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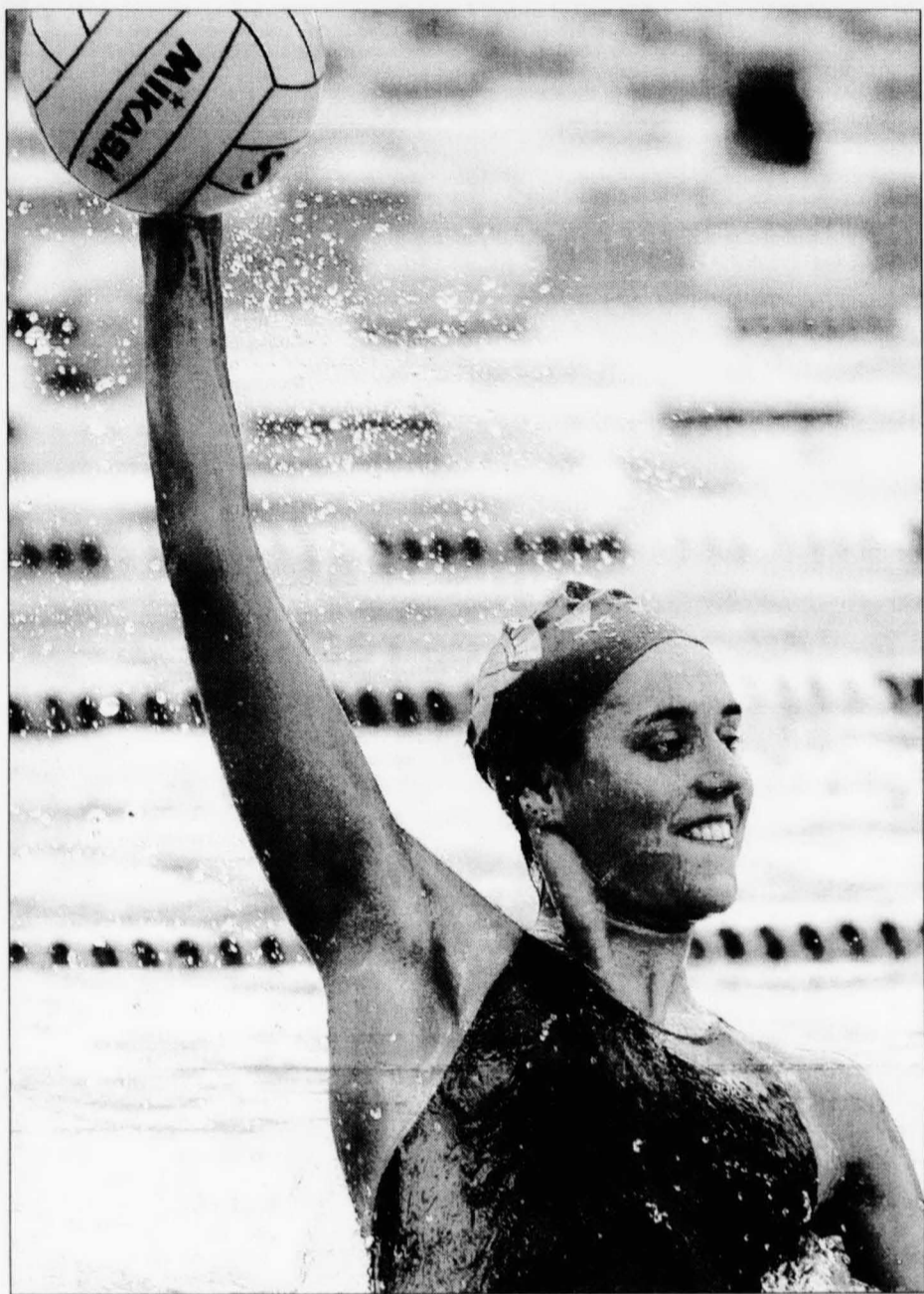
## SPARTAN DAILY

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## Reaching her goals



Water polo standout Inna Fedoseyeva boosts Spartans to higher national ranking

By J.E. Espino

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The sun's reflection shimmers on the water in the Aquatic Center, where water polo player Inna Fedoseyeva practices her shooting skills.

For a brief instance, sparkling ripples eddy around Fedoseyeva's upper lip as she fixes her gaze on the goalie — a silent scene suddenly lost as she thunderously springs up, catches a pass and hurls the ball inside the cage.

