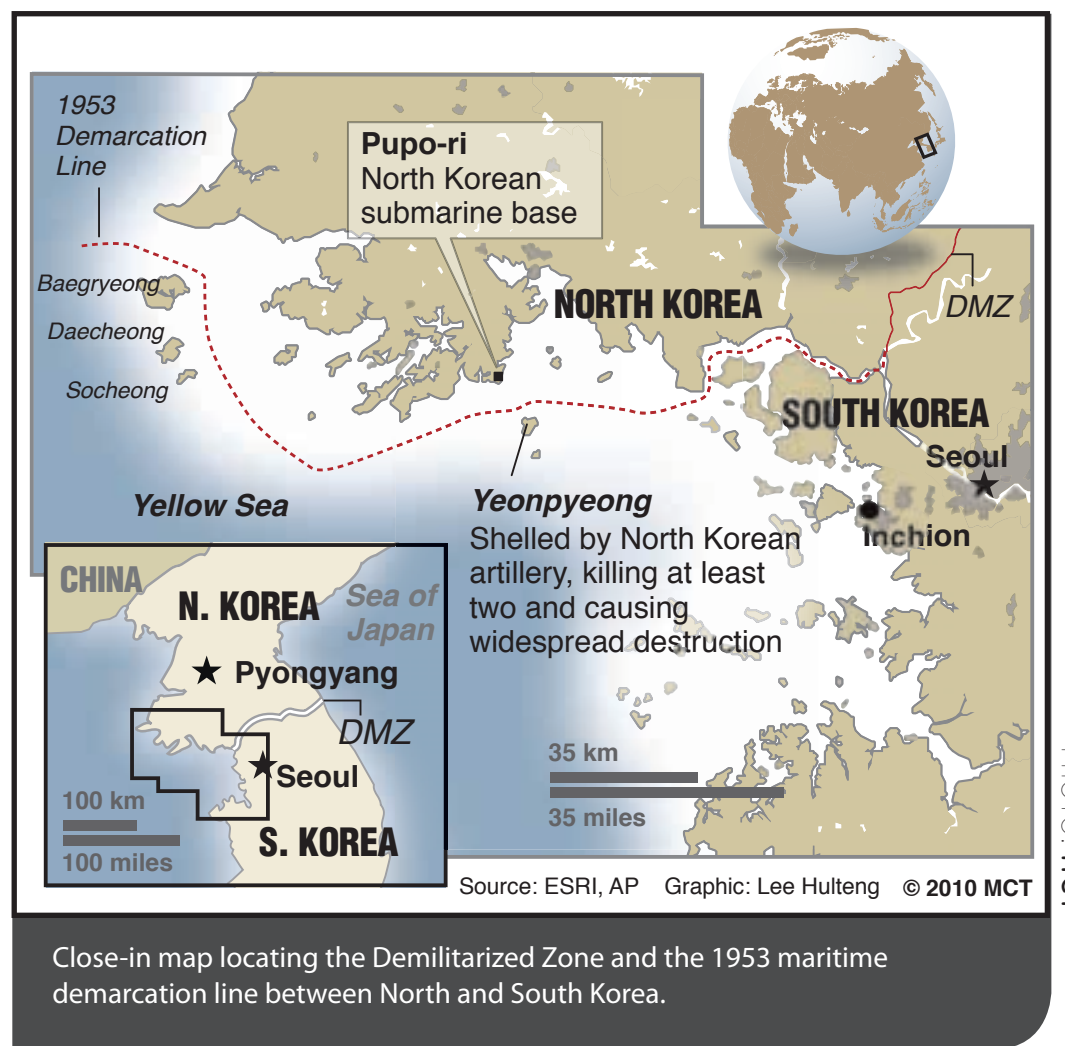
North Korea has long rejected that decision, claiming that the maritime border exists farther to the south. Yeonpyeong Island, Pyongyang insists, is part of its territory. A newspaper in North Korea last week again made that point, calling the attack a tactic to protect its island from the south.

"The island is a hot spot — both sides claim it," said Donald Gregg, a former U.S. ambassador to Seoul in the George W. Bush administration. "That whole area of the western sea boundary has been very difficult. It's a tough stretch of water, and Yeonpyeong sits right in the middle of it."

Yeonpyeong lies 70 miles west of the South Korean coastal city of

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# Campus reacts to tensions in Korea



## North's artillery bombardment may be a show of power, SJSU professor says

JEN NOWELL  
Staff Writer

South Koreans on an island close to the North Korean border were bombarded with artillery fire from North Korea on Tuesday, Nov. 23, killing four people, including two civilians.

South Korea native Chongju Lee, a graduate student in biomedical devices, said he is annoyed by the situation and is worried about what will happen next, since his hometown, Cheonan, is less than 100

miles from the border with North Korea.

"I feel sad for the people in the area and for those who were hurt," he said.

Lee said he called his family immediately after he found out about the incident online, and he was thrilled to hear they were all ok.

"North Korea has a history of provocative actions aimed at demanding the attention of the world," stated SJSU history professor E. Bruce Reynolds in an e-mail.

He said there are several possible reasons for the most recent incident on Tuesday in which North Korea fired artillery shells at Yeonpyeong Island, located off the peninsula's west coast.

"North Korea particularly does not like the present South Korean government, which has taken a harder line toward the North," Reynolds stated.

North Korea is in the process of establishing the

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# Student presents essential facts for sexual infections

JORDAN LIFFENGREN  
Staff Writer

Students were turned away after room 208 in the Health building reached its capacity on Wednesday for a workshop that explained exactly what sexually transmitted infections are and how they can affect the human body.

The meeting was led by Kiana McClanahan, a senior health science major, as the last one of the semester offered by the peer health program.

