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## Week seeks to increase awareness

Trisha Santos  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students take the diversity of cultures in Silicon Valley for granted, according to Robert Carolin, associate director for Study Abroad and International Week program coordinator.

"Students get too caught up with school and work to appreciate the diversity on campus," Carolin said.

As a way of helping students become more aware of diversity, the San Jose State University International House, in conjunction with the Career Center and several student clubs including

the Vietnamese Student Association, Culture Fusion and the Akbayan Club, is hosting International Week from Sunday to April 15.

A food bazaar, foreign film series and job workshops are lined up for next week. Josephine Misa, a junior nursing major, said this is a great opportunity to learn about other cultures. "I notice there's a bit of segregation going on (on campus), and this event will help students experience different ethnicities," Misa said.

To kick off International Week, the International House, located at 360 South 11th St., has

planned a pancake breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. The breakfast smorgasbord will include food such as omelets, sausages and waffles. Students with a Tower card pay \$4 for the all-you-can-eat buffet and those without student i.d. will have to pay an extra fee.

Film enthusiasts will get a chance to view critically acclaimed foreign films during International Week. Movies such as "Blue" from France, "Farewell My Concubine" and "Farinelli" from Belgium, are scheduled to be featured in Dudley Moorehead Hall, Room 164. Students will

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### SJSU International Week

				
<b>Sunday</b> Pancake Breakfast: from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the International House on 360 S. 11th St.	<b>Monday</b> Film: "Blue" at 6 p.m. in DMH 164. Films for Tuesday and Wednesday will appear in upcoming Sparta Guides.	<b>Tuesday</b> Study/Work Abroad Fair: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 7th Street Plaza International Food Bazaar: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Career Center	<b>Wednesday</b> Film: "Farinelli" from Belgium at 6 p.m. showing in DMH 164 International Food Bazaar: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Career Center	<b>Thursday</b> Scholarship Dinner for Study Abroad: 6 to 9 p.m. at the International House
				

## Putting the 'pie'ces together for arthritis research



Mari Matsumoto / Spartan Daily

Junior Bobby Brown removes a pie from freshmen Belen Felix's face during the "AOPie in the Face" event held by Alpha Omega Pi sorority to raise money for arthritis research. The pies cost \$1 each and

could be thrown at any willing sorority member. The sorority raised \$100 from the event. The pies were tossed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Seventh Street Plaza barbecue pits.

## Smoking out the many uses of hemp products

Nadeen Sarkis  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Environmentalists and geologists as well as hemp activists say the hemp plant is the answer to our present-day environmental problems.

Up until the turn of the century, the fibrous stalk in cannabis hemp, a word loosely used to describe marijuana, was used to produce high-quality, long-lasting paper and in the manufacturing of virtually everything from cloth to biomass fuel,

according to Frank Schiavo, professor of environmental studies at San Jose State University.

"Hemp is a viable, lower impact source of fiber and may be a useful energy crop," said Karina Garbesi, professor of environmental studies at Cal Hayward State.

Although there are varieties of hemp with very low narcotic content, all hemp production in the United States is strictly regulated by the Drug Enforcement Agency, according to the Department of Agriculture.

However, hemp was not always regulated in this nation.

"All paper used in the early colonies was made from hemp," said Schiavo.

Before the 1937 marijuana tax law, 75 percent of all paper was made with cannabis hemp fiber, including books, Bibles, maps, paper money, stocks, bonds and newspapers, according to the book "The Emperor Wears No Clothes," by Jack Herer, who is known as the father of the hemp movement.

The original draft of the Declaration of

Independence was written on hemp paper, according to the book.

Currently, there are two markets for hemp — textiles and paper — according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

The hemp plant, which matures in a year — if used for the manufacture of paper and apparel, which are generally made of timber and cotton — could reduce world deforestation and pesticide use.

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## Walker, Castillo captivate sold-out crowd at Morris Dailey Auditorium

Jessica Neu  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Morris Dailey Auditorium was filled with a buzz as a sold-out crowd awaited the arrival of authors Alice Walker and Ana Castillo Thursday evening.

The event, hosted by Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana along with the San Jose State University Center for Literary Arts and the SJSU School of Arts and Humanities, was held to encourage a cross-cultural dialogue between Walker and Castillo.

Audience members tried to finagle their way into acquiring reserved seats in the front row as the rest of the auditorium was bursting with lively conversation.

However, all movement in the room seemed to dissipate when the opening act began.