The practice goals are a simple preview of the ferocious offense the San Jose State University water polo standout puts on each time she clashes against rival teams.

"It's real important to understand the game," she says. "You don't have to be the strongest person, and you don't have to be the fastest. You have to be able to predict what's going to happen next."

By the looks of her scoring record, it appears Fedoseyeva understands the game extremely well.

With 39 goals to her favor this year, Fedoseyeva has scored as many as four goals in one game, helping the Spartans rank No. 6 in the nation.

"Inna is always thinking about putting the ball in the cage when we leave her alone in the scoring area," said Spartan coach Lou Tully.

Teammates describe Fedoseyeva as a quiet and independent leader with a strong personality.

"She shows more with her spirit and actions than with her words," said Spartan utility player Meredith Gale.

Spartan goalie Melanie Nichols said Fedoseyeva sets an example for all players and sets the mode for the intensity of the team.

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**Inna Fedoseyeva, the Spartans leading scorer** for the third straight year with 39 goals, fires a shot on goal during a practice at the Aquatic Center. The water polo team's last home games are this Saturday against the University of Santa Barbara and Cal State Hayward.

David Bitton / Daily Staff

## Senate plans to reconsider online classes

By Erik Anderson

DAILY SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Students may finally find out whether online courses will continue to be a reality when the Academic Senate begins a scheduled review of the distance-learning programs Monday.

Originally scheduled for last month, other business got in the way, pushing aside the review until now, said Mary Jo Gorney-Moreno, chairwoman of the senate.

Chris Hagie, an assistant professor of special education and rehabilitation, said she was supportive of the programs.

"Distance learning has been terrific," she said in March. "We have lots of discussion every week," she said about a course she taught online.

Hennriette Langdon, an associate professor from the communicative disorders and sciences department, said distance learning allows students and faculty to communicate directly from the comfort of their homes.

"It's a different way of teaching," Langdon said. Meanwhile, the special committee on academic information technology is scheduled to argue for permanent status.

Created last year as a temporary agency in the wake of

San Jose State University's abolishment of its technology division, the committee had attempted, but failed, to gain permanent status last November.

"We talked about concerns and looked at models at other CSU (campuses)," said member Miriam Saltmarch at the time.

The measure, Academic Senate Resolution 1132, was subsequently rejected and then forgotten, Gorney-Moreno said.

On March 12, the committee on organization and government unanimously passed a motion to forward the measure in its new form for reconsideration.

It now has been resurrected as Academic Senate Management Resolution A.S. 1146.

## ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

**WHEN:** 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday  
**WHERE:** Engineering building, Rooms 285 and 287

## ON THE AGENDA:

•Academic Senate management resolution A.S. 1145 — Move to merge enrollment committee with student success committee.

•Academic Senate management resolution A.S. 1146 — Move for permanent structure for university information technology board.

•Academic Senate recommendation A.S. 1147 — Move for distance education courses and programs.

•Friendly amendments to the A.S. 1147 — Move for distance education.

•Academic Senate Management Resolution A.S. 1150 — Amendment of bylaw 14.

•Academic Senate recommendation A.S. 1151 — Move for abolishment of the lottery committee.

## SJSU art exhibit brings out the animal nature in students

By George Moore

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The sign outside of Gallery 202 of the Art building on Tuesday evening warned people to enter at their own risk because of dangerous objects.

A black drape hanging in the doorway separated viewers from a surreal work of art called "Animal Attraction."

The artist, graduate student Amber Shields, said the meaning stems from an instinctive, biological drive that everybody has inside them to find a mate.

"I tried to show the sweetness of it, yet the horror of it," Shields said.

Part of the artwork involved real animal traps that were set and baited with Godiva chocolates.

Senior art majors David Moreira and David Naisuler said it got the message across.

"I went in there, and it made me extremely nervous," Moreira said.

Naisuler said it made him feel a bit self-conscious.

"All the animal traps baited with chocolate, the video images and the growling lions — it was hilarious, but it was scary," Naisuler said.

One of Shields' professors, Shelley Cook-Contreras, critiqued the artwork before it went on dis-

play. Cook-Contreras also said she understood the meaning.

"It's kind of like you're a single person and you're out there looking for somebody, but you have feelings of trepidation," Cook-Contreras said. "It's a very sophisticated piece."

