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Forensic class teaches 'CSI' tools

Editor's Note: Every Thursday in February, the *Spartan Daily* will profile a unique course offered by the university.

By Mayra Flores
Daily Staff Writer



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Students on the fifth floor of MacQuarrie Hall sat quietly as guest speaker Vince Deitchman, a criminologist at the Oakland Police Department, explained the differences among fingerprints Feb. 16.

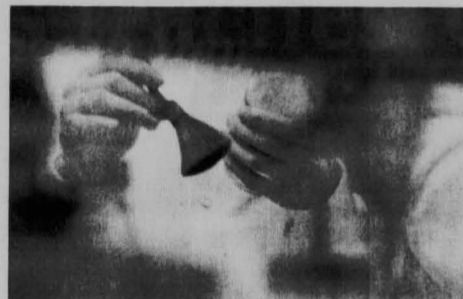
"The three basic pattern types are loops, arches and whorls," Deitchman said.

The fingerprinting lab is one of the many components that make up the Intro to Forensic Science class.

"The most common pattern type is the loop, accounting for 60 to 65 percent," Deitchman said.

The forensic science class meets at 5:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in MacQuarrie Hall.

"No two prints are identical and they remain un-



ABOVE: A forensic science student practices lifting fingerprints, called latent prints, from a plastic bottle. The black powder can only be used to lift prints from smooth surfaces. The forensic class meets from 5:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

LEFT: Berenice Amezcua, a junior majoring in justice studies, and Marvella Sanchez, a senior majoring in justice studies, use tape to transfer exposed prints from a plastic bottle to a glass slide.

changed from year to year," Deitchman said.

The degree in forensic science is fairly new at San Jose State University. It has been offered since October 2003, said Steven Lee, associate professor and director of the forensic science program.

"I didn't know what I wanted to do and CSU Sacramento had a forensic science program," Deitchman said. "I took a few classes, loved it and pursued it ever since. And this was before it got popular with the O.J. Simpson trial and 'CSI'."

The program offers two kinds of degrees — forensic science with an emphasis in either biology or chemistry, Lee said.

"It's challenging, but it is definitely full of information," said John Aitken, a junior majoring in justice studies. "You learn a lot really fast and have very knowledgeable guest speakers."

The forensic science program is a one-man show. Lee is the director, adviser and professor in the program.

"Our teacher is extremely knowledgeable and well-versed in his subject," Aitken said. "He has very extensive background in the forensics field and genetics and is a wealth of knowledge."

There are approximately 34 forensic science labs in California, Deitchman said.

The students practice true-to-life situations and try out the skills they learn in class on controlled situations.

"The professor will set up a crime scene and we have to figure out what happened by looking at the blood splatter or by lifting fingerprints or searching for DNA by swabbing saliva off of soda cans," said Jaelyn Miles, a senior majoring in forensic science who took the class last semester.

Important aspects of the class involve problem solving and science.

When working on a case, it's very important to be able to give evidence relevance with scientific findings, Deitchman said. Tying the evidence to the scene and the suspect needs to be done using the tools and knowledge we have, in order for the jury to take it seriously, he said.

"The class covers different forensic investigation, more of modern-day crime — not so much the

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A.S. discusses book prices, passes resolution

By Ashley Johnson
Daily Staff Writer

Associated Students took the first step Wednesday to lower textbook prices.

The Board of Directors unanimously approved a resolution supporting and advocating textbook

affordability and accessibility.

There are four steps in adopting the resolution, one of which is to bring it before A.S. for approval.

Josh Zaharoff, assistant organizing director for the California Student Public Interest Research Group argued in favor of reducing the cost of textbooks.

CalPIRG is a statewide student advocacy group working on a set

of public interest issues, one concerning the rising costs of textbooks.

Textbooks are too expensive and prices are being raised more, Zaharoff said.

"Our research shows that the average college student spends about \$900 a year on textbooks, which is now about 20 percent the cost of in-state tuition from

California," he said.

Textbooks have increased six times the rate of inflation for the past seven years, Zaharoff said.

Not only do publishers use gimmicks to inflate the cost of textbooks, but they add bells and whistles such as CD-ROMs, solution packets and workbooks bundled together, driving up the price, Zaharoff said.

