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SJSU student suspended

By Shane Lewis
Senior Staff Writer

Following Gaurav Jain's arrest by the University Police Department Tuesday on the charge of threatening a professor during a class presentation, he has been suspended from campus for two weeks.

Jain, a San Jose State University student, was arrested by the UPD on the charge he made a felony terrorist threat for a speech that included describing how a student might become suicidal or want to harm a professor who was bothering him, the professor said.

The professor's name is

being withheld to protect his or her identity.

"He was told to stay away from the teacher and not to contact the teacher," Sgt. John Hernandez of the UPD said.

Since the crime is a felony, the professor does not need to file charges, Hernandez said.

"Only misdemeanors that happen when we are not present require someone to file charges," he said.

Jain will have to talk to Student Affairs and the department chair about how to turn in homework and take finals for his classes, Hernandez said.

The case is currently being sent to the district attorney's office.

Groundskeeper mistakenly removed Tower Lawn fliers

By Heidi Marie Ortmann
Staff Writer

The 60 AIDS information fliers reported missing to the University Police Department on Tuesday were removed by a facilities groundskeeper and not stolen as originally reported.

A temporary groundskeeper in the facilities department removed about 60 informational fliers and red ribbons in recognition of World AIDS Day from the trees surrounding the Tower Lawn, according to UPD Detective Timothy Villarica.

Peer health educator Jalise Qualls of the San Jose State University peer health organization reported the fliers missing Tuesday morning. At first, the missing fliers were thought to have been blown away by strong winds or stolen by pranksters, Qualls said in a Spartan Daily report published Tuesday.

The idea that a maintenance worker was responsible was discounted by the peer health orga-

nization because "the fliers were only removed from the trees on the Tower Lawn and not from the trees next to the library and admissions building," peer health education student volunteer Donna Malhotra said in the same article.

Villarica thought differently. "I immediately thought it could have been a maintenance person who removed the fliers because of the way it had been described," Villarica said.

Facilities and Operations Grounds Manager Dennis Sui said temporary groundskeeper Pablo Guel admitted he removed some of the fliers near Tower Hall.

"The president's office orders facilities to take down all the fliers and anything posted on trees or light posts to avoid clutter," Sui said. "Sometimes the president's office will make an exception and allow someone to post fliers, and in those cases we inform groundskeepers to leave

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Charlene Archibeque, director of choral activities at San Jose State University, conducts the Choralliers, a chamber choir from

SJSU, during a practice session Thursday afternoon held in the Student Union during the fourth annual Artique show.

Staff displays talent in annual Artique

By Sandra L. Avila
Staff Writer

Paintings, earrings and stuffed dinosaur toys were just a few of the crafts that were for sale by San Jose State University staff.

"Seeing people oohing and ahing when they looked at the arts and crafts was a terrific feeling," Karin Walker, event coordinator, said.

The fourth annual Artique show, which was held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., was a chance for staff to gain recognition on campus, she said.

"People can now recognize staff doing other things besides handling student files," Walker said.

Walker estimated more than 100 people visited the art booths located on the second and third floors of the Student Union Thursday.

"There was a steady stream of people," she said.

One of the busiest booths was the handcrafted wooden items made from recycled material where nothing was priced over \$10.

Wooden crafts such as puzzles, reindeer ornaments and magnets were created by Ted Santos, facilities and central shops coordinator for the College of Science.

Santos said he creates the wooden items during the year and sells them only at the Artique show.

The \$2 sweet potato pies made by library assistant Georgetta Germany were sold out by 12:25 p.m.

Being the first booth to sell out, Germany walked around looking at the crafts of her colleagues.

Another booth that received a lot of attention was Diane's tissue houses.

The decorative cloth-house covers for tissue boxes sold for \$18.50 each.



Kevin Sullivan/Spartan Daily

A wooden Christmas ornament hangs on a tree in the Student Union Thursday afternoon as part of the fourth annual Artique show. The ornament was created by Aric Beebe, husband of SJSU Facilities Planner Carol Beebe, who also was selling jewelry during the show.

"There were loads of customers," said Judy James, budget coordinator and office manager for the office of vice president of Student Affairs. "It makes a big difference to be in an open area. We (staff) are getting a lot of exposure."

Last year the event was held in the Barrett Ballroom on the

third floor of the Student Union where there was less traffic, said Walker.

James, who was selling Christmas napkins, said she sold more items this year than last year.

Hope Freeman, who attended last year's event, was

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Dancing in the dark



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Tricia Pierson (left) and Stephanie Boswell perform "Dark Party", one of the dances showcased in "Images of Dance" presented by the San Jose State University School of Music and Dance. Performances are today and Saturday at 7 p.m. in SPX 219.

Sharks bait gunslingers with gift exchange

By Marcus Ulrich
Staff Writer

The Santa Clara County Police Chiefs Association and the San Jose Sharks plan to exchange guns for gifts on Saturday.

As part of a "Gifts for Guns" exchange, members of the community who turn in their unloaded guns will be given a gift, according to Jim Sparaco, marketing manager for the Sharks.

The exchange will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Parking Lot A behind the San Jose Arena at 525 W. Santa Clara St.

The gifts, which were donated by various companies,

include Sharks tickets and gift certificates for Target as well as other gifts.

Sharks forward Ron Sutter plans to be at the exchange, according to Sparaco.