She said the medium is nontraditional and called "installation artwork." In this case, it was called a room installation.

"When you go in, it's like you're inside the artwork," Cook-Contreras said. "All the elements, like the use of video projection, light, and other materials and objects, combined in a room create a layered meaning."

Students cautiously entered

the dark gallery and disappeared behind the curtain and appeared to be entering a Halloween fun house.

The artwork wasn't far off. When entering the low-lit room, viewers were greeted with the growl of lions and a monotonous voice of a man talking about animal reproduction.

Viewers had to step carefully to avoid the traps, which were strewn across the floor.

A black-and-white binocular video image of people in different street scenes panned slowly back and forth onto the walls.

There also were four cloth sacks shaped like cones hanging in different areas of the room.

The sacks suspended from the ceiling were about four feet from the ground and funneled a solid stream of sugar into growing piles on the floor among the traps.

"The sugar represents pure sweetness or love," Shields said. "The chocolate is enticing you to it, but if you get too close you could get hurt."

Graduate student Ellie Brown said she thought the exhibit was technically well done.

"I think it had a lot of interesting levels to interpret," Brown said.

Posted outside the door was a scientific explanation on the point Shields was trying to make.

It said evolutionary psychology

claims that the innate drive to find a mate is different for men and women.

The male strategy is to fertilize as many female eggs as possible, while the female strategy is to select a mate based on his ability to provide security and resources.

Shields said her inspiration came from being a young woman who was alone in the world.

"I'm striving to further my career, but to get a full balance in my life, I also think about getting a mate," she said. "I'm not ready to settle down yet, but the dating process has caused me to think about the qualities I want in a mate."

## Swing, jazz offered at dance event

By Karen Kabling

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Dance has always been a huge part of music and vice versa — it was the inspiration behind Saturday's Spring Swing and Latin Thing.

## PREVIEW

The Student Union, San Jose State University Ballroom Dance Club and Improvised Music Studies Program is scheduled to host the event at 6 p.m. in the Barrett Ballroom.

Tickets are \$15 at the door. Katharine Cartwright, the coordinator of improvised music studies in the school of music and dance, said it was the combination of music and dance that inspired the event.

"Music was created for dancing," Cartwright said. "People have argued dancers had a big role — that movement inspired the creation of music."

At big band dances in the

1920s and 1930s, bands used to play on opposite ends of the dance floor, and when one stopped the other began, she said.

"It's the real tradition," Cartwright said.

The more recent swing craze took its roots from the swing era, she said.

"What is the music without the dance, and what is the dance without the music?" Cartwright said.

Bethany Shifflett, a faculty member in the human performance department, said everyone is welcome to take part in the beginning and intermediate East Coast Swing and Salsa Dance workshops.

This year sponsors decided to add a "Battle of the Bands."

Shifflett said the two bands, the SJSU Big World Jazz Band and Afro-Latin Jazz Band, are scheduled to trade off 30-minute sets from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

A deejay is slated to follow until 11 p.m. for open dancing.

"They (students) won't find better instruction any place, any

time or anywhere," Shifflett said.

Gorrett Rosa, a senior accounting major, said she began social dancing two and half years ago as an elective in the human performance department.

"I almost ran away from it because we had to do a dance presentation, but my best friend encouraged me to stay with it," Rosa said.

Now, she said she is looking forward to dancing to the live bands.

"I just want to encourage everyone to come even if you don't have any dance experience," Rosa said. "It's so much fun."

Ronaldo Guiang knows firsthand.

The computer engineering sophomore said he attended last year's event as a first-time dancer.

He said he was a beginner, but now he will take the intermediate workshops.

"Even if you've never danced before, you should come," Guiang said. "There will be beginner lessons where they start from the basics."

## A BROADER PERSPECTIVE



**Peace Corps regional recruiter**

Michael J. Romano tells Kathryn Espinoza about the organization Thursday at the Study Abroad Fair. The San Jose State University Study Abroad Program puts on the fair every semester to promote its program.

By Mark Kocina / Daily Staff

## Letters

### Barter system a good idea but not likely in America

I could not agree more with Ben Aguirre and his column, titled "No need for money to make world go around." Cash does have a lot of power in it. The fact that it is issued by the government makes it so much more worthy than any other green paper with a number on it. Bartering would be great. I wish we could go back to the days of trading excess supplies for other supplies we need. Then the rich won't be as special as they think. They will be like us regular people. It will make it so that everyone is more "equal," but then, I don't think too many people would do it. They would probably be reluctant to use glass or anything else besides paper money as currency, but it would also be interesting to see what it would be like. The real question is, "Would the United States actually go back to things such as bartering?"

