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## Patio provides quiet alternative

By Alexandra Proca  
Daily Staff Writer

Every day, people heading to Sweeney Hall walk through a small patio set up in front of the credential and students services office of the College of Education.

Hidden behind a pale green cement fence in the Sweeney Hall court and filled with colorful flowers, the patio makes a quiet, shady retreat away from the bustle of the main drag.

Maria Mayoli, a senior child development major, said she made it a habit to use the patio as her studying turf.

"I always try to come here," said Mayoli who was planning on studying on the patio for about three hours for a midterm exam. "It's nice being outside."

Mayoli said she tries to stay away from the crowded Dining Commons and be more by herself so she can study.

"(The patio) has a good table, and it's usually quiet," Mayoli said.

Angelica Gomez, a student enrolled in the teaching credential program, was studying in the patio on Tuesday afternoon.

"I like the table," Gomez said. "And it's hidden." She said she sits down if it's empty.

Mayoli said she also likes the place because she can spread the books on the only table in the patio.

"If it's one more person, I'll sit. If there are two, I will go inside or to the Jazzland Coffee," she said.

Coming from Paseo de San Carlos into the Sweeney Hall court, one can spot color from beyond the patio fence. Walking through, you discover palm trees in each corner and pots filled with either natural or artificial flowers. A wooden bench stands under a big umbrella. Above the bench, yellow and red trailing flowers overflow from two hanging wooden barrels. A red and yellow painted pot reads "Nuture yourself with kindness." Everything looks like it came from someone's little garden.

Cynthia Fasteen, a credential analyst who works in the credential office, is taking care of the patio twice a week.

"I love gardening," she said. "I want (the patio) to be appealing," Fasteen said.

Fred Corvi, the coordinator of credential and student services in the College of Education, decided to redesign the patio when he joined the department in July 2000, Fasteen said.

"It looked really sad outside. Dirty, barren. It didn't have any appeal," Corvi said.

Both Corvi and Fasteen are big fans of the "Survivor" show, as proven by a panel with the



Yvonne Pingue / Daily Staff

shows progress hanging in their office. They said they wanted to recreate the show's ambience by adding the palm trees.

"The palm trees make students feel relaxed," Corvi said.

Faculty and staff members donated some of the plants, Fasteen said.

"The palm trees are leftovers from other events," Corvi said.

Students can use the patio as place to fill out applications for the credential program, Corvi said.

"Our office is too small," he said.

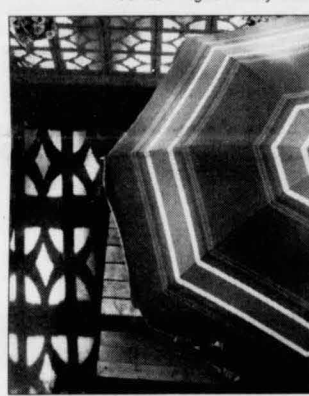
Fasteen said she has seen people studying alone or in groups in the patio, reading the paper, or just chatting. She said the department is sometimes holding potlucks and get together in the patio.

Besides its aesthetic function, the patio also

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**Above: From left, Silas Reyes, a graduate student in management information systems and girlfriend, Cheryl Laje, a senior in communicative disorders and science, share a moment together in the patio area at Sweeney Hall Thursday afternoon.**

**Right: An umbrella shades the table in the Sweeney Hall patio area where students can find a quiet place to study or eat a meal.**



## WAC to add two teams by 2005

By Mark Cornejo  
Daily Staff Writer

The Western Athletic Conference announced Thursday that New Mexico State University and Utah State University have accepted an invitation to join the conference.

The membership will become effective July 1, 2005. The WAC extended the invitations to the two schools in response to the recent announcement that Rice University, Southern Methodist University and University of Tulsa will possibly depart from the WAC.

In a teleconference on Thursday, WAC commissioner Karl Benson said the changing of membership is positive for the conference.

"Today's announcement of New Mexico State and Utah State clearly outweighs the disappointment of last Friday's announcement of the potential loss of Rice, SMU and Tulsa," Benson said. "(This) sets the stage for a bright future for the WAC."

Benson said the loss of Rice, SMU and Tulsa has yet to be made official, but the schools have planned for a formal announcement on Nov. 4.