Sutter, who has two school-age children, said school shootings last year motivated him to help organize the event. He said he is not against people who handle guns responsibly.

Sutter said he hopes the exchange will not only get guns off the streets but also raise awareness of the violence committed with guns.

This event was held three times in the past but was not held for the past two years because there was a decline in the number of guns turned in by

the community, said Lt. John Cook, who is the commander of the Crime Prevention Unit of the San Jose Police Department. The last year it was held, Cook said, about 60 guns were turned in by the community.

SJPD spokesperson Louis Quezada said two years ago the number of guns turned in was not enough to justify the staff needed for the exchange.

With this year's participation of the Sharks, Quezada said, he believes more people will turn in their guns. Anyone turning in a gun will be given complete amnesty, according to Quezada. This means any gun turned in will not be used as evidence in a court case.

"If we are sponsoring it, obviously we have looked at all avenues as a result of it, and we believe the benefits are worth the risks," Quezada said.

While the police will give amnesty for guns used in crimes, Cook said they will still be looking for stolen guns. Part of the problem, he said, is that guns used in crimes are hard to identify while stolen guns can be identified by their serial numbers.

He also said the police have to give amnesty or the people who they need to turn their guns in would not.

"If you don't give amnesty then you don't get the guns off the street that you need to get off the street," Cook said.

Aerobicthon offers way to beat end-of-semester stress

By Yvette Anna Trejo
Staff Editor

With the upcoming onslaught of final exams and term papers, today's eighth annual Aerobicthon, sponsored by the Human Performance Department, may be the answer to combating stress.

Carol Sullivan, a San Jose

State University human performance faculty member and coordinator of the Aerobicthon, said participating in the event is a way for people to release stress and have fun working out.

The Aerobicthon will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. today in SPX-C 44B. Admission is \$4 and the first 180 participants will receive a free water bottle. Sullivan said

the proceeds will go toward supplies and decorations for next year's event and also to purchase aerobic equipment.

Sullivan said she started the event as a way to develop health and fitness awareness among SJSU students and to encourage physical activity. Everyone, she said, can participate.

"It's not just for the San Jose

State community, it's for the outside community as well," Sullivan said.

In the past, Sullivan said participants have brought relatives and friends along. She encourages sororities, fraternities, clubs, organizations and those living in the residence halls to participate.

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Christmas offers much more than opening presents



JoAnn Peach
STAFF WRITER

Now that the pseudo-turkey leftovers (I'm a vegetarian) are almost all gone, along with the stuffing and the cranberry sauce, it's on to the "Big Holiday of the Year"... Christmas.

Bah humbug. Christmas has become synonymous with the rush to buy things. The retail stores are playing all the sappy Christmas music which is supposed to make people think,

"Oh God, it's Christmas. It's time to spend enormous amounts of money to show my loved ones I care."

The emphasis this time of year is on shopping, shopping and more shopping. It makes me want to go to the one place where I really feel the true meaning of Christmas is represented.

It's not at the mall or schmoozy corporate parties and it's not at the bank withdrawing even more money to spend on trivial things that friends and family don't really need.

It's in the Philippines, where most of my mother's side of the family lives. It's a place where most people can't afford a real tree. It's where they don't buy extravagant gifts to show love. It's where the true meaning of Christmas is celebrated by being with family and enjoying each other's company without having the taste of capitalism in their mouths.

I've only spent three Christmases there, but each time I think back to the best ones I've ever had, I think back to those times. It's where dozens of cousins are born, become teenagers and then adults without me even meeting them. It's where my grandmother is older but is still the one focus that brings the family together.

Each Christmas I spend in the Philippines is focused catching up on lives, as it should be, not wondering what each member has bought you.

Sure, people shop there. The Gap has reared its ugly head as well as all the other designer labels that we Americans drool over. But there's still the line that is drawn between the commercialism of Christmas and the true meaning of Christmas.

When jealousy over gifts, anger in the overcrowded parking lot at the mall and frustration over not finding "just the right thing" overcome the time spent at church functions, at family gatherings or just a phone call to a friend, then it's not really Christmas any more. Those feelings undermine the sense of family unity and love that is supposed to be what the holiday season is about.

At this time of the year, when giving is emphasized, it's so irritating that people may spend the same amount of money for frivolous gifts that some of my relatives in the Philippines make in a month or even two.

The following weeks, regardless of your religious background, should be focused on time spent with family. If, for some reason or another, you can't be with your family, spend time with your extended family. My family isn't made of just my biological family, but also the friends that I've "adopted" as sisters and brothers.

So wake up and smell the egg nog, folks. The best things you can get this holiday season may not come in wrapping paper.

JoAnn Peach is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



THE SILENT MAJORITY

Star Wars fans impatiently wait for prequel

"Every generation has a legend..." Those first words that appear on the trailer say everything. For the generation that missed being around at the start of the "Star Wars" movie saga, this is the chance to jump on a new roller coaster ride.

May 21, 1999. That day is marked on my mental calendar and I will forget my mother's birthday, hell, even my own before I forget this day.

On the night before, I will be camped out in front of a theater with hundreds of other idiots waiting to get tickets to see "Star Wars Episode One: The Phantom Menace."

At last, we will see how Anakin Skywalker became Darth Vader, the truth about how the Jedi were eradicated during the Clone Wars, meet Luke and Leia's mother and learn how the Emperor rose to power.

I will be cheering loudly in the theater for the movie I have waited over 15 years to see on its opening day.