Jonathan Chiu  
management information systems

### A.S. resolution regarding Palestinians unnecessary

This letter is in response to an article published April 12 in the Spartan Daily. The article begins, "Palestinians in Israel have fewer rights than donkeys."

While poetic, this is not true. Unless we are mistaken, no donkeys have ever been elected to the Knesset, Israel's parliament. Palestinian-Israelis, however, have been and are serving as elected officials. The article continues, as the resolution presented to Associated Students does, to cloud two different issues: 1) pursuit of information and 2) divestment of university funds. This confusion is dangerous and wrong. If the A.S. Board of Directors were to vote to investigate divestment plans in a resolution that resolves to encourage teach-ins, rallies, etc., it is stating that the two issues are related and of business to A.S.

Yet, they are not. Any investigation is superfluous. All information is available through the Freedom of Information Act. By calling for the university to divest from companies with holdings in Israel, the resolution would be asking a public university to adopt the specific political agenda of one group as that of the entire student body. This leads us to the most disturbing issue. It is quite hard to believe that the intent of the presented proposal is to encourage dialogue and not serve as a diatribe against Israel.

The resolution makes no mention of any Palestinian Authority violence or culpability. We question the focus solely on Israel. If, in fact, the Muslim Student Association and A.S. are truly concerned about remaining "silent in the face of... human rights violations," we wonder why it is such a limiting resolution.

SJSU Jewish Student Union  
and Hillel of Silicon Valley

### When lives are in danger, stricter rules are needed

I am writing in response to the article called "Banning cell phone is a far-fetched idea; better etiquette is what people need" by J.E. Espino.

In this article, Espino states, "attempting to stop 111 million cell phone subscribers nationwide from engaging in a little chitchat while driving is impractical."

In the beginning, my feeling about drivers with cell phones was exactly the same. It's true that to completely stop the use of cell phones while driving, realistically, is impossible. On the other hand, what could happen if we ban the activity?

Espino states, "Banning... is not the solution." Is it really not the solution? Espino also states, "we may as well create educational programs that will help subscribers learn about certain risks they take when driving while talking on the phone."

Wouldn't the prohibition of this activity be a good way to teach people about the dangers it brings? If we do ban it, people would be more aware of the problem. In addition to this, drivers would be more cautious about using cell phones while driving.

The writer stated that cell phones only cause 2 percent of fatalities in cars. When it comes to death, there is no such thing as a small percentage.

Banning the use of cell phones while driving may not stop people from doing so, but the message it gives is worth the while.

Ngoc Phong  
freshman  
business management

## Popular collector's item getting out of hand

I fulfilled my dream as a baseball card collector last Friday. Then, on Thursday, I realized how ridiculous this hobby can be.

On the day that everyone says is evil, Friday the 13th, I walked into a 7-Eleven, plunked down \$3.49 for a pack of baseball cards and pulled a card that was so rare, it commanded a price tag of quadruple figures — a card that contains a piece of a check signed by legendary pitcher Walter Johnson.

I posted the Johnson card on eBay, the world's most popular auction site. It sold for \$3,605.

You like that? A piece of cardboard with a slice of a check in it sold for more than \$3,600.

I still can't believe that a card with a signature implanted in it would command such a premium.

Upper Deck, one of the most popular card companies, now uses the slogan "Still bringing you as close to the game as we can get you."

Companies are purchasing bats that were originally used by Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle and Joe DiMaggio and have chopped them up and inserted them into cards, and people are going crazy trying to get a piece of the action.

Jerseys, autographs, bats, balls, helmets, cleats, shoes and gloves —



BEN AGUIRRE JR.  
ANNOYED

the hobby has been distorted by one word: money.

These pieces of memorabilia have been cut up into little 1-inch by 1-inch squares or minuscule rectangles and placed between two 2-inch by 3-inch pieces of cardboard to create what is the hottest ticket in card collecting today: the game-used card.

I don't remember the hobby being like this.

When I pulled the aforementioned card, I was happy and still am, but it hit me that anything can happen.