Sonia Whittle, Melissa Lozano and Meliza Banales, three Bay Area poets, began the evening with spoken word, a dramatic reading of poetry with a rhythmic tone. Each read two of their own poems.

The 1,100 or so listeners fell speechless while the three ladies spoke.

"I was really surprised about the spoken word," said Kimberly Capezone, an East Asian studies major. "It was so exhilarating. I never thought about it as a career path before, but now I am inspired."

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Authors Alice Walker and Ana Castillo spoke in front of a sold-out audience Wednesday at Morris Dailey Auditorium.

Sebastian Widmann / Spartan Daily

## Learning how to rough it

Erik Anderson  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

A new program starting this summer will offer students the opportunity to learn what it takes to live with only the bare necessities — without running water, a toilet or electricity — all while becoming an informed citizen and trained leader.

International and National Voluntary Service Training a pilot leadership program intended to prepare students for careers in community service and social justice, is planned to be offered by the department of sociology at San Jose State University this summer.

"The program will be the first in the CSU system," said Scott Myers-Lipton, a SJSU sociology professor director of the curriculum.

"Students choose an area of interest and work on being part of the solution ... figuring out various solutions to that issue."

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# Opinion

## LETTERS

### Student Union should bear a Spartan's name

Samuel Casas said the Spartan Daily showed its true colors by opposing Measure Q, the ballot measure that would have voiced student support for the renaming of the Student Union to the César Chávez Student Union, yet he fails to say which colors those are. (He also said the Daily is faculty run, which it really is not.)

Is he suggesting those colors are representative of division and intolerance?

He seems to be saying that whatever colors those are, they aren't the same ones average voting students fly for themselves.

Students resoundingly agreed with the Spartan Daily, about 56 percent of them. Does that seem like the Spartan Daily somehow misrepresented students?

Some might argue that the Daily's stance influenced the vote and therefore misrepresented how students actually feel, but let's be honest — most of the candidates the Daily supported lost. The Daily did not influence the outcome, but its coverage may have encouraged more to vote.

César Chávez has a park named after him two blocks from campus.

And no, Martin Luther King, in my opinion, does not accurately represent the students at San Jose State University.

This school was home to some of the most powerful political movements in the United States during the late '60s and early '70s, suggesting there are plenty of viable candidates to have buildings named after them who are products of SJSU.

They might not be as well known as Chávez or King, but isn't that part of the point — to preserve someone's memory?

The library will probably keep its name, and since it is a joint venture with the City of San Jose, maybe that's not such a bad thing.

But the Student Union should be ours, named for a former student, faculty member or someone who had a direct impact on our school.

Jeremiah Oshan

## Life without regrets begins with chasing dreams

When I was five years old, I wanted to be a dancer. I had completely forgotten about this until I came across a project I had worked on in kindergarten in one of my mother's keepsake boxes.

It was one of those "Who I Am" art assignments where the students answer questions about their families, favorite foods and colors and what they want to be when they grow up.

Anyone who has seen my pathetic attempt at a leap can verify that not pursuing a career as a ballerina was probably for the best.

But other dreams, for whatever reason, have also gotten lost along the way.

I'm trying to figure out what those reasons were.

I wonder if changing my mind at least two dozen times before settling on journalism had less to do with disinterest in becoming a firefighter, a restaurateur, a yoga instructor and more to do with fear.

But I have seen a person close to me overcome the same paralyzing fear that keeps us from our dreams,



**Christina Lucarotti**  
FRIDAY CONFESSION

and she has taught me a lesson.

I didn't find my sister's "Who I Am" project, but I'm sure if I did, her career choice would have been "singer."

Unlike my fleeting desire to become a dancer, Nicole has always wanted to be a performer.

She sings in a band and plays the keyboard and guitar.

When people meet Nicole — because of all of her ambition and

confidence — they might assume that she has always been on her way to stardom.

They may think that performing for her comes as easily as breathing to the rest of us.

This belief that her life by nature was designed to fulfill her deep desire to be an artist might comfort some.

It may allow them to feel safe, believing that dreams aren't for everyone and that they were not meant to realize theirs.

But those people would have no way of knowing that my younger sister rarely got solo parts in her school choir.

Before going on stage, her hands would shake in terror. She was too shy to project her voice, so she was never heard.

It would have been easy for my sister to change her mind about wanting to be a singer.

Becoming a professional singer is about as ridiculous a dream as becoming a ballerina.

But Nicole hasn't allowed fear to swallow her dreams.

She hasn't wanted to be discovered.

She wrote songs and practiced her instruments even when she didn't have a band to practice with.