There is no doubt in my mind the rest of the audience will be cheering with me. Movies like this come rarely in our lifetimes.

Whether the person is a rich corporate powerhouse who lives in a mansion or a poor redneck who lives in a trailer supported by cinderblocks, it does not matter.

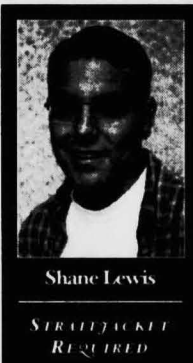
This is a movie both will be shouting for as the rattling drums of the 20th Century Fox theme music begins.

I have been reading every magazine article on the prequel movies I can get my hands on. I already know the entire plot of this movie and of the two that will follow it later in 2002 and 2005.

Already, I am drooling over the trailer I recorded from a newscast, playing it over and over again on my television with the stereo speakers attached to it turned up full blast.

What separates "Star Wars" from other science fiction series is its mythology.

The myth of a young boy, Luke Skywalker, raised from humble beginnings who does not know who his



Shane Lewis
SPARTAN DAILY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

true father is and will eventually redeem the father's sins and battle an evil empire ruled by a despotic emperor wielding godlike power.

Tweak this around a little bit and you have the story of Jesus. A young boy raised from humble beginnings who does not know who his true father is and will eventually redeem the sins of humanity and contend with the Roman Empire ruled by a despotic emperor wielding godlike authority.

Sure, the "Star Wars" movies have their flaws, but we forgive them, such as:

• Luke, for slipping the tongue to his sister Princess Leia in "The Empire Strikes Back" and almost turning the film into a science fiction version of "Hee Haw."

• The fact no one in the Empire could hit anything with a laser unless it came from the Death Star and was aimed at a large target, like, say a planet.

• The lame-ass way Boba Fett, the coolest bounty hunter ever, was killed off in "Return of the Jedi." Even Monica Lewinsky did not go down as bad as him. Boba Fett was one of the few guys who talked back to Darth Vader, and lived. This made him a cult favorite among the audience and the crappy way he was written out is a sore spot for fans.

• Those disgusting hairballs George Lucas's cat coughed up called Ewoks. Lucas might as well have painted hearts and rainbows on their chests and called them Care Bears. I remember that touching and sad scene where the Ewok dies — because I applauded during that part.

Sure, the new "Star Trek" movie is coming out before "Star Wars Episode One," but it's the equivalent of methadone for heroin addicts. "Star Wars" fans need the real fix to stop their shakes.

In an age when most blockbuster are nothing more than a series of explosions and special effects with dialogue in between, moviegoers will again have their imaginations challenged.

And those words will once again linger on our lips.

"A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away..."

Shane Lewis is a Spartan Daily senior staff writer.

Killers should get just punishment for their brutality

Wayne Adam Ford walked into a sheriff's office in Humboldt County one day about a month ago carrying the breast of a woman he allegedly had savagely dismembered.

He showed them the breast to prove he murdered a woman. This woman was not the only person this brute reportedly killed. He admitted to also killing three others.

In a recent discussion with family members, Ford allegedly said he did not even want a trial. He just wanted to pay for what he did. He asked for the death penalty as punishment for what he admitted to having done to the four women.

He should have his request granted and should fry for killing four human beings. The woman whose breast Ford showed as evidence was so badly dismembered authorities were unable to identify her.

Ford, much like the 509 already on death row in California, deserves to die. I understand these are people we are talking about, but they cause more harm than anything. Instead, what we may do with trying to save the lives of these convicted murderers and rapists is sacrifice the lives of potential victims they might have when they are done serving time.

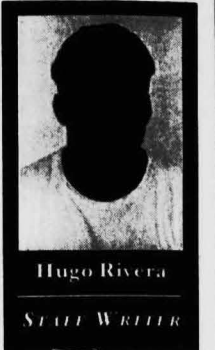
Another example of a murderer who must die is Charles Ng. In the early '80s, Ng went on a killing spree, then went to hide out in Canada. Ng took such pride in his murders he drew cartoons of them in his cell after he was brought back to California. I seriously doubt that after spending some time in jail, Ng, who is proud of the murders, will all of a sudden repent and never kill again.

Individuals on death row are not victims. They are not people who made one mistake that brought them the death penalty. According to San Francisco State University criminologist Mike Rustigan, they are "moral blanks" who "don't feel remorseful." A person does not go from being a law-abiding citizen one day to a serial killer the next day. They are severely twisted individuals who have no hope. They will continue to kill and cause fear. Their lives must end. Killing them is the only way to stop them from harming others.

Ford personified criminal mentality even before beginning the brutal killings last year. He had previously demonstrated deviant behavior by shooting and killing a dog, according to Humboldt County Coroner Frank Jager. Jager also said Ford raped, beat, tied up and left a prostitute on the side of a road. It is foolish to believe a person who managed to kill four, among other things, will suddenly repent and quit killing.

The death penalty may not prevent those future criminals from committing crimes by scaring them. These people have serious problems which not even the fear of death will stop. By killing those who have been caught, the death sentence will prevent them from killing again. Those who argue against the death penalty may also say those convicted would have enough of a punishment with being sentenced to life in prison. I do not want to pay for food and shelter provided to murderers in prison to keep them alive. Those on death row should die a horrible and painful death.