"This was a pretty fun class," she said. "There were a lot of great questions and some people were even trying to give their own advice."

McClanahan said there are more than 65 million cases per year of a sexually transmitted infection, with the majority of infections being spread among young adults ages 15-24.

The five points she addressed in the workshop were transmission, symptoms, treatment,

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# University shops strive to balance food cost, nutrition

TYLER DO  
Staff Writer

The manager of retail services for Spartan Shops said the stores on campus offer a variety of foods and even household basics such as toiletries on campus.

Ryan Ptucha said he oversees the operations of three food sources on campus consisting of Just Below, Village Market and On Fourth Cafe in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library and has not heard any complaints from students about variety or prices.

"I think it's cool that they do have a lot of variety on campus even because it helps so you don't have to go off campus and it's more convenient," said Darius Dennis, a sophomore computer engineering major.

He said having a range of food choices is a good thing, but the cost of food could be a little cheaper because students already pay the school a great deal of money for books and tuition.

"We haven't heard anything as of yet and we never get it's too cheap," Ptucha said. "That's just

something not too many customers will say."

He said food prices depend on the items sold, either from franchise guidelines or surveys the campus conducts for its own brands (i.e., Weaver's Coffee, Peet's Coffee & Tea and Tully's Coffee)

"We generally go out during the break during summertime or wintertime to canvass the area and look at coffee shops and look at prices," Ptucha said.

He said some of the drinks Spartan Shops sells are cheaper than those sold in neighboring areas.

"Generally and currently, we think we are right in line with the competition prices," Ptucha said.

The campus' Peet's Coffee & Tea offers a caramel latte at \$3.20 for a small, \$3.70 for a medium and \$4.10 for a large.

The off-campus Peet's Coffee & Tea located at 66 West Santa Clara Street offers the same drink at \$3.35 for a small, \$3.85 for a medium and \$4.20 for a large.

Jimmy Luong, a senior international business major, said he thought that

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# THIS DAY IN HISTORY



**ON DECEMBER 1, 1992  
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Darko Fazarinc, a graduate student in mass communication, talked about the 10 years it took for him to come out of the closet.

- A graduate in electrical engineering came back to campus to learn the skill of constructing violins by hand. Wilen Lim was learning from a retired professor he knew only as "Woody."
- SJSU hosted a series of workshops and exhibitions to commemorate World AIDS Day called "A World of Color." This project was expanded from the year before.
- Alumnus Ben Nighthorse Campbell, who graduated in 1957 with a degree in physical education, was elected to the U.S. Senate.

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leadership succession to Kim Jong-Il's son and the "provocative acts" are a way of showing the country's strength amid the transition, he said. A new food crisis might also be leading North Korea to go to extreme measures.

"This may be an effort for North Korea to show their power," Lee said. "Their way of saying 'If you don't give us food, this is what will happen.'"

David Hurng, a freshman computer engineering major, said he is scared about what is happening over there.

"I go there a lot for vacation with my family," he said. "When we're in Seoul, it's scary to think that something like last Tuesday's event could happen again."

Reynolds stated that the large number of troops on both the north and south side of the demilitarized zone and the closeness of Seoul, the South Korean capital, to North Korean artillery is creating a dangerous situation.

"The presence of American forces in South Korea and our alliance relationship with South Korea adds to the complexity of the situation," he stated.

South Korea and the U.S. want to avoid a war, but North Korea's actions are causing an increasing lack of patience, Reynolds stated.

"It's not a green light to go and invade North Korea," said Shunt Balushian, a

freshman computer science major.

He said he doesn't think a war will break out, but if it does it will be a world war.

Harjot Grewal, a freshman biochemical engineering major, said if the U.S. decides to bomb North Korea, South Korea would be in jeopardy.

He said he hopes the U.S. won't take it to that level.

"Presumably North Korea does not want a full-scale war either," Reynolds stated. "But there is always a danger that its actions, or counteractions by the South, might lead to an escalation of hostilities and disastrous consequences."

The U.S. is pressuring Beijing to reign in North Korea, he stated — China is the one country with great influence over North Korea.

"China on one hand does not want to see a collapse of the North Korean state, which it views as a useful buffer zone," Reynolds stated. "A crisis there could also lead to an influx of refugees into Chinese territory."

On the other hand, he stated that China is not in favor of U.S. military and naval activities in the area so close to Chinese territory, which North Korea's actions are currently inviting.

"Based on past experience the odds seem against this latest incident expanding into a full-scale war," Reynolds stated. "But it is a very tense situation and there is always a danger that such a situation might spin out of control."

## HEALTH

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prevention and responsibility.

"The main goals for today were to identify what types of behaviors put people at risk, prevention and resources," McClanahan said.

Sexually transmitted infections are spread during vaginal, anal and oral sex, and sometimes by genital touching, she said.

McClanahan said viruses such as HIV and hepatitis B can also be contracted by infected blood.

She said when college students go to parties, they might hook up with someone and not think much of it, but that person may be carrying an STI.

"Asking someone if they have an STI usually isn't the first thing you do before having sex," said sophomore business major Diana Perezchica.

McClanahan said one student who attended said that after the workshop, he decided he is going to be celibate until he gets married.

"It really freaked him out" she said. "He was like, 'I think I'm gonna die!' It was a very open and friendly environment and there was no question too crazy to ask."

McClanahan said that it's not uncommon for a disease to be transmitted and not show any symptoms, leaving people unaware that they need treatment.

She said diseases like syphilis can be treated, but can be fatal if discovered too late.

"That got a lot of people," McClanahan said. "It shocked them."

Even if it can't be cured, all infections must be treated, she said.

She described six

**“**  
The main goals for today were to identify what types of behaviors put people at risk, prevention and resources.  
**”**

KIANA MCCLANAHAN  
Senior  
Health science

STIs and classified them under two different groups: viral and bacterial.