San Jose State University Athletic Director Chuck Bell agreed with Benson's outlook on the change.

"It was as good as we could have hoped for it to turn out," Bell said.

Bell said the two incoming schools will be a boost to the WAC overall.

"We're financially and regionally better off," Bell said. "It's a good trade. It's truly a western athletic conference."

Bell said the two schools coming in have fantastic basketball programs and could succeed soon after entering the conference.

Utah State went 24-9 last season and made it to the NCAA Tournament, but lost to the No. 6 ranked University of Kansas in the first round, while New Mexico State compiled a record of 20-9.

"They'll be top tier programs in the WAC right away," Bell said.

After the three schools declared their intent to leave the conference, now down to seven institutions, needed at least one more member to complete the NCAA's eight-school requirement.

Bell said he, as well as the rest of the athletic directors in the WAC, had anticipated this transfer for several weeks.

Bell said Rice, SMU and Tulsa all have struggling football programs and are having a problem with attendance, so it was expected for them to go with a more regional conference.

"At the AD conference on Tuesday we voted unanimously to allow the teams to enter the conference," Bell said. "We're just surprised how fast it happened."

Benson said he consulted with the WAC Board of Directors immediately after the announcement of departure and the board began to discuss the future of the conference.

"The board voted unanimously to accept both Utah State and New Mexico State," Benson said. "That included votes by Rice, SMU and Tulsa."

He said those schools had a vote of whether or not to allow Utah State and New Mexico State into the conference, but were not included in the discussion on who would receive an invitation.

Bell said he was not expecting a decision for at least a month.

"I thought anywhere from 30 to 60 days, but it only took



BELL



BENSON

## Fasting begins for Muslims around the world

By Jennifer McLain  
Daily Staff Writer

The Muslim tradition of fasting from sunrise to sunset for a month will begin on Oct. 27 for Northern America.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar. During this month, Muslims fast and prohibit themselves from eating, drinking, smoking or having sexual relations after the sun rises and before the sun sets every day, according to information provided by the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center.

This month-long period of fasting gives Muslims an opportunity to show their dedication to God, said Hanieh Bazargan, vice president of the Muslim Students Association at San Jose State University.

"During the month of Ramadan, (Muslims) believe that we can become

more spiritual and become closer to God," Bazargan said.

"We believe that the 'month of God' is a gift from God — it is an invitation by God to be more spiritual. By fasting, we redeem ourselves," Bazargan said.

Aisha Memon, a junior management information systems major, said all Muslims are expected to fast during Ramadan because it is one of the five pillars of Islam.

These pillars, or the foundations of Islam, include having faith in one God, who they call Allah, praying five times a day, giving alms or contributions to the poor, pursuing the hajj — the pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia — and fasting during the Ramadan.

In addition to a personal growth in spirituality, there is also an increased awareness and compassion for the poor and less fortunate around the world, Bazargan said.

"In parts of the Middle East and Africa, people are suffering. By fasting, we can remind ourselves that they are suffering. We can feel the hunger and see how difficult it really is," Bazargan said.

Before Ramadan, there is a collection of funds that will be given to the poor and needy, Bazargan said.

Though it is difficult to fast, Bazargan said, she believes that it brings her closer to God.

"When I fast, since I strongly believe, I have a special energy. The fact that I feel more spiritual gives me more motivation," Bazargan said.

Memon said that she goes to two mosques, both of which will offer dinner after the sunsets.

It is common for Muslims to go to the mosque and spend several hours praying and studying the Quran. In addition to the five daily prayers, Muslims often recite special prayers, which are two-to-

three times longer than the daily prayers, according to information provided by Mosaic.

The holy month of Ramadan for Muslims begins Monday for Australia, Africa and the Americas, and on Tuesday for Japan, Northern Asia and most of Europe.

Islam is based on a lunar calendar, and because the moon's visibility signals the start of the Ramadan, those countries that cannot see the moon have to wait before they start fasting, according to a moon sighting Web site.

Ramadan is pushed back every year approximately 11-12 days, the Web site said.

On the eve of the 27th day, Muslims celebrate the Night of Power, the night that the Prophet Muhammad first received the revelation of the Quran from

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## SJSU alive with young professors

By Michael Lerma  
Daily Staff Writer

The classroom was filled with students hanging on every word the professor uttered even though Roberto Gonzalez looked like a student.