Hugo Rivera is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



Hugo Rivera
STAFF WRITER

Today

CHINESE CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP
Farewell from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Almaden Room. For more information, call Esther Mar at 298-4693.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DANCE
Images of dance concert featuring student choreography at 7 p.m. in SPX Room 19 Studio Theatre. For more information, call Dawn Wiley at 924-5041.

SJSU SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DANCE
Twenty-third annual scholarship concert at 8 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral, located at 90 S. Market St. in downtown San Jose. For more information, call Choral Activities at 924-4332.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS ELECTIONS
Candidate applications will be available on Jan. 25 in the Associated Students Office, located on the upper level of the Student Union. The filing deadline is February 11, 1999. For more information, call Dyrell Foster at 924-5950.

HUMAN PERFORMANCE DEPARTMENT
"Aerobichthon" from 4 - 6 p.m. in Central Spartan Complex Gym Room 44. For more information, call Carol Sullivan at 924-3022.

Monday

SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN
Student art galleries art exhibits from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call Scott or Jenny at 924-4330.

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CHINESE MANDARIN BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
Party time: life sharing, games, celebration and refreshments from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Student Union's Montalvo Room. For more information, call Joyce at 993-8006.

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER AND SJSU WOMEN'S HEALTH TEAM
Women's Health Forum: "Stress, How to Survive Finals and the Holidays" from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Council Chambers. For more information, call Vicci Smith at 924-6500.

SJSU PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT
Philosophy Colloquium led by Professor Tom Leddy at 3 p.m. in Faculty Offices Room 104. For more information, call Peter Hadreas at 924-1376.

NURSES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Recognizing spiritual needs at 11 a.m. in the Student Union's Montalvo Room. For more information, call Diane Stegmeir at 279-6385.

Tuesday

TAU DELTA PHI FRATERNITY
Inauguration Day at 6 p.m. in the President's Conference Room, located in Tower Hall. For more information, call Bo Mendoza at 984-6145.

LIBRARY DONATIONS AND SALES UNIT
Ongoing book sales Clark Lobby and featuring Steinbeck books in Walquist Library North Room 408. For more information, call 924-2705.

AD CLUB
Last meeting for the fall semester at 6:30 p.m. in Business Classrooms Room 311. For more information, call Nadine Castillo at 946-4873.

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Student art galleries art exhibits from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and receptions from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call Scott or Jenny at 924-4330. Tuesday night lecture series from 5 - 6 p.m. in the Art Building Room 133. For more information, call Andy at 924-4328.

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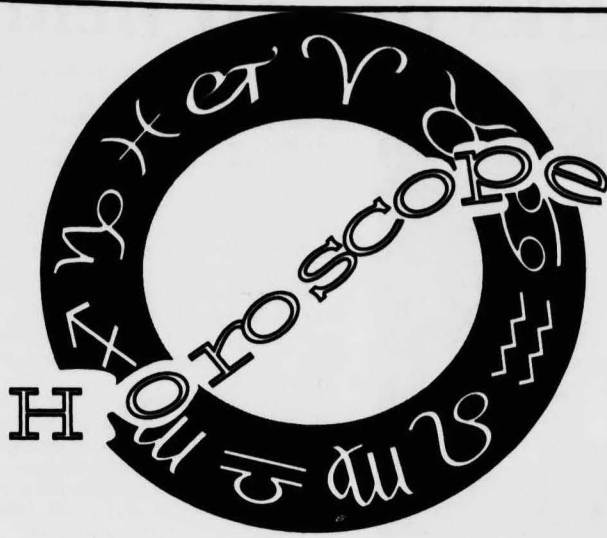
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by Dave Whamond
REALITY CHECK®



Compiled by Spartan Daily Staff

Aries

March 21 to April 20

After listening to your friends', family's and pet's crises, you have been the go-to person for problems. Good for you. You have taken everything in stride and have been a great friend to everyone. Too bad you can't take care of yourself, you smelly, loud-mouthed drunk. Famous Arian: Eddy Money

Taurus

April 21 to May 20

Confucius once taught a lesson on how to get an apple out of a vase. Picking out the greediest boy, who in his effort tried with all of his might to pull his hand and the apple out of the opening that was too small for both, Confucius was able to show how patience and logic would always cancel emotion. How does this relate to you? Hey, I am with you. I haven't got a damn clue. Famous Taurean: Salvador Dali

Gemini

May 21 to June 21

You keep telling people that the best thing you can do is give them your love and attention for the holiday season. That sure is a good excuse for a lazy loafer with no job. Go pimp yourself for a few bucks and actually buy something for people. Famous Geminian: Stevie Nicks

Cancer

June 22 to July 22

When it comes to a sense of righteousness, justice and having high standards, you are as clean as a virgin's conscience. When it comes to your sense of libido control, well ... let's just say you get turned on watching two pigeons go at it. So to find an appropriate cliché, you are as clean as the dirty kid from that Peanuts TV special where Snoopy was a break dancer. Hey, how come that was the only special that Franklin got more than two minutes' worth of air time? Famous Cancerian: John Glenn

Leo

July 23 to August 22

The holiday season is causing your normal, calm life to spin out of control. Well, it's time to pull that 7-foot Christmas tree out of your rear, you anal-retentive sonovabitch. Famous Leonian: Sally Struthers

Virgo

August 23 to September 22

A friend of yours told you to remember the golden rules of life. You honestly thought the rules were hitting the G-spot, being Westside 'till you die and having your mind on your money and your money on your mind. Well, let's face it. You are riding the white horse. Word to your mother's illegitimate

brother's-polypeptide lacking uncle.