Viral diseases include herpes, Human Papillomavirus and Human Im-

munodeficiency Virus, and bacterial diseases include gonorrhea, chlamydia and syphilis.

"I learned a lot," said undeclared freshman Riki Chow. "I learned that there are curable STDs."

If there's any possibility that someone has an STI, McClanahan said that person needs to get tested.

"Sometimes the disease may flare up and then go away, but the infection is still there," she said.

McClanahan said SJSU offers many resources at the Student Health Center, including free HIV testing with counseling, or \$12 without counseling.

They also provide HPV vaccines for males and females ages 9-26, which are three shots with three months in between each one.

Room 209 in the health center gives each student four free items related to sexual health to chose from every day, which include things, such as condoms or lubricant.

## KOREA

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Incheon, where Gen. Douglas MacArthur landed in 1950. Today, the island is equipped for both crab fishing and for war. About 1,700 civilians make their homes there, mostly fishermen, as well as a full-time garrison of 1,000 marines.

Pockmarked by tank traps and trenches, Yeonpyeong has more than a dozen fully stocked

bomb shelters where residents conduct monthly air raid drills, officials say.

To protect its claim, the South Korean military has posted one of its newest classes of guided-missile ships, designed for close-range naval battles, near the island.

In recent years, North Korea has often directed its displeasure with Seoul and Washington by directing rocket attacks at Yeonpyeong. This June, Pyongyang responded to joint U.S.-South Ko-

rean military drills by firing 130 artillery shells toward Yeonpyeong, none of which hit the island.

Analysts aren't surprised the Yeonpyeong Island powder keg exploded again.

"The U.S. and South Korea have conducted large-scale operations in the area that have angered North Korea," Gregg said. "All the while, we've gotten used to Pyongyang saying 'If you do this, we'll retaliate.' Well, this time, they did."

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CAMPUS VOICES



BY: KELSEY LYNNE LESTER-PERRY

WHAT DID YOU BUY ON BLACK FRIDAY?

DON KASSING



Interim President

It wasn't Black Friday. I was a cyber-shopper — 65% on the Woolrich site ... \$20 on a \$90 sweater.

JAMES HUYNH



Senior Health Science

I had a project to do, so I didn't go. I went two years ago when Circuit City was still around. It was really busy.

TAI BUI



Sophomore Computer Engineering

Yeah, I wanted a TV, but it sold out at Fry's. I got there and the guy in front of me got the last one. We went right at 5 a.m.

THANH NGUYEN



Sophomore Engineering

I went to Valley Fair and got lots of clothes. I got them from Express, Macy's and H&M. I got some shirts for \$7 and \$10!

ALAN POTTER



Senior Advertising

I was in Washington. I bought Harry Potter six a Blu-ray, for \$35.

SPRING MONTES



Senior Spatial Arts and Anthropology

I went to Target with my sister and her whole entire family. We usually go to Target in Oakland, but we went to one in Stockton. It was crazy packed. We went at midnight and the store didn't open until 4 a.m.

FOOD

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Burger King was an excellent option for college students struggling financially.

"I think Burger King provided a great alternative based on the value of the prices as opposed to the new burger joint in the Student Union," he said.

He said he misses the value meals and the \$1 items.

Esther Suh, a senior liberal arts major, said she agrees with Luong and thinks the university could make food more affordable through vendors, such as Burger King.

"I miss the Burger King and I think they could replace one of the Jamba Juices since it was more cost-effective," she said.

The University Grille sells a hamburger combo meal, which includes lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and sauces, with fries and a drink costing \$5.99 or a cheeseburger combo meal for \$6.29.

McDonald's sells a similar burger in their number four combo meal with two cheeseburgers, a medium fries and drink for \$4.89.

Ashley Love, a senior music and electrical engineering double major, said most of the time students can get a coffee and bagel, but it would be nice to have fruits and organic options that are more price friendly.

"There's not enough variety as far as healthy food choices," she said.

Love said she thinks the food on campus is expensive and lacks nutritional value for the price.

C. Bartoli, manager of the Spartan Smart Cart,

an initiative for healthier food options, said Spartan Shops can do better with

“There's not enough variety as far as healthy food choices.”

ASHLEY LOVE Senior Music and electrical engineering

meal offerings.

Bartoli, a nutrition and food science graduate student, said Jamba Juice is a practical option for food, but people should not be

confused that it's healthy.

"I see a lot of package items and things like that, that people can put into their bags and a lot of their items are really expensive too," she said. "Panda Express is definitely not a great choice and there's a lot of salt and oil that is going into those foods."

She said students may not realize what is going into their foods and there should be fresh choices that are minimally processed.

"There are little or no ingredients outside of the raw form and it would be helpful for students and faculty to have access to them," Bartoli said.

Bartoli said the Smart

Cart currently offers a variety of snacks, fruits, soy milk, fortified water and granola bars.

"I think full meals out of the Smart Cart is unlikely since the cart is meant to be a quick grab in between classes, easy to hold, and on the go because it's something healthy and nutritious that will give them energy throughout the day," she said.

Bartoli said students who want to see changes occur on campus should take advantage of the suggestion option Spartan Shops provides and request healthier foods.

"The more students' voices are heard, the more we're going to see changes on campus," she said.

Bartoli said there is

a direct correlation between food, health and academics, which is all the more reason students need to be eating healthy foods.

"If people have feedback

we're always open to all sorts of insights," he said. "We're always open to new items to be brought into the shops, but it depends on the prices of the vendors."

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# Rugby club player carries on her father's legacy

AIMEE MCLENDON  
Staff Writer

During freshmen orientation, Jenny Waters texted her dad to tell him she was going to join the women's rugby club team.