Gonzalez, an assistant professor in the department of anthropology, got his doctorate when he was 28 years old. He says that age was not a factor when looking for a position.

"I don't think my age made very much difference," Gonzalez said, "because I am a social scientist there are a lot fewer positions available in the first place."

But the fact that he has a doctorate in anthropology may be a bigger deal than Gonzalez may be letting on, Jane English-Lueck said, department chair of anthropology. She said that Gonzalez was as young as you can get and have both a doctorate and experience.

Instead, several young professors at San Jose State University, who are all between the age of 31 and 32, point to other factors that could prevent them from getting jobs that have nothing to do with age.

Ravisha Mathur, an assistant professor in

the department of education, said her age was not a factor in getting interviews.

"I had several interviews, but I think it had to do with my area of research. Since I study friendships and activities that friends take part in, it is appealing to a diverse group of employers," Mathur said.

Gonzalez said a candidate for an open position at a university will need to have some kind of experience, such as a book or articles published.

"If you do not have the experience or publications, you may be able to get work as a lecturer or you could get a postdoctoral fellowship," Gonzalez said. "But fellowships are very competitive, especially since the CSU's (California State University) and the UC's (University of California) are going through budget cuts."

Ted Butryn, assistant professor of sports sociology and sports psychology, said age had an effect on his strategy for landing a job.

"When I was first looking for work in 2000, there were five positions that I could fill in the country," Butryn said. "I had to do a lot of preparation so that I would have a good interview because on paper, I was the least qualified."

But there are some perks to being a

young professor. Butryn said he has a good rapport with his students due, in part, to his age.

"Because I can relate to many of the things students do, I can bring up MTV 'Cubs' in reference to school work. I am in tune with the relationship between popular culture and sports," Butryn said.

Mathur said universities typically look to hire young doctorate holders because it is a way of adding diversity to their faculty.

"Most universities are not looking to hire a full professor," Mathur said.

And with lack of experience comes trial and error, Butryn said, adding that students will test you.

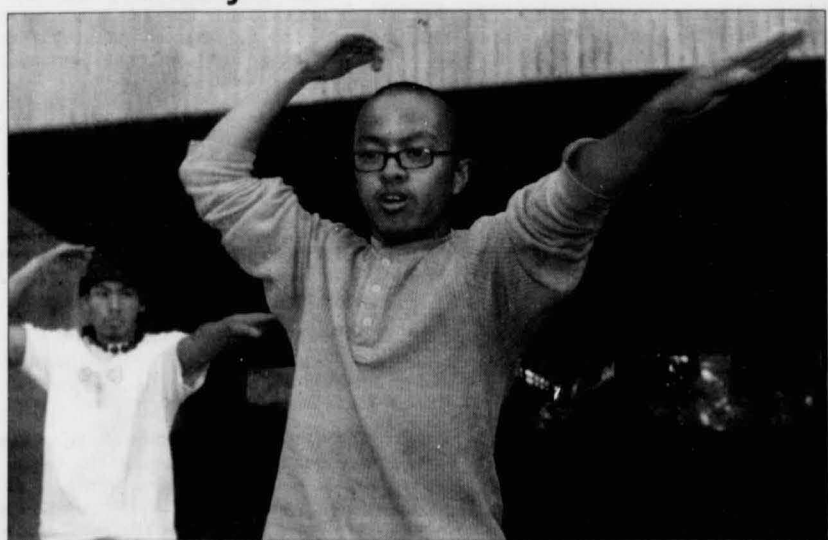
"The students will try to see what they can get away with," Butryn said. "But as you teach the same class a third and fourth time, you end up doing more organizing and tweaking instead of developing your lesson plan which is a lot more stressful."

But Fena Huang said some of that lack of experience may not be coming through during lecture. She said Gonzalez, her anthropology wealth and power professor, is well read in his area of expertise.

"You can tell he reads a lot. I find it sur-

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## Simon says ...



Janean Brongersma / Daily Staff

From right, marketing majors Vesper Emata and Justin Escoto practice a dance for Akbayan, a Filipino-American club on campus, to be performed Saturday at the Friendship Games at Cal State Fullerton.