Famous Virgoan: Cardinal Richelieu

Libra

September 23 to October 22

You're a lazy, selfish, ugly, loser who's still stuck in the '80s, who listened to the group Dire Straits. You used to love their song with the lyrics "Money for nothing/ and your chicks for free." Well buddy, the days of Jordache Jeans, leg warmers and "Frankie Goes to Hollywood" are dead. And guess what? You always had to pay for your lovin'. Famous Libran: Truman Capote

Scorpio

October 23 to November 22

On the 12 days of Christmas, you never got a damn thing. Famous Scorpion: Jeremiah "Silence is Golden" Oshan

Sagittarius

November 23 to December 21

The archer is your astrological sign. In ancient society, the archer was a devout provider while having a natural inclination to foster the feelings of contentment and love to their brethren ... I'm sorry, I digress. The only thing you provide are stupid jokes and a natural inclination to provide flatulence. Famous Sagittarian: Dick Butkus

Capricorn

December 22 to January 20

OK. OK. OK. I did treat you pretty bad this semester. The horoscope about how the tough get going while you stay was pretty harsh. But there is a silver lining in it all. At least I didn't treat you like a cheap, dirty call-girl like I did with the Scorpios. Famous Capricornian: Paramahansa Yogananda

Aquarius

January 21 to February 19

Preparation is your middle name. You had your holiday shopping done by Halloween. You are ready to mail your Christmas cards. Too bad you have no friends to give them to. Famous Aquarian: William McKinley

Pisces

February 20 to March 20

When the chips are down and there is no hope, you really need to remember that the flowers will sprout, the train will come bursting out of the long tunnel, the hot dogs will be placed in the buns, the oil will come spewing out of a hole in the ground, Steve Urkel will make wild and hot love to Laura Winslow ... Wait a minute. What was I trying to say? Oh yeah, things will get better. Sorry for beating around the bush. Bush. Famous Piscean: Asa "Swede As Can Be" Bexell

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On-campus homeless 'bums' out SJSU student

I can understand San Jose being a diverse city, but the situation with bums is becoming an overused cliché.

I have been attending San Jose State University for four years now, and the situation with bums invading my space remains the same. I know the halfway houses are serving an important purpose in the city. But, I still don't get the notion of building a university for higher learning in the downtown area.

I can't even get a meal from the Student Union without a

bum asking me for something. I am pretty sure everyone knows the regulars by now. There is one in particular who always asks for a couple of dollars for some coffee. It can be 98 degrees outside and he is asking for a couple of dollars for coffee.

Who needs a couple of dollars for coffee anyway? Last time I checked, coffee was being sold for as low as 60 cents. I bet he has panhandled enough money to buy a coffee machine and the ground coffee to go along with it. Let me not forget the unfor-

gettable smells of a grown man who has not bathed for a few days or weeks.

I am not saying that bums are a huge problem. What I am saying is that we are college students paying for an education here and we barely have enough money for coffee ourselves.

This is just something to think about.

Starlena Christian
political science

Administration owes students solutions to campus issues

Where am I going to park?

For the past couple of months the Spartan Daily has been filled with articles dealing with the joining of the libraries on campus with the city's library.

This merger is going to cause multiple problems on campus. These include the loss of much-needed parking spaces, the moving of faculty members and the creation of competition for books between San Jose State University students and the citizens of San Jose.

All of this work is going to be done with practically no gain for the students and faculty of SJSU.

So why don't we try to solve a problem instead of creating one?

The parking at SJSU is a problem that needs to be solved. Students and faculty are constantly receiving tickets and arriving late to class.

Instead of reducing the amount of parking on campus, increase it.

Besides, the new library will draw a large amount of people to the campus, so if we are having trouble parking now, it is going to be terrible in the future, especially if the number of parking spaces is reduced.

Jarrett Miner
undeclared

Those who challenged status quo deserve praise

I write in response to Liz Rivera's letter in the Nov. 24 issue.

At a time when many people choose to stand idly by and never voice their opinion, I am glad for the few who don't. I agree when Rivera says that students should speak out and I praise the effort she made by writing a letter addressing the issue that the university should better serve the students.

No article could have said it better than "Administration Should Better Serve Students." Sometimes we need to be reminded that students have historically had the presence and perseverance to create a

positive change in society. I think it is unfortunate when students give in to the status quo and never voice their opinion because they don't want to make waves.

Well, let's just take a minute to recognize some of the people who would not take "no" for an answer: Rosa Parks, Bell Hooks, Estella Habal (a former teacher at San Jose State University), Karen Aguilar San Juana, Gloria Anzaldua and Cherrie Moraga.

There are more people than myself who are thankful that these women did not take "no" for an answer. Because they spoke out, we are able to pro-

per in the freedoms they created from their courage to question the status quo. Some might say that because of the way the classroom is structured, students are taught not to speak, not encouraged to develop our own sense of self, not to voice our opinions and above all, not to disagree.

It is with this in mind that I especially encourage those students who represent a voice in society that has been traditionally marginalized to speak out.

Katrina Viesca
political science

Undocumented workers rich source of labor

The Spartan Daily recently published a "letter to the editor" that only partially began to disclose the truth behind Mexican, Latino and Hispanic illegal/legal immigration. The letter completely ignored the fact that not only are illegal aliens wanted, but heavily recruited and an important part of our economy, good or bad.