Her dad Kent, who founded the rugby team at the University of South Dakota in the '70s and played rugby for Texas A&M, was thrilled.

Jenny and her father talked all about it later and he was excited about her playing rugby, she said.

That was the last conversation she had with her dad.

Jenny's father was killed in a motorcycle accident shortly after that in July, and although it shook her world, she said she made a promise to herself.

"I said I was going to play and so I decided I was going to stick to it," said Waters, a freshman environmental studies major.

Coach Karl Laucher said the rugby team needs Jenny's strength on the field.

"She is strong and she is a tough girl," he said. "She was one of three to score in the first game."

Waters, who played water polo for four years, said she was exhausted and elated after the first game, where a few players merged with the San Jose Seahawks club team against Stanford's club team.

"I woke up the next day and even my neck was sore," she said. "I definitely worked muscles that I never have before."

Laucher said the promise Waters made to herself is motivating, but on the other hand, some girls just have their own drive to be competitive.

He said the team plays full-tackle rugby with no pads and no gear. The only problem so far, he said, is not having enough players on the team.

Waters said all the gear worn during football seems to inhibit movement on the field and in rugby, things move a lot quicker and more constant.

"This game is intense and you have to be mentally aware of what's going on all the time," Waters said. "But if you play the game right and you play safe, it's so exciting."

After her father's death, Waters said she had a total of three weeks to grieve and spend time with her family before she had to leave them and her boyfriend.

"When I got here from San Diego

I didn't have any friends yet and I was still hurting," Waters said.

But she said she was determined to do well so she threw herself into her classes, which helped keep her mind busy.

She met two friends at orientation and the rest from her team.

Her teammate Annahfa Hingano also loves the game.

"You feel nervous, excited and pumped up all at the same time," said Hingano, a freshman pre-nursing major.

Hingano said her father and brothers played rugby, so it seemed like a natural choice for her.

She said her two favorite aspects of playing rugby is the adrenaline rush before the game and the friendships that are formed on the team.

Hingano said Waters is a determined athlete and she is always trying to bring everyone together – she's a motivator.

The coach said women of any size or shape can play rugby – they just have to get a charge out of physical contact.

Waters said she gets a thrill out of playing, but she gets more than that.

"Personally, out on the field is where I'm happiest," Waters said. "It's where I have the most fun and where I make the closest friendships."

Teammate Alexis Haire said one thing that stands out about Waters is that she always tries to help the team first and herself second.

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This game is intense and you have to be mentally aware of what's going on all the time.  
**”**

JENNY WATERS  
Freshman rugby player



PHOTO: VERNON MCKNIGHT | SPARTAN DAILY

Freshman rugby player Jenny Waters wraps her arms around teammate Danielle Walter in an attempt to tackle her during practice Nov. 18.



PHOTO: VERNON MCKNIGHT | SPARTAN DAILY

Freshman rugby player Jenny Waters carries the ball during practice Nov. 18.

On the surface Waters is a quiet girl, she said.

"But then she breaks out and she's really funny," said Haire, a freshman biomedical engineering major. "Jenny is easy going and very understanding of others' situation – she's been through a lot."

Laucher said rugby is a rough game and should make women feel empowered. He said women are mentally just as tough as men when it comes to rugby, if not tougher.

The coach said he is currently recruiting to fill the roster for the first official game in January, which would help Waters fulfill her commitment to play rugby, she said.

Waters said she is slowly beginning to heal from the pain of her father's death.

"Every once in a while it hits me," she said. "I've settled down with it, but at least once a day I think about it."

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# Spartan bowler earns top spot through dedication

SONIA AYALA  
Staff Writer

The SJSU bowling club's No. 1 bowler Matt Little was 12 years old when his grandfather inspired him to take his passion for bowling to the next level, Little said.

Family, commitment, determination, and enthusiasm are all factors that turned the 24-year-old meteorology major into the skillful bowler he is today, Little said.

Little said he had been bowling casually with a friend in his spare time when his grandfather offered to pay for private bowling lessons.

"I started bowling with a friend of mine in junior high actually," Little said. "He was already on a bowling league at McHenry (Bowling) lanes and I just joined it with him. I was pretty bad at first, I averaged like 60. We bowled together for a long time all the way through high school."

He said his grandfather was knowledgeable and experienced in the sport and he had bowled in the past. He was able to give Little a hand by practicing with him daily in conjunction with his private lessons.

"He was really encouraging about me bowling and I think it was when my grandfather got a coach for me that I started taking bowling more seriously," Little said.

As Little continued his private lessons with his bowling coach he said he saw a massive improvement in his bowling score.

"When I first started I had a coach for three or four years and he really helped me establish the great foundation of good bowling," Little said. "During that time my score jumped up dramatically from a 60 to 100, and after that I just wanted to keep going and going."

Little said he eventually joined a bowling league that allowed him to pursue his dream.

"When I was in high school I joined an official league called Jr.



SJSU bowler Matt Little smiles after hitting the final pin to complete a spare at the SJSU Student Union Bowling Center.

PHOTO: ALEX SPICER | SPARTAN DAILY

Bowl," Little said. "One year I won a \$2,000 scholarship."

After graduation, Little said he attended Cypress College.

"I didn't bowl at Cypress College, which was a junior college, because they didn't have a bowling team there so I just bowled whenever I could," Little said.

### MULTIMEDIA

To see more on bowler Matt Little, visit [bit.ly/SJSUMattLittle](http://bit.ly/SJSUMattLittle)

When the time came for him to transfer out of Cypress College, he chose SJSU because he heard the school had a great bowling team.

"I sent e-mails around asking when tryouts were and I also watched for tryout postings," he said.