Anything is possible in the sports card world. I don't know, however, if that's a good thing.

I still remember the early days of collecting.

As a child, I just like everyone else, enjoyed some sort of hobby.

Some kids liked to build models or card houses, but I preferred collecting sports cards.

Yes, I know this is a "childish"

hobby, but I still find it fun.

It used to be that you could go down to a supermarket or stop the ice cream man and purchase a pack of baseball cards.

You put the 30 to 55 cents on the counter, grabbed the pack and ran to the curb to rip it open.

After placing that stick of gum in your mouth, you thumbed through the stack of cardboard, eagerly seeking your favorite player's face, and if you didn't find him, the cards were stuck in your back pocket to be used later in the spokes of your bicycle.

But my, oh my, how things have changed.

In the late '80s and early '90s, card manufacturers mass-produced cards and aimed their product toward children and others who were in the hobby to collect different players and teams.

During that period, however, the companies were careless, letting errors slip, and by doing so it created a frenzy for these "rare" cards.

In many cases the cards were not corrected, but in 1989 there was one card that set the sports-card world on fire.

No, it wasn't that Ken Griffey Jr. Upper Deck rookie card that everyone loves so much; it was the Billy Ripken error.

Some of you might know where I'm going with this, but for those who don't, this is what happened: The Fleer Company produced a card of Billy Ripken, younger brother of Baltimore Orioles shortstop and future Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr.

Apparently, someone didn't like the younger Ripken or wanted to get a rise out of him. The culprit, who was never revealed, took a black marker and scrawled the words "Fuck Face" on the knob of the bat.

Oops, I guess Fleer's editors must have been too busy to catch those two words.

Perhaps it was a scheme — a gimmick to gain attention and boost sales. Nonetheless, the market went crazy, opening up the floodgates for future moneymaking "projects."

Eventually, collectors caught onto this gimmick and ditched it.

With today's gimmick in place and controversy arising about the authenticity of these memorabilia cards, I can only wonder what items they will be chopping up next. Perhaps a jockstrap card.

Ben Aguirre Jr. is the Spartan Daily Sports Editor. "Annoyed" appears Fridays.

### "WAVE BYE-BYE TO THE PRESIDENT"



## Prime time character makes real-life errors

Yeah, I'm 20 years old, and I watch the Warner Brothers television network. Sure, the television network targets teen-age females, and I'm out of that demographic bracket, but I don't care.

And there is always one particular TV show that I will watch until it is no longer on the air — that show is "Felicity."

Go ahead, laugh, and call me immature.

I was a teen-ager at one time, and I wish this TV show had been on during my teen-age years because it actually offers a decent role model.

And Felicity is that role model. Some may adore her, while others may deem her neurotic and stupid.

I identify with Felicity because she often makes mistakes on her path towards self-discovery, which I find myself often doing. And it's true, she can be slightly neurotic at times. Her intentions, however, are never selfish. Her heart is always in the right place, and she never intends to purposely hurt anyone's feelings.

I often find myself being neurotic, but I never purposely intend to hurt people's feelings, because I know my heart is always in the right place.

Who else would offer her eggs so that Javier, her gay friend, could have a child?

Who else would organize a protest so college students would be able to obtain the morning-after pill for free?

Who else would change her major against her parents' wishes?

Who else would have the guts to tell one of her best friends that her boyfriend cheated on her?

She's always there to listen to her friends in their time of need, just as I am. She always pushes herself academically, and often suffers from falling too hard for someone she has a crush on.

Felicity doesn't always get the



TIFFANI ANALLA  
RANT

guy she wants. She often can be the chaser instead of the one who is being chased. Many girls, instead of getting the guy they want, may often fall prey to guys who have no interest in them whatsoever, and sometimes that can be Felicity, or myself, or anyone else.

Most importantly, she's human — and far from perfect.

She lost her virginity for the first time with some guy she didn't know and felt awful about her actions the next day.

Another time, she was completely inebriated at a fraternity party and couldn't remember if she had been with someone from the party.

Fortunately for her, she didn't sleep with anyone.

I'm not saying I condone any of these actions, but what I'm trying to point out is that people make horrible mistakes in their lifetime that they wish they could erase but can't.

Hell, I've been completely wasted at times, but that doesn't make me a bad person, it's just a judgment error.

Most importantly, for Felicity as well as for many other females across this country, going through all of these trials and tribulations helps us in conquering our biggest challenge: our path toward self-discovery.