The illegal alien labor force is a vital asset to the California economy. Over 90 percent of the agricultural labor force is Latino, Hispanic or Mexican. You do not want to begin to imagine what we would pay at the fruit stand, among other commercial places, if all illegal/undocumented workers were deported tomorrow. These workers are an incredibly important labor force that is unfortunately, exploited every day.

Politicians and business owners are not going to publicly announce that they desire these undocumented workers. But behind closed doors they know how important these works are

to the economy. For, you see, an undocumented worker is a worker who can easily be exploited. They do not have a union to turn to and they do not have the government to turn to. They are out of luck.

In addition, legal or illegal workers do not come to the United States to reap the social benefits. They are not here for medical, dental, optometry or psychiatric benefits. There is no benefit of a union or other such worker organizations. They do not come looking for a 401(K) plan where the company matches dollar for dollar. Just like my father and grandfather were once illegal, they come to work and try to make a better living for themselves and, most importantly, their children.

I am fed up with illegal or legal immigrant workers being used as scapegoats.

Read both sides of the issue before you try to make an intelligent comment.

The fact of the matter is that illegal immigrants pump more money into this economy that

they take out. It is a surplus of billions of dollars. So when they do use the hospital to give birth to their child, do not cry "foul." They have already paid their dues.

The true issue here is found in the pages of "Preparing for the 21st Century" by Paul Kennedy, which states that "nativist prejudice against immigrant communities clearly exists... (Meanwhile) white Americans have no problem in welcoming to their shores many thousands of well-educated professionals..." In actuality, the so-called residents are fearful that with continued immigration trends, they may someday find themselves the minority.

So, do I find Propositions 187, 209 and 227 anti-Mexican, anti-immigration, anti-minority and anti-multicultural?

What do you think?

Miguel Angel Rodriguez Jr.
political science

SJSU salary increases biased, not supportive of entire staff

This letter is in response to the letter written by my union brother, Steve Sloan.

Like you, I'm certain most of our union brothers and sisters who received a Performance Based Salary Increase must have been kissing up to the boss.

They certainly didn't earn it through hard and good work. Just thinking about them engaging in such a nasty work ethic as working closely with their boss makes me mad as hell.

Maybe we can point them out individually and shame them into giving back at least half to spread among the rest of us who don't care what our boss thinks.

Perhaps we should adopt a resolution to oust them from our union. We certainly don't

want a disproportionate number of ass-kissers and whiners paying good money supporting a union working so very hard at pulling us all together. Maybe we can convince the California Faculty Association to do the same with all those overworked, undeserving faculty.

The way I see it, regardless of whether a pay raise was based on hard work or kissing up to the boss, you earned it and I celebrate your good fortune.

Besides, kissing up to the boss sounds like awfully hard work; certainly worth more than a single digit Performance Based Salary Increase.

Steve Aquino
SJSU institutional research office

Campus construction worth minor inconvenience for students

Being in one of the oldest universities, I have to say we have a few things to be proud of.

Yet, finally after all of these years we are able to say that San Jose State University is going to have the best communications equipment, almost an Ivy League-looking college, and spectral buildings like the Engineering Building and Event Center.

So, what is the damage?

Well, we have had to walk around a few fences and frequent power outages and for the women, sometimes flattering looks from the construction workers.

But all in all I have to say the process has been fast and almost painless.

Looking back, I remember the massive tunnels in front of Tower Hall.

Frequently, some people associated them with geological digs, and being in an old university, their was a possibility of finding bones.

So for all those whiners and crybabies, just remember from now on when you say I graduated from SJSU, employers will not frown.

Instead, they will be thrilled at the progression of the university, and might actually give you a job.

Kaushik Joglekar
political science

Correction

In an article titled "Student arrested for class presentation," in the Dec. 2 issue, a student's name should have been spelled Gaurav Jain. The Spartan Daily regrets the error.

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Cornerback Omarr Smith gets A marks on, off field

By Jeremiah Oshan
Assistant Sports Editor

The TV movie about Omarr Smith should end with the Spartans winning a bowl game, but the real-life ending of his collegiate football career was almost as sweet.

The Spartans trailed their rivals, Fresno State University, 17-7 with 6:13 remaining in the fourth quarter.

It was clear someone had to come up with a big play to get the Spartans back in the game and keep the rivalry alive.

It seemed innocent enough. Smith stood at the 12 yard line, waving his hands to signal his teammates to get away from the punt, and then it happened. In an instant, Smith eluded one potential Bulldog tackler and was off to the races. He sped past the coverage, cruised into the end zone 88 yards later and breathed some life into a rivalry which had lost its luster.

"I thought that was the play that would put us over the top," Smith said. "It showed our fans that we weren't going to just get walked over."

In the movies, the Spartans would have won the game, but in real life the ensuing kickoff was returned for a touchdown and the Spartans lost.

Despite the outcome, the electrifying return coupled with his imminent graduation in June will put a near perfect end to a story which started modestly.

Nothing spectacular was expected of Smith when he came to San Jose State University as a walk-on — in the classroom or on the field.

"Basically, they set me up to graduate in five years," said Smith, who had a 3.3 GPA last semester. "They never told me in as many words, but they pretty much made it sound like I could not graduate in four years. At first, I did not really mind. But by my sophomore year I wanted to prove I could do it."