Little said he applied his 10 years of bowling experience and was able to make the team.

"The first tryouts I went to I shot a 300," Little said. "I was basically on the team."

Little said his determination to be No.1 on the SJSU bowling team for the last two years and the support from his coaches allowed him to compete in seven tournaments last year.

"I was pretty excited at first because I knew I was fighting for the No.1 choice," he said. "I think my last game ... I just destroyed everybody and I took first no problem. But when I came to the SJSU team Tony Reyes helped me a lot."

Assistant coach David Doyle said because of Little's performance during last year's tryouts he became the first player to get an automatic spot on the team.

"As a bowler I think Little is great,"

Doyle said. "He just started on the team last year and grew a lot as a bowler. I was very impressed that somebody threw a 300 last year during tryouts and I was waiting to see what he would do in the tournaments and how he would help out the team. He did a really good job."

The bowling club's assistant coach said Little tried out again this year and with a vengeance to maintain his title of No.1 player on the bowling team, once again impressed the coaches.

"This year he almost had another perfect game," said the assistant coach Justin Bautista. "We moved to a qualifying format and he was the No.1 qualifier out the 23 people that tried out for the team."

Little said he enjoys working with his teammates.

"People are really fun to be around and it's very fun to go to tournaments with them," Little said. "I also like making important shots for the team because it's just really thrilling — it gives me a rush."

One of Little's teammates and president of the bowling team said that Little has contributed a great amount of cooperative support for the team over the last two years.

"Little is definitely dedicated to the sport," said Laura Rodriguez, a junior hospitality management major. "He's always down here practicing. I would

say as a player he communicates well with the team and he helps out when he can. He definitely has a lot of skills."

Senior business management major and Little's teammate Calvin Filarski said Little provides a great amount of support for the team and he is well respected by all of his teammates.

"I met Matt Little two years ago when he shot a perfect score at tryouts and that's when I knew that he was going to be a big part of the team," Filarski said. "Last year he was one of the biggest leaders of the entire squad and he's been a pretty big leader since he got here."

Little said his future plans don't include taking up bowling as a professional career but he still plans on bowling in a variety of tournaments after graduation.

"I probably won't be joining the PBA (Professional Bowlers Association) anytime soon," Little said. "You won't see me on TV in other words."

Little said he owes his entire career to his grandfather, who inspired him to take up the game of bowling, and his grandfather's legacy lives on when he bowls.

"When I bowl, I think back at the first time that we bowled together," Little said. "It's just good memories because he's the one that got me started with bowling."



The SJSU bowling club team gathers before practice at the SJSU Student Union Bowling Center.

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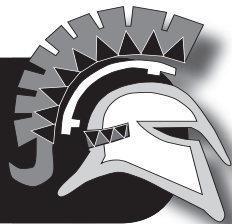
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# An American bribe

## The fatuity of Obama's Middle East policy

President Barack Obama's Middle East policy has devolved into bribery.

In any other country, the current American bribe to Israel and the latter's reluctance to accept it in return for even a temporary end to the theft of another peoples' land, would be regarded as despicable.

The bribe — \$3 billion worth of brand-new state-of-the-art F-35 Joint Strike Fighter planes in return for a 90-day freeze on West Bank colonization.

This is in addition to the 20 F-35 fighter jets Israel has already ordered using the "normal" military aid it receives annually.

The agreement, which Secretary of State Hillary Clinton reportedly spent eight hours hammering out with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, not only includes the sale of \$3 billion worth of US military aircrafts, but also a blanket veto of any U.N. Security Council resolution deemed unfavorable to Israel, and the removal of East Jerusalem from any settlement freeze equation.

However, the most dangerous of all of these conditions is a written American promise that this will be the last time President Obama asks the Israelis to halt settlement construction through official channels.

In the same world in which we think we live, this offer stinks of one thing — appeasement.

Usually, our leaders and rulers use that word with repugnance, but in the case of Israel, the U.S. feels no pressure to justify this double standard.

Anyone who panders to injustice committed by one people against another people is called an appeaser.

Anyone who prefers peace at any price, let alone a \$3 billion bribe to the guilty party, is an appeaser.

Anyone who will not risk the consequences of standing up for international morality against territorial greed is an appeaser.

Those of us who did not want to invade Afghanistan were condemned as appeasers.

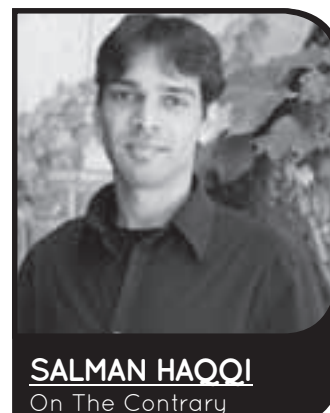
Those of us who did not want to invade Iraq were vilified as appeasers — yet that is precisely what Obama has done in his pathetic effort to plead with the Israeli Prime Minister for just 90 days of submission to international law.

What this means is that the Obama administration is promising to interfere with and prevent any effort to hold Israel accountable in the international arena.

The U.S. is staking out a position that allows the U.N. to function unhindered, but U.N. resolutions such as the Goldstone Report, are simply ignored or enforced based on politically driven, rather than international law-driven, considerations.

Thus, the U.S. government is now openly complicit in all the Israeli violations of international law and past U.N. resolutions.

The fact that the West and its political and journalistic elites take this nonsense at face value — to put this absurdity "back on track" — as if it can seriously be re-



SALMAN HAQQI  
On The Contrary

garded as another step in the "peace process," is a measure of the degree to which we have taken leave of our senses in the Middle East.

Obama came into office with the hopes of the Muslim world pinned on him to alter American foreign policy in the region.

