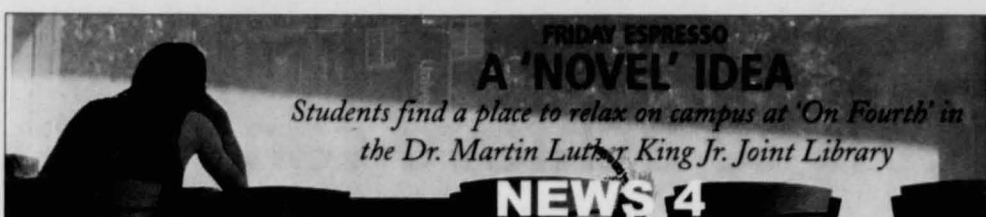




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Second-half rally can't save Spartans



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Despite 20 second-half points, Spartans fall in WAC opener

By Mark Cornejo
Daily Staff Writer

Despite a late comeback by the San Jose State University football team, a poor punt and an interception allowed the University of Nevada-Reno to hold on for the 42-30 victory at Spartan Stadium Thursday night.

The Wolf Pack lead by as many as 23 points during the second quarter but a fourth quarter Spartan charge cut the lead to five.

Quarterback Scott Rislov threw two touchdown passes in the final quarter, a five-yard completion to tight end Courtney Anderson and a 23-yard bomb to wide receiver Jamall Broussard.

A late punt return by Nevada and an

interception by Wolf Pack linebacker Logan Carter put a stop to the Spartan comeback.

"We made too many mistakes," said SJSU head coach Fitz Hill. "There are no excuses."

The Spartans had to overcome the loss of three key players before the game started.

Wide receiver Kendrick Starling was not available for the game due to the lingering effects from a concussion suffered against Florida on Aug. 30.

Last season's starting center, LaMons Walker, was not activated for the game because of transcript discrepancies and is still appealing the NCAA to rejoin the team. Walker said he plans to hear from the NCAA today.

The Spartans were also without starting safety Josh Powell, who, after an ankle surgery last Friday, is out for the season.

The team was dealt another loss at the end of the first half.

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SJSU forum seeks leader

Meeting held to discuss presidential search

By Alexandra Proca
Daily Staff Writer

Candidates' names for the future president of San Jose State University are in the pool," said Terry Christensen during an open forum titled "Finding the Ideal President for SJSU" on Thursday.

The names are going to be reviewed beginning Oct. 1, said Christensen, a political science professor and SJSU faculty representative on the president search advisory committee.

Interviews will be conducted with eight to 10 of those candidates on Oct. 23 and 24, Christensen said.

On Nov. 10, three to five finalists will be on the SJSU campus to meet with the university community, Christensen said.

A little more than 50 students, faculty and staff showed up at the Morris Dailey Auditorium to express what qualities they thought the future SJSU president should have.

"There hasn't been enough advertising for the event," said Kenneth Seli, a senior magazine journalism major who found out about the forum from a class.

Academic Senate Chair Annette Nellen, said that the organizers chose the auditorium because they expected a larger audience.

The forum tried to gather input from students, faculty and staff about the desired qualities of the future president.

"The new president should be hard-working, dedicated and caring," said Linda Nguyen, a freshman nursing major.

Interim President Joseph Crowley stated patience and willingness as two personal qualities of a successful university president.

Crowley said that being accessible is another extremely important attitude of a good president. He said that it is vital for a person holding the title to walk across campus and listen to different voices.

"It's very easy to sit in the office ... but the president needs to be out of the office," Crowley said.

Hien Chu, a freshman computer science major, said, "The new president should listen to everybody and answer all questions."

Sgt. Tim Villarica from the University Police Department said that besides being political and having financial savvy, the new president "should be accessible, be a good listener and have a good sense of humor."

Crowley also advocated for good communication policy. He said that minor actions such as returning phone calls and e-mails pay in the long run.

"You can never do enough communication," the interim president said.

Gilda Pour, an associate professor of software engineering, said that the future president "should have an open-door policy and respect for all groups on campus."

Crowley emphasized that the new president will need to determine a vision for the university.

He said that the future president should have good fundraising skills, stressing that what SJSU needs more is a fundraising structure.

"If you can get a person who is a good fundraiser, do it. But more important is that he understands the importance of the process and how to structure it," Crowley said.

The public input was sent to the six SJSU members of the advisory board on the search committee and will be soon handed over to the trustee committee, Christensen said.

The search for the new president is a common effort of the California

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Parry returns for Spartans

Senior waits until second-half but only sees one play

By Daniel Lopez
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Neil Parry is back. The Spartan football player, who had his right leg amputated 35 months ago following an on-field injury, vowed that he would play again.

Thursday night he made good on his word.

"I just want him to get it over with," said Parry's brother and former Spartans player Josh Parry at halftime.