THE THRILLA FROM MANILA

# The ups and downs of being a photojournalist

Everyone beware, photojournalists from all corners of the West Coast will be invading San Jose State University this weekend.

No one will be safe. You should run for cover because you might be shot.

For those of you who are not connected to the wonderful world of news photography, the National Press Photographer Association's Flying Short Course will be making its final pit stop in San Jose in a week-long lecture series across the country.

Sure, it might be boring to some people because the focus of the event is to hear the best of the best lecture about the business of photography.

For me, the big highlight will be in the evening on Saturday when the SJSU photojournalism department celebrates its 40th anniversary.

That is amazing to know that the program has been around for that long. We have had three full-time advisers and have produced hundreds of photographers, even two who are Pulitzer Prize winners.

Newspaper photographers are a different breed of people because they have the rare opportunity to see what will be in tomorrow's issue today. Also, they are able to

use what most people consider a hobby and turn it into their work.

If someone asked a photographer if they should consider this a profession, they might get an answer like "this job sucks, it doesn't pay well and you get treated like crap sometimes."

This might be true for some people and if someone were to ask me, I might say the same thing. However, after participating in the horrors and joys of being on a daily campus paper and having my eyes opened during my internship at the Reno Gazette-Journal, my answer would still be the same.

You might ask why I would still have dismay over my current choice of study. It is because this industry is very cutthroat. If your heart and dedication is not 100 percent into your work, then you might as well break out the classified section and start looking at who has an opening.

The strange part is that as much as this job might suck, the rewards outweigh the crap you might get.

What other job allows you to travel to different places to cover an event? Or which job lets you be at the front seat of a major sporting event? How about being able to meet various members of the community?

I would not trade this line of work for another job in the world. (Maybe being a pool boy at a playboy mansion pajama party.)

There are some things that you can't experience while sitting in your cubical on the 15th floor in a corporate high-rise. For example, when you take a photograph of a person and then having them cut that picture out of the front page of the newspaper. Or having something come up to you three months later and tell you that they appreciated the photo you took of them while they were making a quilt in a classroom.

With the invention of cheap consumer digital cameras, anyone can claim to think that they are a photojournalist. It is as simple as snapping the shutter button and viewing what you just shot on the little viewfinder. Then being

able to just throw that image on the computer, do a little Photoshop to it and finally, print it out.

However, I have lots of respect for those alumni in the program who have the joy of having to process rolls of film in a bathroom at some motel on the road to make deadline. Some of the kids in the program don't know what it is like breathe photochemistry fumes in some darkroom with no circulation.

One thing will never change no matter what medium you shoot in. That is the power a photograph can hold to its viewers.

Photojournalists are these weird groups of people that have the luxury of carrying around a camera and shooting people, but overall loving something that some might hate.



RYAN BALBUENA

Ryan Balbuena is the Spartan Daily photo editor. 'The Thrilla From Manila' appears Fridays.

## Viewpoint | The Scheller House secret

Dear editor,

One of the first African American studies departments ever formed on a college campus anywhere, was based in the Scheller House. Yet there is no plaque to commemorate such an occurrence. The hundreds of thousands of dollars of students money used toward renovating the Associated Students-based Scheller house did not include a commemoration to the African American Studies department.

I am urging the Student Government along with Interim President Joe Crowley to commemorate a seemingly forgotten legacy, much like what was seen when Tommie Smith and John Carlos were honored for the heroic civil rights stance they took in the Mexico City Olympics.

At a university where many students commute, I believe that it is important to have lasting landmarks that make the

students proud of the campus on which they live. This can be done by leaving unique reminders of the steps that San Jose State University took, while other more prestigious universities sat on the sidelines.

I feel that if university officials contact political science Professor Cobie Harris and gain the knowledge that he has concerning the inception of the African American Studies department, they may be inclined to take the initiative to honor an SJSU accomplishment — one that has unfortunately been forgotten.

Fred Grier  
Junior  
Political Science

## Viewpoint | 'Georgy for Governor' campaign used inappropriate tactics

Dear editor,

Even though the recall election is complete, the article "Russell drums up support at SJSU" (Sept. 30, 2003) still flutters in my mind.