Maybe it's idealism. Maybe it's young. Maybe the dream is so strong that it overcame her terror.

Last week, she and her band recorded their first demo tape.

They spent 14- to 16-hour days working in a four-room studio trying to get it right.

On the night I went to give her moral support, they were laying down vocal tracks at 3 a.m.

I don't think she realizes it takes a rare person to work that hard for a dream.

Maybe this whole band thing will be a passing phase — I wouldn't count on it — but at least she'll know she gave it a shot.

The peace of mind Nicole will have 10 years from now, when she begins to become nostalgic about her youth, is something I hope to have.

I hope that I will be as brave as she in going after the dreams I now have.

Christina Lucarotti is the Spartan Daily Opinion Editor. "Friday Confession" appears Fridays.



## Keep prayer sacred and out of schools

There is a time and place for everything. But prayer does not belong in public schools.

Another attempt to include prayer in schools started last year in a town near Galveston, Texas.

Student Marian Ward was chosen to deliver a prayer before a high school football game.

In the case titled Santa Fe Independent School District vs. Doe, two families of Mormon and Catholic faith sued the school district for having prayer imposed upon their children.

In a town which is largely Christian, the children claimed they were accused of belonging to a "cultlike, non-Christian religion."

Ward, the student who delivered the prayer, said the legal challenge undermines her right to free speech.

The Supreme Court must decide by June of this year whether the Constitution allows student-led prayer during after-school activities.

I believe permitting student-led invocations would create more hostility and confusion.

Nonparticipating students will be singled out. Those in the minority faiths may be compelled to conform to a religion or ritual they don't believe in.

They may suffer from humiliation for participating in an exercise against their will.

According to the Freedom From Religion Foundation, children of former Supreme Court plaintiffs against religion have been beaten up on their way to school and their families have been subjected to community harassment for speaking out in defense of a constitutional principle.

Although a 1962 Supreme Court ruling already bans school-sponsored prayers, "voluntary" prayer is allowed. Students may meet for prayer sessions before or after school. Group prayer is allowed in religious school clubs. Anyone can pray silently anywhere at anytime.

Supporters of school prayer claim the ban has caused society's steady moral decline. They claim since 1962, the nation has become less tolerant of moral standards and values with the



**Trisha Santos**  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

rising divorce rate, teen pregnancies, teen suicide and child abuse.

But according to Mother Jones magazine — an investigative monthly magazine — the belief in religion and spirituality is stronger than ever.

Their survey states four out of 10 adults under the age of 30 say religion is "very important" in their lives. According to the survey, there has also been a growing trend in spirituality with 96 percent of its readers stating they believe in a god or universal spirit.

I consider myself as a religious and spiritual person. Whether I'm in the car, about to embark on a plane trip or waiting to take an exam, I recite a little prayer to myself. Although it won't lessen the chances of getting into an accident or miraculously increase my grade point average, it just makes me feel better.

As a Catholic, I believe everyone can benefit from prayer.

But it is a different issue altogether when it involves a large gathering of people with diverse beliefs.

True, students can choose not to attend the event and not participate in prayer. But most students don't have the option as to which school they attend.

Regardless of one's faith or belief, religion is private. Participating in prayer should be a silent, personal decision.

According to Matthew 6:6, "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou has shut thy door, pray to thy Father, which is in secret."

Trisha Santos is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

## SPARTA

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### Today

#### Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Mass from 12:10 p.m. to 12:35 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Campus Ministry Chapel, 300 S. 10th St. For more information, call Father Barry at 938-1610.

#### Muslim Student Association

Friday prayer from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Union, Costanoan room. For more information, call Emal Numan at 971-8347.

#### Counseling Services

Ongoing support group for students taking medications or considering taking medication for concerns such as depression, anxiety and obsessive-compulsive disorder from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Administration building, Room 222B. For more information, call Dr. Jill Steinberg or Dr. John Reid at 924-5910.

#### Hillel of Silicon Valley

Flame of Remembrance: A Holocaust survivor speaks at 6:30 p.m. at Foothill College. Meet at the Hillel House at 5:30 p.m. to car-pool. For more information, call Arlene Miller at 286-6669, ext. 11.

#### L. D. S. Students Association

Guest speaker Howard Carter speaking on marriage in crisis at 12:30 p.m. at the San Jose Institute, 66 South Seventh St. Lunch will be served. For more information, call 286-3313.

### Sunday

#### International Programs and Student Services

SJSU International House Pancake Breakfast from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the International House, 360 S. 11th St. For more information, call Pilar Dixon at 924-6570.