Parry's father, Nick Parry, was also anticipating his son's return to the field at the half.

"If not tonight, he'll get his shot," Parry's father said.

Parry's shot came in the fourth quarter with 13 minutes and 20 seconds on the Spartan Stadium clock.

The Wolf Pack offense had been

successful in converting on 11 of 13 third down plays, successfully avoiding a punt situation.

On fourth down and seven yards to go the Wolf Pack had the ball on their own 22-yard line and opted to punt.

With cheers of "Parry, Parry," emanating from the crowd, the 175-pound, 6 foot, 1 inch former safety marched onto the field and lined up between the hash marks.

Nevada's Derek Jones took the snap and punted the ball away 38 yards.

As the ball sailed through the air, Parry ran downfield.

Jamall Broussard caught the ball and returned it two yards.

"It wasn't what I pictured," Parry said. "I'm kind of mad, I didn't do anything."

Parry said he was disappointed he didn't make contact with any of the Nevada players on the play.

"I just ran down the field," Parry said. "All I wanted to do was get out there and hit somebody."

Nevada didn't yield any more punts on which Parry could have entered the game.

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Above: Neil Parry runs to cover a University of Nevada-Reno punt during the fourth quarter on Thursday at Spartan Stadium. Parry's parents, brother and niece watched from the stands.

Left: Parry takes a knee on the Spartan sideline during the second quarter. Parry made his comeback onto the punt return team against the University of Nevada-Reno 35 months after having his right leg amputated.

Pros, cons of Proposition 54 discussed

Opponents say measure is bad for education

By Ron Pangrac
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The California recall election may be postponed from its scheduled Oct. 7 date, but some opponents of Proposition 54 say they do not want to ease up on their fight.

Organizers of the forum "What's So Good About 54?" chose to con-

tinue with an event on Thursday because an election delay may yet be reversed in court.

Jan Shockey, a graduate student in public health, said if the election is held in October, people need to be aware of the issues.

The event was scheduled for Sept. 18 because the last day for voters to register for an October election is Sept. 22. Voter registration forms were available at the event.

The forum sought to increase awareness of potential impacts of the measure.

Prop. 54 would prohibit state and local governments from collecting and using racial and ethnic data in many ways. It was to be on the Oct.

7 ballot.

About 25 people attended the forum, which was held in the Costanoan room of the Student Union.

Four panelists spoke in turn against the proposition. Each gave examples of how Prop. 54 could harm Californians.

Richard Hobbs, a trustee of the San Jose/Evergreen Community College District, gave a pair of statistics for comparison.

He said that in 1970, the population of San Jose was over 80 percent white, but in 2000, San Jose was only 30 percent white.

Hobbs explained that Evergreen Valley College used such racial and

ethnic data when working to increase the diversity of its faculty.

Marty Fenstersheib, Santa Clara County health officer, spoke next.

Speaking of the benefit racial and ethnic data provides, Fenstersheib said, "It worries me that we would not have the ability to use those tools."

In addressing the threat Prop. 54 could present to health services, he cited data that was uncovered about infant mortality rates in Santa Clara County.

Fenstersheib said that although the county has a low infant mortality rate overall, it was found that rates in the African-American community were five to seven times higher than

in the white community.

The data helped uncover a need to provide information to black women on relevant issues, with the result that infant mortality rates among blacks has dropped significantly, according to Fenstersheib.

He said that racial and ethnic data help agencies use limited resources efficiently by focusing on specific needs.

"We have to target information using this data to get a better bang for our buck," Fenstersheib said.

Lisa Castellanos works on education issues for Californians for Justice.

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Students experience disabilities

Occupational studies gives students real-life training

Jennifer McLain
Daily Staff Writer

Laundry, washing dishes, cooking and walking are easy tasks when you are healthy, capable and without disability.

These daily activities are more challenging if you are a paraplegic, blind, deaf or recently had a stroke.

Thursday, seven San Jose State University occupational therapy students were assigned certain disabilities

and assumed the roles of each, said Alison George, professor of the occupational therapy activities and intervention lab in the Central Classroom building.

Students imitated such disabilities as paralysis, central cord injury and being blind and deaf.

They coped by using walkers, wearing blindfolds or earplugs or refraining from using body parts such as shoulders, right arms or fingers, George said.

The students made pudding, washed dishes, put a pillow in a pillowcase and ironed while imitating the disabilities.

"These mini case studies allow students to experience what is difficult for people with these disabilities and finding out if there are alternatives to mak-

ing daily tasks easier," said George, who has been a professor at SJSU for nine years.

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Breanna Hatchmann and John Melgar, both seniors majoring in occupational therapy, assume roles of people with different disabilities to get a better perspective on how daily life would be with those disabilities. Hatchmann's disability for the day was blindness while Melgar couldn't move the right side of his body due to a stroke.



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