The thing that confused me about Russell's plans to run for governor is how a woman with such high hopes and plans for California chose to represent herself. Russell planned to run as an average person with real concerns for real issues.

However, her choice to use things as a means of promoting herself as a candidate for governor was unfit. I had a hard time linking the idea to pass out pieces of clothing that carry nothing but sexual innuendo with her attempt to be a serious candidate. The whole "thong issue" was nothing but "an attention-getter for young voters," according to Russell, and it is that very notion that upsets me.

San Jose State University students, a lot of them being young people, were the target for this thong campaign

idea. Imagine if Georgy Russell had won the election as the new California governor. Would the young people with her "Georgy for Governor" thongs take her seriously even though she had serious ideas? Probably not.

Russell should have just been true to her desire to represent the average person. She could have simply talked to students about issues that were important to her and to us as students and young people. We, as students, voted for our governor of choice that we felt was competent enough to handle the job. The whole thong idea geared toward gaining the interests of people in my age group was distasteful and insulting. Next time, tell us what you stand for and give it to us straight. No cheap gimmicks are needed.

Lakisha Lee  
Sophomore  
Human Performance

CONFUSED

## The location of real news is a matter of perspective

Britney Spears has a new boyfriend, Jennifer's wedding is off, and Demi Moore is dating 25-year-old Ashton Kutcher.

Shocking? Yes, at least to me, but also sad because this is the kind of news I read on a daily basis.

Entertainment magazines such as People Magazine, In Touch and Us Weekly cannot be defined as pure fashion magazines, but they have the Hollywood updates — what's going on with the stars, from their love lives to their scandalous movie roles ... and maybe that's what's so appealing or addictive about these magazines.

Opening the pages of my favorite magazine, Us Weekly, is the high point of my week. What more could I want than quality reading about my favorite movie star, detailed descriptions of their shopping trips to the mall or the latest gossip about who went with who to the Golden Globe?

Who cares if most of the magazine only includes photos and very long photo captions with no attributions.

I don't really know what's so fascinating about this. Maybe it's that my own life seems pretty boring compared to the life of a movie star, or maybe it's my lack of interest in complex news. After all, I do have to read books at school so why would I willingly take on an hour of dry reading about the economic situation in the United States or the war in a foreign country?

Although most of these magazines are weekly, they appear to be money-making machines. According to an article in USA Today on July 11, 2002, the most profitable magazine in the nation, People magazine, pulls in more than \$350 million per year. Us Weekly is not far behind with almost \$1 billion paid circulation per year.

Its July 2002 issue with the breakup of Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears on the cover sold almost 500,000 copies.

No wonder regular newspapers cannot compete. The Mercury News, which according to its Web site ranks as one of the top 10 newspapers in the country, has a total daily circulation of 825,400. This is a lot, but is it really that much when you think about the fact that it's a daily paper? Although the large papers are still distributing thousands of issues daily, it is fair to say that many of these copies do not reach the younger part of the population.

According to a USA Today article on Oct. 9, readership has been on a steady slide. In 1982, the circulation of all daily papers was 62.5 million and in 2002, it had sunk to 55.1 million. I assume we can partly blame the Internet age, but the point is that young people are not subject to the actual "news" anymore.

When I was on the Internet the other day, I happened to take a quiz testing my knowledge of celebrity gossip. I was not surprised when I scored 50 out of 50. I can actually tell you exactly who Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt had dinner with last week, but if I was asked to discuss the recall election, all I can tell you is that Schwarzenegger won. (He is a movie star, after all)

This useless knowledge of the celebrity world seems to be a trend for teenagers and college students today. The entertainment industry and news media is taking over for the "real" news. It is sad that news media today needs something additional to appeal to the young population to increase readership. Shouldn't it be enough that you want to keep up with the relevant things that are going on in the world today?

It used to be that newspapers and radio were the only way to gather information and that was considered "the news." Now the term "news" is no longer easy to define. For people like me, news could mean keeping up with the dating scene of Hollywood's actors, for others it could mean taking a deep look into the country's economic situation.

While growing up, keeping up with the news was never expected of me whether the news came from TV or newspapers. Still, I was always told that if I were to read a newspaper, I had to get my information from a quality paper such as, in my case, the Norwegian Oslo Post or Aftenposten, which pretty much translates into USA Today or the NY Times.