"Hopefully, the younger players can look up to it and set that as a goal for



Kevin Sullivan/Spartan Daily

Omarr Smith (14) was considered one of the senior leaders a positive example on and off the field. He will be the first Spartan football player to graduate in four years in the 1990s.

themselves," Smith said about graduating in four years. He will be the first Spartan football player who started as a freshman to accomplish the feat in the 1990s. The average SJSU freshman takes 5.6 years to graduate.

Smith began his life as a role model early on in his college career.

As a freshman, Smith ignored his detractors and walked on at SJSU. Several big name programs told him that he was too small, even though he was named All-Los Angeles county his senior year at Bishop Montgomery High School. Smith is 5-foot-8.

"His coaches sent us some film and talked to us," said John Ralston, who was the Spartans' head coach when Smith first tried out in 1995. "Most of the film they sent us was actually of

Omarr playing wide receiver but, they said he was an even better corner(back).

"We told him he would have every chance to make the team (in the fall). Within the first couple of weeks he showed us he was worthy of a scholarship. I'd say he has far exceeded our expectations."

By his second game, Smith had cracked the starting lineup and was trusted with the impossible task of covering Keyshawn Johnson of the University of Southern California.

Johnson stood 6-foot-4 and would end up as the first overall pick of the 1996 NFL draft.

"I was geeked just to be out there," said Smith, who is from Southern California.

Johnson managed to gain 124 yards

on eight catches, but Smith helped keep Johnson out of the end zone and off any highlight film.

"Omarr did a very credible job (against Johnson)," said Ralston, currently the special assistant to the athletic director at SJSU.

That performance was merely a peek at what lay ahead. As his coaches would soon find out, what Smith lacked in size, he compensated for with confidence.

"He is a very opportunistic player," Ralston said.

There was the game against the University of Texas El Paso when Smith returned one punt 84 yards for a touchdown and another return set up a field goal. The Spartans eventually won 10-7 for their first victory of 1997.

"That was a huge game for him,"

Spartan head coach Dave Baldwin said. Another big game was just around the corner. Six weeks later, against the University of Hawai'i, Smith intercepted three passes to lead the Spartans to victory again.

"I just want to make the big play," Smith said, "do something that gives our team the momentum. Sometimes you have to take a chance."

Chances were tough to come by in 1998. He had just three interceptions — which left him one short of tying the career SJSU record of 15 — and was rarely tested.

"Teams did not really throw at me that often," said Smith, who made up the slack with three blocked field goal attempts and a 11.4-yard average on punt returns. "It was really frustrating, but I was glad to be part of the group that helped turn this team around."

In Smith's first season with the Spartans, they won three games, but were rarely close. Six times they lost by two touchdowns or more.

Due in no small part to the all senior secondary of Smith, Lyle West, K.J. Agu and Ghalee Wadood, the Spartans won four games in 1998 and could have won four more if the breaks had gone their way.

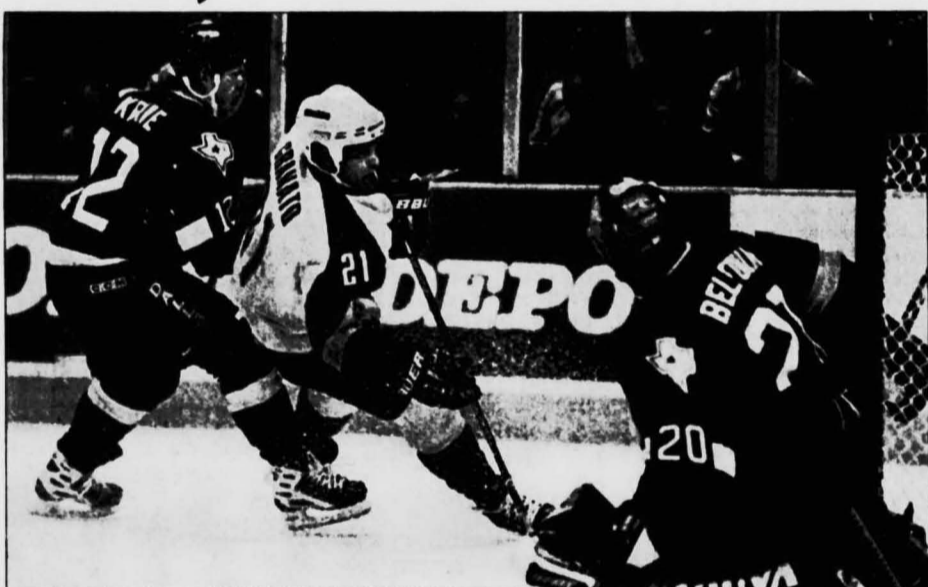
No good movie is complete without a cliffhanger. In Smith's story, the audience wonders if he will make it to the NFL.

"There have been some scouts at practice and some agents have contacted me. I've been told I am on the borderline," said Smith, who added he has been told he might go in the late rounds or be an early free-agent signee.

While Smith's heart definitely lies with NFL dreams, he is not counting on any big signing bonuses or a Hollywood ending just yet.

"Right now, I'm living day-to-day," Smith said about his plans for the future. "But if I don't make it in professional football then I'll probably go back to school for my master's."