His address to the Muslim world in Cairo was lauded as a new beginning in Muslim-American rela-

tions. Obama's ineptitude in getting tough with Israel only proves that he is really no different from his predecessors.

It's not that U.S. diplomats don't understand the Middle East, it's that they've lost all sight of justice.

The vast amounts of diplomatic literature exposed in WikiLeaks' most recent releases of diplomatic cables prove that the mainstay of Washington's Middle East policy is alignment with Israel.

The U.S.'s seemingly unconditional support of Israel is a complicated, multifaceted issue, yet it is the single biggest obstacle to peace in the Middle East.

Israel needs the U.S. to support its illegal occupation of Palestinian territories.

But should the U.S. withdraw its unconditional backing, Israel would certainly survive, albeit in a more modest capacity.

Peace between Palestine and Israel will not occur until the U.S. takes a more brokered and evenhanded approach.

Israel's temerity in scoffing at America's feeble attempts to halt settlements in Palestinian territory shows that the tail is wagging the dog.

If America continues with the current state of affairs in that region, we are promising more Israeli and Palestinian deaths.

It is an equation that begets violence and inevitably turns sand into blood.

"On The Contrary" is a biweekly column making a special appearance.

Salman Haqqi is a Spartan Daily A&E editor.

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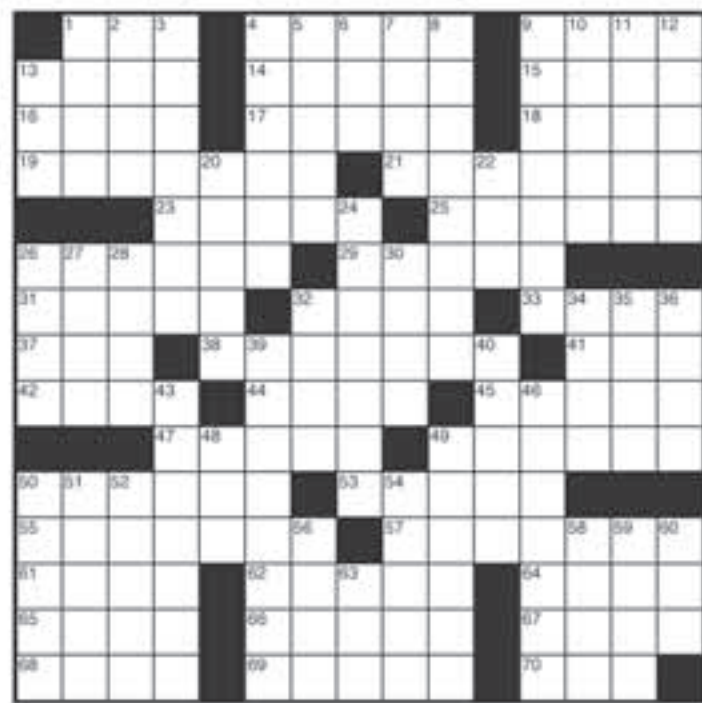
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- Orlando cagers
- Falling-out
- Dilly
- Pablo's girl
- Cat's murmur
- NYPD alerts
- Drawing room
- Curved molding
- Greenhouse purchase (2 wds.)
- Part of TNT
- Ancient Greek colony
- Ravioli and lasagna
- Fake bullets
- Pale
- Narrow shelf
- Docile
- Scissors sound
- Airline ticket word
- Forces a bill through
- Mineral deposit
- Clammy
- Young chaps
- Low point
- Cleo or Frankie
- Upfront
- The Terminator, e.g.
- Economist
- Janeway
- Escape artist
- Theoretically (2 wds.)
- Like prime steak
- box
- Breezy greeting

## DOWN

- Hoodwink
- Napoleon's isle
- Blowing hard
- Stoneworkers
- Violin maker
- Hodges of baseball
- You Babe
- Like some fourposters
- Married people
- Seattle's Sound
- Skybox locale
- Fir and spruce
- Cozy seat
- Fireplace tool
- Back muscle
- Prizewinner
- Wide st.
- Spunky movie princess
- Noted rib donor
- RN employers
- Forger's nemesis (hypth.)
- Bump or knot
- Eye part
- Impudent
- Tire shop work
- Busybody
- Drudge
- Heartburn aid



- "Exodus" hero
- Gave a clue
- New Mexico's — Canyon
- Hindu ascetics
- Yerba — (old San Francisco)
- Not tight
- Goddess's statue
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- Yield
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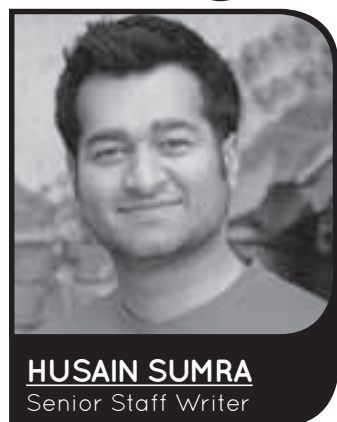
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# Opposing Views: Who's to blame for cheating?

## Blame the college system | All involved are responsible

### Students will always find a way



**HUSAIN SUMRA**  
Senior Staff Writer

In "The Chronicle of Higher Education," a man who went by the pseudonym Ed Dante wrote about how he makes a living off of writing papers for students.

The papers he writes aren't just simple essays either, he claims he's written things such as graduate theses and the like.

He works for an online company that sells the service to students who don't want to do their own work — students who want to cheat.

That's the main problem with this, students want to cheat.

This company exists solely to take advantage of the wallets of students willing to cheat, and they have every right to do so because we live in a free country that prides itself on capitalism.

They are merely meeting a demand with their supply of services, cheating services.

If students weren't so willing to cheat, companies like these wouldn't be in existence because students wouldn't take advantage of the companies.