### Monday

#### Leadership Development Workshop Series

Teambuilding: Working Together One from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Guadalupe room. For more information, call the Student Life Center at 924-5950.

#### School of Art and Design

Student galleries and art exhibitions of the pre-thesis shows from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call John or

Jenny at 924-4330.

#### Golden Key National Honor Society

Join us for a fun filled game day at 4:15 p.m. in the Student Union, Guadalupe room. For more information, contact Christine Williams at canne0605@aol.com.

#### International Programs and Student Services

International Film Week: "Blue France" at 6 p.m. in Dudley Moorhead Hall, Room 164. For more information, call Robert Carolin at 924-5931.

### Tuesday

#### Leadership Development Workshop Series

Public Speaking: Making It Work for You from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Union, Almaden room. For more information, call the Student Life Center at 924-5950.

#### Artistas De Aztlan

Film screening: "Luminarias" at 6 p.m. in the Student Union, Umunhum room. For more information, call Mariela Miranda at 258-7796.

#### Adapted Physical Activity Club

#### and Human Performance 258

Volunteer Opportunities Fair: Meet over 25 community APA representatives and discuss volunteer opportunities from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Spartan Complex, SPX 89. For more information, call Ramin Naderi at 725-1553 or contact him at rnaderi1@email.sjsu.edu.

#### Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Chicken N' Waffles made to order at the International Food Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Seventh Street Plaza. For more information, call Sheree Hoggro at 924-6915.

#### SJSU Society of Automotive Engineers

PT Cruiser introduction including live coverage of the Detroit press conference at 5 p.m. in Sweeney Hall, Room 100. For more information, call Jeff Tobin at 287-5854.

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# News

## Hemp

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This is the reason Fred Hornaday's Hempshak in San Luis Obispo carries everything from clothing to food made from hemp.

"Hemp fiber yields four times per acre than trees and doesn't require the sulfuric acid used on the paper made from trees," Hornaday said.

He also said cloth made out of hemp is more durable than cotton and because

hemp is 70 percent cellulose, it can make biomass fuel and is a substitute for plastic.

While products made from hemp are safe for the environment, the problem revolves around the cost of these products, which is considered relatively high for consumers.

For example, hemp paper runs about 15 cents per sheet, while paper made from trees runs for less.

"Paper manufacturers who own forests and lands have a stranglehold on the market," Schiavo said.

According to Schiavo, everything

works against the small hemp manufacturers, who are paying top dollar and as a result, paper made from hemp will be expensive compared to paper from trees.

To prevent deforestation, Schiavo said he feels the government should lower the price of hemp paper.

At SJSU, some students experience the higher cost of products made from hemp.

Casiana Cruz, a jewelry merchant, sells bracelets and chokers made out of hemp at her stand in front of the Student Union.

Cruz said the jewelry made from the hemp fiber sells for more than the jewel-

ry made from synthetic materials because she had to purchase it at a higher price.

Junior Ron Russell said he feels hemp should be legalized because of its positive uses for the environment.

"I think hemp, if mixed with other fibers, makes excellent clothing. Once people become aware of it and if it floods the market, prices are sure to go down," Russell said.

David Gutierrez, who is majoring in history, said marijuana should be legalized.

"It could put a stop to the drug prob-

lem, eliminate drug dealers and save the environment," Gutierrez said.

However, there is a big difference between marijuana and hemp, according to Hornaday.

The hemp plant, if grown alone and not allowed to cross-pollinate, could only yield the non-narcotic plant, which has fibers that can work toward the manufacture of environmentally safe products, Hornaday said.

"I don't understand how people mix the two. It's like a pitbull and a poodle. They're both dogs but very different," Hornaday said.

## Program

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he said.

The curriculum offers the interactive process of action in the community and reflection in the classroom, he said.

Included in the program are four upper division courses — one taken per semester — with service-learning labs and two summer service projects.

During the January term there will be a required course as well.

There will also be six hours of community work required per week.

Myers-Lipton worked on similar programs at St. Mary's College in Moraga and at the University of Colorado. According to Myers-Lipton, these are the only other institutions in

the country offering the curriculum.

Each year, between 15 to 20 new students will be accepted into the two-year program, for a total of 30 to 40 students at any one time, Myers-Lipton said.

"I think it's a great program," said Erika Randall, coordinator of community service learning in the California State University chancellor's office. "Certainly something we want to support."

"Service learning is way of teaching that incorporates a community service experience into an academic course," she said.

The chancellor's office is granting more than \$40,000 to the program.