Publishers often produce new additions, costing 13 percent more than previous additions.

Not only does this decrease the cost of books upon buyback but it is harder for students to find used books, Zaharoff said.

The resolution urges college textbook publishers to adopt prac-

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Flight team takes off at conference

By Sarah Holcomb
Daily Staff Writer

The Precision Flying Team made its presence felt at a flying conference last weekend, despite having its student organization status revoked by the university.

Two weeks before the annual Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference, the team was notified by San Jose State University that it could not receive the necessary status that is required by the conference's parent organization, the National Intercollegiate Flying Association, to participate in the conference, according to an article previously published in the *Spartan Daily*.

"It was really hard, and a lot of people didn't take it very well," said Craig Utas, flight team captain. "Overall, the team did a really good job of sticking together through the whole thing."

Harrison said the status was denied because of risk management problems. She said she received a letter from Brad Davis, the director of compliance at SJSU.

"(The letter) said the liability policy did not cover aviation so the team couldn't compete," Harrison said.

Various letters and e-mails were exchanged between the team and the university, but no resolution was found before the conference. The university stood firm in its position that aviation was too risky to be covered by insurance, Harrison said.

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CSU Sacramento proposes name change

Vote will take place in May

By Lauren Bosch
Daily Staff Writer

What's in a name? Apparently a lot, if a California State University is involved in the discussion.

Cal State Sacramento will be asking the CSU Board of Trustees to vote in favor of changing the school's name on the May 10-11 agenda.

"The purpose is to give more of a sense of unity for the campus and to make our identification easier on everyone," said Frank Whitlatch, university affairs spokesman.

In past weeks many of the universities within the system have discussed the possibility of a name change. The most recent to change its name is the new Cal State East Bay, formerly Cal State Hayward, which officially changed its name on Jan. 26.

San Jose State University has also taken part in some talks to do the same, but to change the name to "CSU, San Jose" or "Cal State San Jose."

The discussion of name changes has come to the surface in many instances because of alumni, community, student and faculty difficulties with which universities have which names — the universities that are

Walking by ...



Jennifer Seigal / Daily staff

A passerby walks on the lobby floor of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library on Monday. A portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. hangs in the Children's room of the library.

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WASTED DAYS AND WASTED NIGHTS

Bullies and abusers not about to change

Waking up in the morning with my arms outstretched, I have only one thing on my mind. You know what I want. Give me some sugar.

It's best first thing in the morning. Lunch and dinner — that was always an option too, especially when I was broke.

But sweet is nothing when it's flavored with bitter resentment.

The humiliation, guilt and shame — small reminders of how little a person you are.

The yelling — the verbal abuse — why do you take it?

It had just occurred to me — but it's a pretty abusive relationship.

A single argument will escalate into full rage within two seconds.

"What do you mean, 'yogurt'?" I shriek from across the room. "You big-eared, cotton-tailed cartoon freak!"

It felt like such betrayal, and it was never lived down.

Then there was the crying — too many tears shed on my account.

Angry glares may shoot across the room, but I've

always been taken back. The longer I knew, the more I knew, the more I began to hate.

I may apologize, but it's out of obligation. And the more I say I'm sorry, the more resentment I feel.

Who would have thought I'd become the abusive one of the relationship.

You were always sweet but sugar is bad.

Silly rabbit, you were never good enough for Trix.

I've never been too kind, and I've been known to be a little bit of a bully. But when did it cross over from childish nonsense to harassment and abuse?

While in high school, freshmen were my favorite victims.

Little girls and boys would follow me around as part of my crew.

They were the most loyal — always willing to do anything for me, and frequently the easiest to abuse.

One girl, who was willing to following me around everywhere like a sick puppy, used to hang her head in shame on command.

And I knew it hurt her feelings — I didn't care. It was done for the sake of pure entertainment.

Children will always act like children, so what's a little teasing?

For some, it's the difference between mental stability and exploding.

Anxiety attacks occur among some adults when they feel that they have lost all their securities.

How much worse can it be for children who feel like their sense of control over their own lives have been taken away and that power given over to a bully? It must be cut in half since they're not yet full-sized.

But sometimes, little people come with big problems.

So why do they stay? It's not because

that's what they want. Little children stay because they have to — and so do adults.