Of course, it is deplorable that students are paying for essays and papers, but there's more to be said about this than blaming a company that's trying to make money.

Is our education system so broken that we have droves of students willing to shell out hard-earned money to cheat and to get ahead?

The information age and digital revolution are happening, and things are changing at the speed of light. Yet, the education system is still behind for the most part.

“Is our education system so broken that we have droves of students willing to shell out hard-earned money to cheat and to get ahead?”

This is a new generation of students that are constantly connected to the rest of the world.

An answer is normally a couple keystrokes away.

The fundamental problem here is that we haven't learned how to adapt teaching to the newer generations.

Of course, some schools get it and have a host of hands-on methods to teach students.

It's easy to gloss over things and blame people, but the hard part is digging into something and trying to determine why it's happening.

That reason is our broken education system.

For instance, should we blame gun manufacturers when a lunatic goes on a shooting spree?

No, we shouldn't. It's the lunatic's fault and there are reasons that lunatic did what they did. There's a reason students are cheating, and it's not because a company is selling services.

If that company wasn't there students would turn to another method of cheating.

They would talk to their friends or simply plagiarize.

Awareness helps a lot too. I don't think there's a lot of emphasis placed on the ramifications of cheating.

Some teachers act as though students should know already and assume someone else has taught them, but do students really get it?

These are the questions we should be asking students. Why are you cheating? Do you understand that cheating is an disgusting act?

We should not be avoiding the real problem and questioning the companies that sell cheating services.



**JENNIFER HADLEY**  
Jennerally Speaking

About 61 percent of undergraduates have cheated at some point in their college career, according to The New York Times.

So why do so many college students feel the need to cheat? Who should be blamed and who is responsible?

People who help students cheat are just as responsible as the cheaters themselves and the education system.

Some would argue that our flawed education system puts too much pressure on students who speak English as a second language.

Others would argue that students just don't have ethical values anymore.

There is one form of cheating that is gaining popularity among college students. These people write essays, take tests and produce projects in return for money. Some of these people even make careers out of enabling students to cheat.

The Chronicle of Higher Education recently published an article in which an anonymous man described how he has made a career working for a company that helps students cheat. He said he has written admission essays, term pa-

pers, graduate theses and even lesson plans for teachers.

He claims that he is not the reason students cheat and blames our flawed education system.

I do not deny that we have a flawed education system, nor do I deny that students who cheat should be held accountable.

However, I don't think this man can say he isn't the reason that students cheat. He isn't the sole reason students cheat, but he enables students in a way that they most likely will never be caught.

Universities make an effort to discourage students from plagiarizing.

Here at SJSU professors have students submit essays to Turnitin.com and freshmen are required in some classes to take online tutorials on how to avoid cheating.

He also argued that if the education system wasn't messed up, students wouldn't be able to graduate.

If he and other enablers like him, would find another job instead of writing students' papers, it would keep some students from making it through to graduation, because of the efforts universities make.

I think if students know they won't get caught and they can hire someone to write an

original essay for them, many will do it.

If businesses like these weren't available it would discourage some students from cheating because most other forms of cheating come with a greater risk of getting caught.

If you look at a peer's test, the professor might catch you. If you copy work from a journal or online publication, Turnitin.com will probably recognize it.

In the article he also said that students really need help learning and passing their courses — I agree.

My freshman year at SJSU, I needed help with my statistics class. Instead of cheating, I went to our free tutoring center on campus, LARC, the Learning Assistance Resource Center.

There are resources at universities for students to get help.

Yes, students have to be motivated to get the help. Yes, universities need to make sure these resources are available to students.

But if businesses that write original papers are up and running, students who have the available funds might choose the easy way out instead.

“People who help students cheat are just as responsible as the cheaters themselves ...”

“Jennerally Speaking” is a column appearing sporadically. Jennifer Hadley is the Spartan Daily features editor.

# Korean Crisis: New addition to same old story

North Korea's artillery assault of South Korea's Yeongpyeong Island last week, which killed four people and injured several others, seems to have the entire world on edge.

Minutes later, South Korea responded with a mild volley of test shots that resulted only in a show of arms.

Media pundits would have you believe that we are on the brink of World War III.

North Korea's unprovoked strike on South Korea is nothing new.

According to the BBC, on March 26 a North Korean torpedo sunk the Cheonan, a South Korean naval ship, killing 46 people.

In 1996, 26 North Korean troops landed off the shore of South Korea after their submarine was disabled, leading to a deadly manhunt.

In 1987, North Korea bombed a South Korean airliner killing 115 people.

The list goes on as tension between the two countries has remained constant since the Korean War in the early '50s.

Nothing else has come of any of these heinous acts over the decades, yet we are to believe that now something is afoot.

Don't get me wrong, these acts are not to be taken lightly — they are acts of war, after all.

When the now-former South Korean Defense Minister Kim Tae-young was questioned about the country's delayed and forceless response to the North Korean onslaught, his response was that “this isn't StarCraft.”

A strange response, yes, but an excellent metaphor for those who have played the popular PC game. StarCraft is a science fiction military strategy game that is wildly popular in Korea.

In Korea, StarCraft games between multiple opposing players are often televised and the game is often referred to in TV shows and in music.

Tae-young's response seems funny initially, but it may be his way of saying that in the real world military decisions cannot be made

in haste. Unlike the game, you cannot continuously replenish troops and take on an endless barrage of alien attacks.

In the real world people die and don't come back, cities are destroyed and not rebuilt with a simple key stroke.

The metaphor didn't really work in his favor because in the end he was urged to resign, accepting responsibility for the events that took place on that fatal day.

North Korea's utter lack of self-control in its relations with its neighbors to the south and its continued brazen efforts to acquire nuclear weapons speak volumes.