The Internal and National Voluntary Service Training is scheduled to begin with a summer service project that introduces students to the community work environment.

Divided into three parts, the summer project plans to offer weeklong experiences in the wilderness, then a San Jose homeless shelter, followed by 10 days at a Navajo (Dine) nation in northern Arizona.

"It was a tremendous experience," said Michelle Forbes, who had participated in the program while at St. Mary's College.

Her self-awareness was expanded, she said.

Forbes said her week in the wilderness, spent on a canoe trip on the Green River in Utah, was eye-opening.

"A lot of students had not experienced that before," she said of living without running water and electricity. "It was different at first, but you learn to ... do with what you have. You learn to appreciate what you have," she said. "You don't need all the things we have to live."

The homeless shelter experi-

ence, though not necessarily fun, was uplifting, Forbes said.

"You get a glimpse of what a homeless person has to go through," Forbes said. "It made us realize that everybody is a human being and should be acknowledged."

"It made me a very more aware person," she said of the program. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing. It will be something I will always remember."

Applications may be picked up at the department of sociology, the Multicultural Center, the Student Union Information Center and the Student Life Center.

The completed forms should be returned to the department of sociology.

The application deadline is April 12, Myers-Lipton said. Interviews will occur late in April with selections made in early May.

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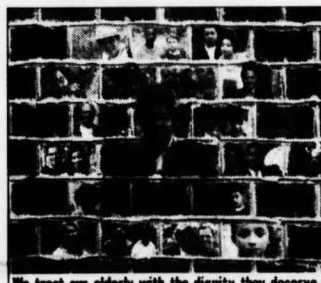
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# BODY SHOTS



"There are movies that define every decade." "Body Shots" is one of these movies. It explores a few days in the lives of 8 young men and women living in Los Angeles. After a night of alcohol, sex and moral choices, things begin to go awry, and their lives will never be the same. The aftermath of one night begins to take a toll on each and everyone in the group. Values and self worth are challenged, friendships are threatened and these four young men and four young women look back on what happened and struggle for the answers to very difficult questions.

The characters are based on stereotypical young adults who talk openly about how they feel regarding various issues which affect their lives. However, when one of them accuses another of rape, it forces many more difficult discussions about what exactly happened that night. These four women and four men are forced to remember what they did or what they ignored and face the consequences of their actions.

While "Body Shots" deals with many of the important issues faced by today's young adults, alcohol abuse and its consequences seem to be the most significant. It is apparent that some of the characters have no recollection of their choices or actions and some are dared to take sides and finally come clean with honest impressions of their friends. They are quick to judge others while trying to avoid being judged themselves. They all search for the willingness to find the truth, face their deepest fears and forgive one another.

As Spring Break approaches, plans are being made to party non-stop for days. Many students will cut loose, and many more will witness first-hand the wild behavior of their peers. The yearly college ritual of drinking too much, partying too much and wearing too little can produce a similar scenario as seen in "Body Shots".

While it is a rite of passage for many students to experience Spring Break, think before you act and eat before you drink.

**"Everything in moderation!"**

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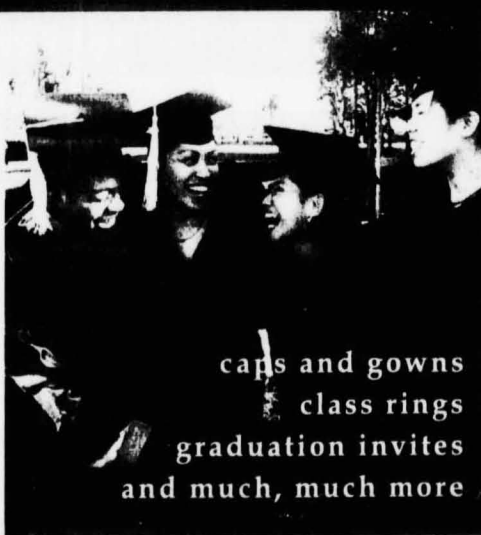
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# Sports



## Breakfast of Spartans

### SJSU athletes get victory in classroom

Andi Anderson  
DAILY STAFF WRITER

These students do their homework.

They are the athletes of San Jose State University who were recognized at Thursday's 13th Annual Scholar-Athlete Breakfast.

Bacon and eggs with ham, 113 SJSU athletes were honored for academics, not sport accomplishments.

"It is not surprising they bring the competitive edge into the classroom," said Rich Chew, director of academic support for athletes.

Chew contributes the scholastic success of SJSU athletes to their organized and success-oriented attitudes as students.