Ironically enough, I happened to end up a journalism major and will most likely become a journalist myself. And my job is definitely not going to be at a fashion magazine. Nooo, it has to be hard-core news media in the most professional (and driest) form. I have never wanted to be like the journalists who fawn over celebrities. But I am more than guilty of falling into their magnetizing front-page covers that really do nothing for your brain except get you more addicted to their magazines.

Just because we're young doesn't mean we don't have to use our brains. What we read is really essential to gaining knowledge about our surroundings.

To expand my horizon, maybe I'll take a shot at it. Until then, I have to make sure I get the latest on "The Bachelor."

Therese Bratberg is the Spartan Daily opinion editor. 'Confused' appears every other Friday.



THERESE BRATBERG

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TODAY

### SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

Student Galleries will be exhibited today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Galleries Art building. For more information, call Sam or Bill at 924-4330.

### SJSU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Daily Mass takes place every weekday at 12:10 p.m. in SJSU campus ministry center. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

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A Christian fellowship that shares faith in Jesus Christ with others takes place every Friday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Almaden room of the Student Union. For more information, visit www.sjsuccf.org or e-mail jeffliu217@yahoo.com.

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Jummah Prayer takes place every Friday at 1:15 p.m. in the Costanoan room in the Student Union. For more information, contact Yasir Rao at 286-1217 or e-mail msaliation\_sjsu@hotmail.com.

### STUDENT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP

Leadership Today: Creating Community in a Diverse World will take place from Jan. 13-16. Applications are being accepted through Nov. 3. Leadership today is designed to train students to address issues of diversity. There is no cost to participate. Applications are available in the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center in the Student Union and at the Student Life and Leadership, in the old cafeteria building. For more information, call Nam Nguyen at 924-5963.

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### SJSU GROUP FOLKLORICO LUNA Y SOL

Lessons in Folklorico dance takes place every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Student Union MOSAIC room. Everyone is welcome, including beginners and advanced students. Participants can also bring a friend. For more information, call Malenda Wallin at 247-1220.

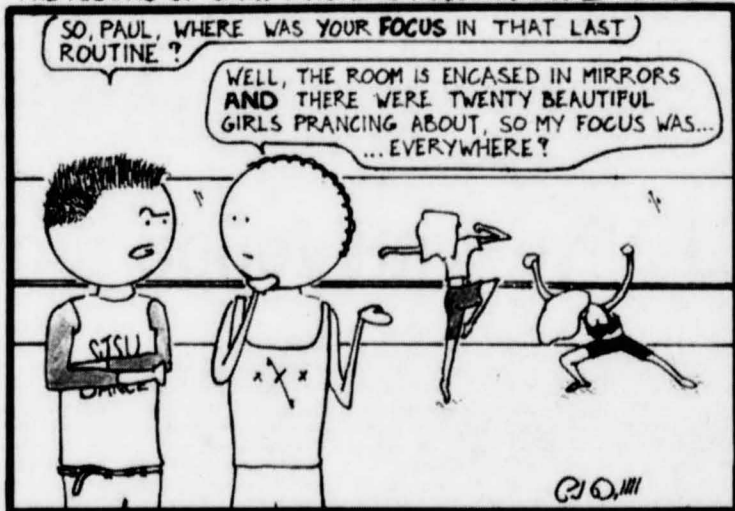
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# Café Boba serves up food and friendly service

Editor's note: Every other Friday, the Spartan Daily will profile a local coffee house. — F.B.

By Janet Pak  
Daily Staff Writer

Red walls decorated with picturesque scenery and soft rock music invite customers as they enter Café Boba.



## FRIDAY ESPRESSO

Straw chairs and wooden tables adorn the sidewalk outside Café Boba.

Owner Gary Poon said he opened the shop a year ago after having spent 25 years in the high-tech industry.

Poon said he wanted to try something with a slower pace and go back to mingling with the younger generation.

"It gives me the chance to interact with students of all races," Poon said.

Rona Halualani, a professor in communication studies at SJSU, said she comes to the café a few times a week for the atmosphere.

"It's nice since it's close and away from the university," Halualani said.