Bel'forty-second' shutout



Chris Prevolos/Spartan Daily

San Jose Sharks left wing Tony Granato (21) tries to slide the puck past Dallas Stars goalie Ed Belfour in Wednesday's game at the San Jose Arena. Belfour registered his 42nd career shutout as the Stars defeated the Sharks 3-0. Dallas scored all three goals in the first period with the first two less than a minute apart. The Stars (13-4-3) avenged a 4-0 loss to the Sharks on Nov. 4. The Sharks (5-12-5) take on two-time defending Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings tonight at the Arena.

Correction

In the Dec. 2 article, "Spartans fired up over NCAA bid," the team the Spartans will face in the first round of the NCAA Volleyball Tournament today should have read University of Colorado. University of Utah, not Utah State University, is one of the other Western Athletic Conference teams to play in the tournament. The Spartan Daily regrets the errors.

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Walk with me, talk with me



San Jose State University President Robert Caret talks with student intern Jason Resto Wednesday night while walking through the Fourth Street Garage during a safety walk. The walk, attended by students, employees and administrators, began with a

discussion of campus safety in Tower Hall. The walk was intended to serve several purposes, such as increasing awareness of campus safety and inspecting campus areas for lighting or maintenance problems.

Chris Prevolos/Spartan Daily

Aerobicthon:

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The Aerobicthon will consist of eight 13-minute aerobic workouts taught by a mix of SJSU instructors and other local and national instructors, according to Sullivan.

She said each of the instructors will bring their own music and conduct a session.

Instructors will be leading workouts consisting of Hi/Lo Aerobics, which is a combination of high and low impact exercise, and Cardio Funk and Box Aerobics, which consists of moves derived from kickboxing.

Veronica Amezola, an administration of justice major, said she would participate in the Aerobicthon if only she could fit it into her busy schedule.

"It sounds pretty interesting," Amezola said. "If I had time I'd definitely do it."

Between classes, work and an

internship, Amezola said, it's hard to find the time to participate.

Because of a busy schedule, Mareca Hatler, a public relations major, agrees with Amezola and thinks the event is a great idea, but said finding the time can be a setback.

"You'd have to know about it ahead of time and plan for it," Hatler said. "That's the main thing."

Sullivan said the event will also include entertainment and refreshments. The Sizzling Seniors, a local seniors group with members with an average age of 70, will perform in a choreographed routine during intermission.

At the end of the event, Phaze II — a jazz hip-hop dance team — and the Mission College Hip-Hop Dance Team will perform.

Father accused of injecting 11-month-old son with HIV

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP) — Jennifer's infant son was in a hospital recovering from an asthma attack — doing well, she says, until his father showed up.

The father, Brian Stewart, told her to take a break from their son's bedside. When she returned, Jennifer testified Wednesday, the baby was upset and Stewart immediately left.

Stewart, 32, of Columbia, Ill., is accused of injecting HIV-tainted blood into his 11-month-old son in February 1992. Prosecutors say he wanted to avoid paying child support.

The boy, now 7, was diagnosed with AIDS in 1996.

Stewart allegedly smuggled contaminated blood out of a hospital where he worked as a phlebotomist, a person who draws blood. If convicted of first-degree assault, he could get life in prison.

The boy's mother, identified only as Jennifer to protect the child's anonymity, testified on the first day of Stewart's trial that he told her she didn't need to seek child support because "your child is not going to live very long."

Defense attorney Joseph Murphy denied that Stewart

injected the boy with HIV, saying the boy was in contact with 23 other people who could have infected him with HIV.

Jennifer said that her son's health deteriorated after Stewart visited him in the hospital on Feb. 6, 1992. The woman also said Stewart kept vials of blood in a freezer in her apartment.

She conceded that Stewart had never specifically said he would inject the boy or anyone else with HIV-tainted blood.

The boy's pediatrician, Dr. Linda Steele Green, testified today that the boy suddenly became lethargic and started running a fever for no apparent reason. "He just all of a sudden — we found him in his bed listless," she said.

Michael Graham, a professor of pathology at St. Louis University and a blood bank specialist, testified that the boy's condition that day was consistent with someone who had received a transfusion of incompatible blood.

Green and Graham both conceded on cross-examination by Murphy that many of the child's symptoms were present before Stewart's visit.

Artique: Impressive

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searching for the artist who created the Christmas angel tree toppers.

"Last year, I passed up buying the ethnic ones. So this year, I wanted to purchase the beautiful figurines," Freeman said.

Unfortunately, the artist who created the angels did not attend this year's event.

Georgia Viorsen, fiscal manager for continuing edu-

cation, was impressed by the artists.

"It's amazing how talented people are," she said.

During the event, several individuals helped themselves to the complimentary refreshments and hot cider located on the third floor.

A list of the door prize winners will be posted at the Student Union or winners will be notified by telephone.

Fliers: Mixup

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these fliers posted. In this case, we weren't informed of this until yesterday. It was just a mixup."

However, Oscar Battle, advisor and peer health education coordinator of the Student Health Center, is still upset over the misunderstanding.

"I can understand there may have been a mistake," Battle said. "Although he (Guel) probably thought what he was doing was correct, he should have checked it out first and asked if these fliers should have been taken down. I think it would be

useful for him to make an apology. We want a reply from the supervisor and employee."

The facilities department manager maintains that it was an honest mistake.

"We will be happy to apologize to Dr. Battle for removing the fliers," Suit said. "But if we have every groundskeeper calling every organization who posted fliers that they removed, they would never get any work done. He was just doing his job the way he was told to. I am sorry for the misunderstanding."

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