According to Lawrence Fan, director of sports information, the number of athletes honored was one-third of the 347 student athletes at SJSU. Fan said the number of athletes who received awards makes a statement that SJSU produces good students and good student athletes.

Some of the featured awards included Who's Who awards, the Burger King Scholar-Athlete Award, Challenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success-Life

Skills Award and the Top Scholar Athlete Award.

Frank Fiscalini, councilman and vice mayor of San Jose, was the special guest speaker at the breakfast, telling a joke that sent a message to all students, including student-athletes.

"We better get on the ball if we want to stay alive," Fiscalini said.

Fiscalini attended college on a baseball scholarship and said he knew how playing sports could prepare a person for choices in life after college.

"The choices we make in life are precursors," Fiscalini said.

Teams with the highest grade point averages for the spring and fall semesters were honored.

Women's golf received the honor for the spring 1999 semester, and women's cross country received it for the fall 1999 semester.

SJSU President Robert Caret sent a message out to the athletes, saying, "Don't forget us when you leave."

He asked the student athletes to remember and give back to SJSU.

Caret said the grade point average of all athletes at SJSU and the number of athletes graduating are increasing. Kirsten Foster, Joslynn Gallop and Deonce Whitaker each received the NCAA Leadership Conference Award, which is based on athletic and academic achievement along with community service and involvement.

Foster, who is an infielder on the softball team, was selected



Students and faculty eat breakfast at the 13th annual Scholar-Athlete Breakfast in the Student Union ballroom. One hundred thirteen San Jose State University athletes were honored, and the Top Scholar-Athlete award was given to Melanie Nichols of the women's water polo team, who has a grade point average of 3.93.

Kohjiro Kinno / Spartan Daily

out of the three recipients to represent SJSU and travel to Coronado Springs, Fla., and participate in the NCAA Leadership Conference.

The conference hosts academic elite athletes from throughout the United States.

Foster was chosen out of the three award recipients, based on her efforts in academics, community, and communication between athletes and coaches. The NCAA Leadership Conference is hosted by Disney.

"All I'm going to do is represent the school," Foster said, adding she was excited and it was a great honor to be chosen to represent SJSU.

Tanika Byrd was the representative for SJSU last year at the conference. She said the conference was a lot of fun and a positive experience.

Jeff Wucinich, an outside linebacker on the football team, was honored with the Burger King

Scholar-Athlete Award.

The award gives \$10,000 to the general scholarship fund of the school the recipient attends.

The intent of the scholarship is to help aid students who are not athletes, according to Fan.

Wucinich was one of 20 athletes in Division IA who received the award, Fan said.

"Jeff is not only a fine student and a contributor to the football team, but also to the community," Fan said.

The Top Scholar Athlete Award is awarded to the SJSU athlete with the highest grade point average. This year's recipient was Melanie Nichols of the women's water polo team. Her major is child development and her grade point average is a 3.93.

"Today's awards program is a testament and salute to those student athletes who were able to find a successful balance between academics and athletics," Fan said.

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## Spartans sweep Broncos

Staff report

Home is where the wins are for the Spartans softball team.

After losing three of its last four on the road, the San Jose State University team came home to the SJSU field to sweep Santa Clara in a doubleheader Thursday.

The Spartans captured victories of 1-0 and 6-3 to improve to 12-22.

In the first game Brooke Reed worked a complete game, surrendering only three hits on her way to shutting out the Broncos.

SJSU got its lone run in the bottom of the first when Amy Walker scored on a Santa Clara error.

In the second game, the Spartans proved their offense can lead the way as well when Kara Kanney smashed two home runs en route to a 6-3 win.

Kanney, who had 3 RBIs, hit her seventh and eighth homers of the year to break the single season record for homers.

Kanney also snapped another record in the first game when she recorded her 67th career walk.

The Spartans return to action Sunday when they travel to Fresno State to face off with the Bulldogs.

The baseball team found itself on the opposite side of a shutout to the Broncos in a 5-0 loss Wednesday at Municipal Stadium.

The Spartans used more pitchers in the contest, five, than they could manage hits, four, against Santa Clara.

Ryan Brucker, Tony Tognetti, Rob Douglass and Gary Ferraro notched the only hits for the Spartans.

The nonconference loss dropped the Spartans' record to 22-11 and marked the first time the team had been shutout since April 1, 1999.

The baseball team returns to the diamond for a three-game series with Hawai'i which begins at 7p.m. tonight at Municipal Stadium.