She said she comes with other communication studies faculty for informal meetings and research projects.

Poon said the café's name comes from a combination of two drink names — boba tea and coffee.

Poon said something struck him about downtown — there was no place for dessert and studying.

He said he wanted to open a café that filled the void and gave students an opportunity to learn how a business was managed at the mom and pop level.

The goal of the café is to create a "mind fusion" environment, he said.

"It's a place where minds and different ethnicities come together," Poon said. "It has an East-West influence."

From horchatas — a cinnamon and rice drink — to café mochas, a bit of everything can be found at the café.

Poon said he also wanted a café with a personal touch.

Every customer is given a drink card with their name inscribed on it. On the 10th drink, customers receive one free, he said.

"I want to provide a friendly atmosphere with quality food at reasonable prices," Poon said.

Students such as Selam Tekte, a junior psychology major, said she comes to relax and read a magazine while enjoying a café mocha.

Drink prices range from \$2 for an iced tea to \$3 for a smoothie.

Poon said all tea drinks are freshly brewed and Peerless Coffee supplies the products.

Desserts ranging from a slice of tiramisu or cheesecake and éclairs are available.

Fresh baked goods include Russian tea cookies, croissants and muffins, Poon said.

Lunch and dinner specials are also available which include lasagna, salad and garlic bread for less than \$5, he said.

Guy van Auken, an individual investor and resident who lives in the apartment complex upstairs, said the prices and convenience attracted him to the café.

He said he likes to come for coffee and two pieces of toast because of the price.

"I like the ability to get breakfast sandwiches or a breakfast burrito," Van Auken said, since other café's don't offer that.

Other specialties found at the café include a veggie sandwich with roasted bell peppers, eggplant, lettuce, tomato and cheese, Poon said.

He said the café also serves tamales that are supplied by a local factory, cheese steak sandwiches and pesto chicken sandwiches.

Each item, whether it's a drink or a sandwich is made individually, Poon said.

Customers can choose from non-dairy creamer to soy milk in their coffees.

Milkshakes and ice tea blends are also made the way customers want it, he said.

Deanna Fassett, a professor in communication studies, agrees with Halualani about the atmosphere.

"It has a nice ambience," Fassett said. "Their sandwiches taste just like the ones my mom made."

Firefighter Jason Blinn said he comes two to three times a week because of convenience and the experience.

"It's less mainstream and it's quiet," Blinn said.

He describes the café as off the beaten path.

Poon said although he is the owner, he doesn't act like one.

"I like to think of myself as a surrogate parent if people who are away from their hometown want to ask me something," Poon said.



Rina Ota / Daily Staff

Junior television, radio, film and theatre major Jeremy Castillo, left, and senior radio, television, film and theatre major Graham McKibbin, snack and study in front of Café Boba located at 110 E. San Fernando St. Wednesday afternoon.

## WAC | Looking for 10th member

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three," Bell said.

Benson said many conferences are going through the same shifts after the decision of the University of Miami, Boston College and Syracuse University decided to leave the Big East Conference to join the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Big East then extended invitations to Conference USA schools DePaul University, the University of Louisville, the University of Cincinnati and Marquette University. Benson said he anticipates Rice, SMU and Tulsa to join with Conference USA, the same conference Texas Christian University joined after leaving the WAC in 2001.

The incoming members of the WAC will depart from the Sun Belt Conference and the Big West Conference.

All of New Mexico State's programs

will leave the Sun Belt while Utah State's programs will leave the Big West, except for football, which plays in the Sun Belt.

"Our list of possible teams for expansion was basically the Sun Belt Conference," Benson said. "Football and Basketball were our major concerns."

Bell said the WAC is in the perfect situation right now with nine teams.

"It allows for four home games and four away games in conference," Bell said.

Benson disagreed and said the WAC needs one more team to be in the right situation.

Ten teams is a good and practical number for a conference for both football and basketball," he said.

Benson said the two schools the WAC is looking at to become the 10th member are the University of North Texas or the University of Idaho.

Bell said there are other schools to

look at to fill that 10th spot, but anticipates the WAC staying at nine.

"The University of Louisiana-Lafayette and Arkansas State University have been in contact with the WAC, but most AD's are looking at the University of Montana," Bell said.