Sanctions to stop them from continued nuclear expansion seem to have failed as North Korea announced yesterday that it has thousands of nuclear centrifuges. The country



**MARLON MALONEY**  
One Man Peanut Gallery

claims the centrifuges are to be used for energy purposes but U.S. scientists say they can easily be used to produce weapons.

The U.N. must continue to put pressure on North Korea to deter its actions. The U.S. has urged China, seemingly the only country capable of influencing decision-making in North Korea, to assist in controlling the current situation at hand.

But, in my view, history has shown that every few years North Korea gets rambunctious in its militaristic actions and is then dealt with until it falls back in line. I expect the same here.

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# The Counter serves up gourmet-style build-a-burger

## RESTAURANT REVIEW



**AIMEE MCLENDON**  
Staff Writer

I love to stroll around Santana Row at night as the tiny, white lights illuminate window displays filled with things I can never afford.

I find the pretense of the expensive restaurants unwarranted, but I discovered a true gem among them.

The Counter is an upscale burger joint. It offers serious gourmet burgers.

The menu features a choice of beef burgers, turkey burgers, veggie burgers or chicken breasts.

This isn't just any burger with fixings. You can get just about any accompaniments you want on your burger.

The menu includes five steps to creating the perfect burger.

Step 1 – the meat.

Step 2 – the cheese, which includes herb goat cheese, horseradish cheddar and soft ripened Brie.

Step 3 – a choice of four toppings such as roasted corn & black bean salsa, organic mixed greens, roasted red peppers and dried cranberries. And for \$1 each, you can add premium toppings such as apple-wood smoked bacon, avocado and sun-dried tomatoes.

Step 4 – the perfect sauce such as ginger soy glaze, peanut sauce and sun-dried tomato vinaigrette.

Step 5 – finally if you like, the buns include multi-grain, onion, and English muffin and others.

I'm not even a big fan of burgers, but the turkey burger is spiced so perfectly it far surpasses the taste of the regular beef burger.

The meat is top notch and cooked precisely to order.

The fresh blend of organic greens, the spice of roasted peppers, mixed with the slight crunch of the carrots and the pungent flavor of horseradish cheddar is a perfect melody in my mouth.

This burger alone is good reason for pretense. But The Counter is a simple, unassuming, contemporary bar and grill type restaurant.

What burger would be complete without fries? The sweet potato fries at The Counter are to-die-for.

I'm not really a fry eater and I can't stand sweet potatoes that are normally served during holiday dinners.

So I can't even explain what compelled me to sample this dish, but these fries made a believer out of me.

They are wedges slightly crispy on the outside and soft on the inside.

Although they must deep-fry them, there's not even a hint of greasy flavor to them.

I guess it's the merger of sweet and salty that makes them so irresistible.

To add to the perfect burger and fries, you must have an ice-cold Coke which has the perfect ratio of carbonation to syrup.

The ice cubes floating around, clinking against the glass and the tiny bubbles bursting to make a frothy sound makes the Coke tempting.

You can get this entrée for about \$15 and it's worth it.

When it comes to dining, I want food that delivers on taste and price — The Counter provides both.



This turkey burger contains melted horseradish cheddar cheese atop organic mixed greens, string carrots, roasted red peppers, tomato slices and is topped off with the sun-dried tomato vinaigrette.

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# Cocktail delivers powerful punch

## DRINK OF THE WEEK



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In 40 degree weather, I left the newsroom to embark on a journey to find a new and fantastic drink.

Upon arriving, shivering cold at Flames Eatery & Bar, I sat down with my two friends to partake in a good evening.

The drink selection was almost overwhelming as it encompassed at least two pages of the menu.

My friends tried to convince me to get something terrible and write about a bad drink, but I opted for something none of us had tried yet.

One drink that stood out to me, a seemingly flavorful one, was X on the Beach.

The ingredients were X-rated mango, blood orange liqueur, Skyy passion fruit vodka, pineapple, orange juice and grenadine.

As my chapped hands picked up the cool, orange drink, I prepared to forget about my worries and lose myself in a night of good laughs and friendship.

Upon first sip, I wasn't exactly transported to an American beach with a beautiful sunset. It felt more like I was transported straight back to the hotels I stayed at on the beaches of Guatemala and Honduras.

It was good, but powerful.

At first I thought it tasted like mango and bad pineapple. Unfortunately, I've had more than enough experience with pineapple that has spent too much time in the fridge.

However, I was brought to the realization that it was more of a grapefruit flavor. Apparently mango and spoiled pineapple tastes similar to grapefruit.

Since my normal poison is either beer or rum, the sweet flavor of X on the Beach took me for a ride.

It was a tangy amalgamation of all things fruity. The different spirits combined well to make one intoxicating sock in the face.

There was almost no alcohol flavor in this extremely fruity drink and in that sense it re-



X on the Beach is like a cool breeze and a tropical sunset. The combination of flavor tastes like grapefruit.

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mind me of a Long Island Iced Tea.

I could barely write after the first couple of sips and I'm not one who gets drunk easily. Luckily, I could only afford one, even though during happy hour it was only \$4.

I definitely wasn't about to drink another one of those ticking time bombs in a martini glass and drag myself back to the pile of homework I had waiting for me.

To satisfy our empty stomachs, we combined our drinks with a side of fries, which were as crispy as all good fries should be, with ranch dressing on the side.

The blending of the fries, ranch and X on the Beach made for a tangy, salty party in my mouth.

Afterwards we left, walked outside, and the cold drove feeling back into my brain.

By the time I had reached the newsroom I was completely coherent and aware of everything I had worried about in the moments before my X on the Beach.

I won't forget that drink, but I think it would be better suited for a hot summer's day when the biting cold won't nip the brains right back into your head.

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