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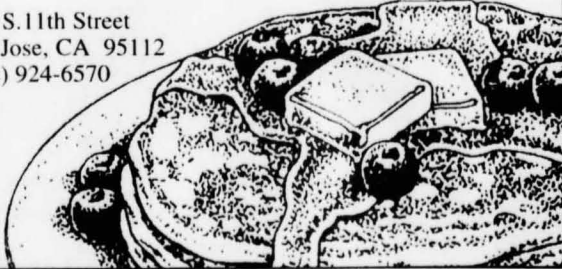
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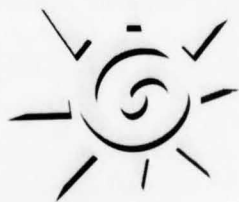


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# Sports

## Stars light, Sharks bright

### 5-2 victory over Dallas gives Sharks playoff berth

D.S. Perez  
DAILY STAFF EDITOR

After clinching a playoff spot Wednesday night at the Arena, San Jose Sharks head coach Darryl Sutter had two words to say to the media.

"I lied," said Sutter, referring to his prediction that the hockey team would earn a berth in the Stanley Cup playoffs on the last day of play.

The Sharks qualified for post-season play after defeating the defending Stanley Cup Champion Dallas Stars 5-2.

Vincent Damphousse had two goals for the night, including the game winner that came in late in the second period. Shark goaltender Steve Shields outperformed former Shark goaltender Ed Belfour — who was loudly heckled throughout the evening — in saves, keeping 35 shots from entering the net, compared to Belfour's 27 saves.

Helping out the Sharks were the Chicago Blackhawks, who defeated the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim earlier that evening, and the Los Angeles Kings, who tied with the Vancouver Canucks shortly after the Sharks' victory.

The win also boosted the Sharks into seventh place for the playoffs, as the Edmonton Oilers lost to the Colorado Avalanche.

"It's nice to have our foot in the door and in the dance," Sharks center Mike Ricci said. "You can't win the Stanley Cup without making that first step."

Damphousse said the players

were excited and jumping up and down in the dressing room after the Canucks had a tie against the Kings.

"Everything fell in place tonight," Damphousse said about the three other games that affected the Sharks' standings.

Eight teams from both the Western and Eastern Conferences make the Stanley Cup finals. Currently, the Sharks lead the Oilers in the standings, with 85 points to Edmonton's 84.

Should the Oilers lose its next two games, the Canucks or the Ducks — the former with 81 points and the latter with 80 — could overtake the Oilers for the final spot.

#### But a winning record?

While reaching the playoffs is a measure of success, there is the other factor that has been elusive in the Sharks' nine-year existence: a winning season.

Should the Sharks win both of their remaining games, they will have a .500 record.

However, the Sharks will have to beat Phoenix on the road — where they are 13-20-7 — and then come home to face Vancouver, who could still be fighting for a playoff spot.

Players, such as the veteran Marcus Ragnarsson, noticed the change in attention the Sharks had this season.

"This year seems a lot different," Ragnarsson said. "We had a really good start and high expectations on this team."



Douglas Rider / Spartan Daily

Left wing Jeff Friesen controls the puck and skates past Guy Carbonneau of the Dallas Stars Wednesday at the San Jose Arena.

Friesen and the Sharks notched a 5-2 victory, propelling the team into the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

"Then we had a letdown and we ended up fighting for a playoff spot all over again," he said.

Despite taking the team to the playoffs for all of his three years, this has been one criticism that has been a thorn in Sutter's tenure.

Sutter deflected that criticism by pointing out survival in the playoffs — or just making it — outweighs regular season performance.

"Everyone's looking at what we did in October," said Sutter, recall-

ing that the Sharks were 9-5-1 in the opening month, which fueled predictions the Sharks would have their first winning season.

"October is for Reggie Jackson and the New York Yankees. March, April and however long it takes is where hockey counts," Sutter said.

#### Playoff Travel Plans

The Sharks may also consider who they would like to play in the playoffs.

By finishing seventh, the

Sharks would play Dallas, a team San Jose has been successful against, with four wins and two losses.

Finishing eighth, however, would pit San Jose against the St. Louis Blues, the National Hockey League's top team. The Blues, as of Thursday night, are 50-18-11 and are 4-0-1 against the Sharks.

Most of the players said they had no concerns on who the team will face in the first round.

"You just have to look ahead and get on with it," Shields said

about the upcoming playoffs. "There's no preference to whoever we play."

Only Damphousse mentioned a slight edge for finishing seventh and noted the fact that upsets happen each year on the way to the Stanley Cup.