Montana would have to be bumped up from its current I-AA football standing, but Bell still thinks it would be the best fit.

"It's a real college town," Bell said. "Their attendance is great and are the top program in the state."

The moves in the WAC may not end there.

Benson said there is still the possibility of Louisiana Tech University leaving the WAC for Conference USA.

It could become the only WAC school in the Central Standard Time Zone, but neither Benson nor Bell see Louisiana Tech moving.

## RAMADAN | Prayer area in Mosaic

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God.

Memon, who started fasting during Ramadan when she was 8-years-old, said that community activity is encouraged during Ramadan.

"There are community dinners at the mosques, and many families have personal parties at their homes," Memon said.

Muslim students who need a place to pray on campus are recommended to go to the designated prayer area in the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center, said Megan Anderson, administrative support coordinator for Mosaic.

Anderson said between five to 10 students visit the prayer area daily.

The area, enclosed like a cubicle, has several rugs on the ground, a book entitled "Mecca," and is designed for those praying to face the East.

The Muslim Students Association will host a dinner, but the date has not yet been decided, Bazargan said.

There are three local mosques. The Islamic Center of San Jose is located on 325 Third St. The Shia Muslim Association of the Bay Area is on 2725 S. White Road. In Milpitas, the Islamic Center Azhankani-Zahra is on Los Coches Road.

## PROFESSORS |

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prising that he is so young and yet so knowledgeable," Huang said.

For those that may be considering a career in academia, Tawni Holmes, assistant professor in the nutrition and food science department, offers inspiration.

"If you like the college environment, a career in academia is a good way to stay involved. It feels like you are still in college," Holmes said.

Holmes also said if students want a great deal of contact with the student body then the college level of teaching offers a higher level interaction as opposed to high school and middle school.

"You should know yourself and know the department you are going into. Know your style of work. Here in the human performance department, the emphasis is on teaching so you may not be happy if you want to be a researcher," Butryn said.

Mathur said, in general, the younger professors will be expected to publish more.

"As a young professor, you are the promoter of the school so you will want to be prepared for that," Mathur said.

Perhaps, in the end, it gets easier as Butryn hopes.

"Ten years from now I may look back and wonder how I muddled through it all," he said.

## Lack of funds leaves Luna lonely

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — A lack of cash could sink this year's plan to reunite a killer whale living off the British Columbia coast with his pod in American waters.

The Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans and both groups that propose to move 4-year-old Luna have concluded spring could be a better time to make the move.

"We're looking at a new approach where Luna can be left in Nootka Sound over the winter with monitoring to give the groups time to raise funds," fisheries department spokeswoman Lara Sloan said Thursday.

The department likes the proposals

of two groups — the Vancouver Aquarium and a Seattle-based organization — to undertake the move. But while both have the expertise for the job, neither has the money.

"I'd rather have more time to make sure all the ducks are in a row before we undertake this thing," said Bob McLaughlin, president of Global Research and Rescue. "This is not going to be a simple process."

Luna has spent most of his life on his own off the west coast of Vancouver Island at Gold River.

But the orca has become increasingly sociable, attempting to rub up against some boats. Some people have reportedly tried pouring beer down his blow hole and brushing his teeth.

A scientific panel concluded the

whale must be moved because, like a bear that has gotten used to human garbage, Luna has become a nuisance. There are concerns he might overturn a boat or be seriously injured by one.

Scientists have said if the whale cannot be relocated, extreme options for his future include captivity or euthanasia.

The plan had been to move Luna down the island coast to a spot near Victoria by December. Luna's pod often swims in U.S. waters near there.

Much of the money for the undertaking will likely have to come from public donations.

Sloan said waiting until spring won't be a problem for Luna.

Boating traffic in Nootka Sound is much lower in the winter.

### Correction

On Oct. 23, the Spartan Daily misspelled the name of Mahatma Gandhi. The Daily regrets the error.

## PATIO |

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serves as an orientation tool, Fasteen said.

"It's a way to direct people to our office. This building is very difficult to understand," she said.

Fasteen said she wants students to know the patio is open to everybody, not only education students.

"We invite all students to enjoy and relax here. We're trying to make it more friendly to all students, not just to teaching credential students," Fasteen said.

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