Tiffani Analla is the Spartan Daily Assistant A & E Editor. "Rant" appears Fridays.

### Quote for the Daily:

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

— Thomas A. Edison

## SpartaGuide

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#### Muslim Students Association

Salatul Juma' and Halaqa, "Friday congregational prayer and Islamic discussion," 1:15 p.m. in the Student Union Council Chambers. For more information, call Faten Hijazi at 738-5940 or visit www.sjsu.edu/orgs/msa.

#### School of Art and Design

Student galleries art exhibitions, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call John or Nicole at 924-4330.

### Saturday

#### SJSU Concert Choir and Chorales

Thirty-first annual Spring Benefit Concert, 8 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. For more information, call Choral Activities at 924-4332.

#### SJSU Ballroom Dance Club and Improvised Music Studies Program

Spring Swing and Latin Thing, Salsa and East Coast lessons: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. p.m., live music: 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Barrett Ballroom, located in the Student Union. For more information, call 924-3016.

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# FEDOSEYEVA: 'Tenacious and motivated' Spartan junior spends summers training with the Ukrainian water polo team

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A tenacious and motivated player, Fedoseyeva is more focused on the game, while other players are more emotional, said Nichols, a child development major.

"Inna goes out there to do what she has to do," Nichols said. "She plays a team game in her own individual way — that's the way I see it."

Nichols, who has known Fedoseyeva since she arrived on campus from the Ukraine three years ago, said she was initially impressed by Fedoseyeva's intrepid attitude.

"I really respect her for coming to this country, learning the language and being such a good student," Nichols said.

"She seems like she can accomplish a lot on her own. She has a good sense of her goals — knowing who she is and not lowering herself to anyone else's standards."

Fedoseyeva, now a junior majoring in computer arts, said she was never afraid to be on her own when she came to San Jose. Leaving her parents and younger brother behind, Fedoseyeva chose SJSU because it was in the Silicon Valley.

"It's a pretty cool place to live in, and I got a scholarship," she said. "It was the language problems and cultural differences that gave me a hard time."

Originally starting out as a gymnast, Fedoseyeva said she began her athletic career when she was 4 years old.

Her mother, who had been a

gymnast, wanted for her to follow up in her footsteps, Fedoseyeva said.

"She really wanted me to do that professionally, but when she brought me to the college, they (trainers) said I was too tall and not flexible," she said.

Fedoseyeva's family opted for her to take swimming lessons, and she excelled, winning a city championship in Kiev, Ukraine.

Misunderstandings and disagreements with her coach, however, brought her swimming career to an end when she was 11 years old.

Fedoseyeva's passion for a second water sport developed when some high school friends told her she should try out for water polo.

"It was more entertaining than swimming," she said.

Trainers were quick to note Fedoseyeva's talents and quick learning. Two months shy of her 16th birthday, Fedoseyeva made the Ukrainian national team, making her the youngest player on the team, she said.

For two years she traveled with her team, playing the two-meter offensive position, she said.

During the summers, Fedoseyeva said, she goes back home and participates in tournaments with the national team. The last tournament she was in was the European Championships in Greece.

"We all see her as a very incredible player with a natural talent," Nichols said. "I know a lot of the players aspire to be at her level."

Observing Fedoseyeva and the rest of the players practice, Kajsa

Rowe, a psychology major, said she hopes to play next year with the team.

"As a water polo player I look up to her a lot in that she is really experienced," Rowe said.

Gage, the utility player who made the team this year, said Fedoseyeva has helped her improve her game skills.

"We look to her as a major part

of the scoring. She knows the game so well that everyone looks to her for direction," Gage said. "We may not know what to do, but she can offer us solutions fast and easy."

Tully said the Spartan team does not feature one exclusive player. Instead, the team is made up of individuals who make contributions. And Fedoseyeva has

certainly made contributions, he said.

"Inna has been a real star for us. She has won games for us," Tully said.

In a key game against the University of Hawai'i played March 25, the Spartans were down by one goal with one minute left on the clock, he said.

A few seconds later, the Spar-

tans were able to tie the game. With the game tied and less than 30 seconds remaining, Fedoseyeva stole the ball, took it all the way to the other side of the pool, and scored to make the final score 7-6.

"You need players like that — that can make things happen in crunch time and she's done that for us many times," Tully said.



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