"Dallas could be the team we could beat. We're 4-2 against them this year. And we can beat good teams," he said.

"And in the Stanley Cup playoffs, you never know what can happen," Damphousse finished.

## SPARTAN OUTLOOK

### Baseball

• Today-Sunday vs Hawai'i at Municipal Stadium. Tonight at 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.

### Softball

• Sunday at Fresno State 1 p.m.

### Water polo

• Today-Sunday in MPSF tournament at Aquatic Center. Today vs. Cal at 11:50 a.m. and vs. Long Beach State at 4:10 p.m. Saturday vs. USC at 9:40 a.m. and vs. UC Santa Barbara at 2 p.m. Sunday, times and opponents vary.

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Whittle, Lozano and Banales performed works highlighting the plight of growing up in inner cities and living as minorities in an oppressive society.

Lozano spoke about "assailants innocent until proven darker," and asked the question, "We lost ourselves, can you find us beyond our senses?"

Even Walker and Castillo commented on how impressive the three women were.

"I loved the spoken word women," Walker said at the start of her speech. "There's something so wonderful about the sweet taste of truth."

The tone set by the opening act continued throughout the event, with each author speaking about the dilemmas facing people with different cultural backgrounds around the world, which complimented the diversi-

fied audience.

"I see many members of the community, high school students and graduates. This is very gratifying," said Carmen Sigler, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.

Ana Castillo began with a reading of her poem "Like the People of Guatemala, I Want to be Free of These Memories," touching briefly on the history of a Guatemalan nun wronged by her country.

Walker read an excerpt from her book "Possessing the Secret of Joy" and explained the dilemma of genital mutilation women face all over the world.

"In Africa, if you have an intact vulva, you are not respected," Walker said.

According to Walker, the practice of genital mutilation is more than 6,000 years old.

She has made a film on the topic and said she is pleased that consciousness is growing.

She said that until women in Africa understand the myth that

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— Alice Walker  
Author

created this tradition, genital mutilation will never go away.

Although the topics were serious, the authors were able to bring a little humor into the evening.

"I always called myself a Mexican, until I went to Mexico and they told me I wasn't," Castillo said. "After that, every country I was in, I was whatever the maids were. In Germany I was Turkish."

When asked by Sigler what her greatest strength as a woman was, Castillo responded, "It depends what the context is," with a sheepish smile on her face.

The audience couldn't contain their laughter.

The evening closed with both authors giving advice on the importance children hold for the future.

"Being a human being, there are a lot of responsibilities, and one of them is protecting your children," Walker said.

Castillo said that race division can be curbed by the children.

"It was nice to hear that an event focused on the Latino movement, ended with words of equality among all ethnicities," said Pam Cullen, a mother of two.

## Hey BMX, where's my tricks at?



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Daniel Dirksen, an aerospace engineering student at San Jose State University, has some fun in the sun on his bike Tuesday next to the Event Center. Dirksen has been practicing freestyle bicycling since the beginning of the fall semester.

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need to contact Robert Carolin at 924-5931 for the schedule of showings.

There is no fee to attend. Students interested in overseas study or work opportunities can also attend a job fair.

Former participants and faculty have agreed to be on hand to answer questions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the 7th Street Plaza.

For the international students who want to work in the United States, a workshop is available as well.

From writing a résumé to interviewing skills, international students can learn about job search

skills 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Career Center, located in Building F.

The workshop is a collaborative effort of the Career Center, International Programs and Student Services.

Those with big appetites can taste-test international cuisine during the food bazaar.

Clubs such as the Akbayan Club, Vietnamese Students Association, Pan Hellenic, Culture Fusion, Delta Gamma and Delta Sigma Theta plan to have booths set up from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the 7th Street Plaza. A scholarship dinner for study abroad students is scheduled for Thursday evening at the International House. U.S. Court District Judge Jeremy Fogel is scheduled to speak after the dinner.

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— Robert Carolin  
event coordinator

Proceeds will go to study abroad participants.

To cap off the week, the International House will have a coffee hour.

Coffee lovers will be able to sample international coffees not usually available at Starbucks and Javaland.

Although Carolin is optimistic with student turnout, Bernard Munoz, a senior in electrical engineering, said students will be too

busy with schoolwork to take the time to participate in International Week.

"I don't think too many people care, and just sampling ethnic food won't help them understand other cultures," Munoz said.

Nevertheless, Carolin said he hopes the event will allow students to be more culturally aware.

"This is a week where they can think beyond the Silicon Valley," Carolin said.

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