People change — or so many have hammered it into their heads to believe people do.

But many don't.

Because, really — bullies don't care. Many may see they're bullies, but they don't see any harm in it — it has always got them what they wanted, so why change a good thing?

Bullies have their fair shares and insecurities and vulnerabilities. Sometimes, the abuse is overshadowed by their "sweet" sides.

And for some people, every bully has a sweet side.

But kicking this sugar addiction is a hard feat to accomplish.

Throwing out the box of cereal will only be the first step.

So what alternatives would an abuser have? Counseling? No. That's for the crazies.

I think I'll stick it out. It seems to be going well. None of the writers have really cried yet — at least not in front of me.



ELIZABETH NGUYEN

Elizabeth Nguyen is the Spartan Daily A&E editor. "Wasted Days and Wasted Nights" appears every Thursday.

WORLD OF THE NO

BRIAN PEREZ



SJSUCK

Choose your own adventure through journalistic exploration

We've gone too far. In the wake of Hunter S. Thompson's death, it's evident that we've taken his invention, labeled "gonzo journalism," to the extreme.

Gonzo — no, not the blue Muppet — journalism is the act of placing oneself into the scene and story when reporting on events and ignoring the tradition of objective coverage. And in Thompson's case, oftentimes his immersion within an article was accompanied by a distorted viewpoint due to being under the influence of substances.

Nonetheless, in this day and age, any yahoo with a computer is a regular Hunter S. Thompson thanks to these Internet things called weblogs (or as I like to call them, "blogs. Tell your friends). People post links to already published news stories online in these pseudo-diaries, make a few comments, and — *poof* — all of the sudden they're Tom Brokaw. Everybody's a journalist! We can all report the news! We can all talk about the news and how it relates to us! Sorry, you're not, you can't and you can't. Nobody cares about you.

The power has been siphoned out of the readership's hands and given to these wannabe providers of news. So I'm here to bring that back — to swipe the control out of the print oppressors' iron grasp and present the consumer with choices again.

So what you read next is out of my hands, kids. Just remember, as you embark on this literary journey, with great power comes great responsibility. *thwip*

Please read one of the following passages that illustrates the stance you want me to take — either "I hate the Internet" or "I love the Internet." Remember, you have a choice.

I hate the Internet.

The new 50 Cent album was pirated and leaked onto the Web — just like his last one. Paris Hilton's T-Mobile Sidekick was hacked, its contents emptied out into cyberspace for all to see. But, for some reason, this all seems ordinary. Topless white chicks? Mumbling rappers? Booring! Too everyday. Bring on the next scandal or flash in the pan, please. The Internet has deteriorated us into savages with the attention span of a ... a ... something that gets distracted very easily. And the porn! Who needs to do anything ever again, ever? We've got porn!

I love the Internet.

Did you guys check out that new 50 Cent? Where's Napster when you need it? "In My Hood," that one's hot. Speaking of hot, did you guys see Paris Hilton's Sidekick phone list? Oh man, I know I copied down Usher's e-mail address. I'm gonna send him some beats I made. And Lindsay Lohan should be expecting a call from one Spartan Daily journalist very soon! Oh, and the porn! "Lollipop" is the longest word you can type using one hand. Don't ask me how I know that.

From the choices provided, please choose the punch line that best suits you.

In the next Spartan sporting event, I predict a:

- a. victory
b. loss
c. loss
d. both b and c



KEVIN YUEN

San Jose State University's fees are higher than:

- a. Tower Hall
b. a giraffe tied to a bunch of balloons filled with helium
c. whoever hired Spartan basketball head coach Phil Johnson
d. last year's fees

Kevin:

- a. please write for my newspaper / magazine, please
b. please stop writing ... forever
c. please coach the men's basketball team next season
d. lollipop (hee hee)

Afterword:

If you choose to read about sports, turn to page five in your Spartan Daily.

If you choose to read about arts and entertainment, turn to page four of your Spartan Daily.

If you choose to read about news, put this thing down and go pick up the San Jose Mercury News.

If you're anything like me, go get a burrito with extra hot sauce and attempt to be humorous while failing miserably.

Kevin Yuen is the Spartan Daily sports editor. "SJSUCK" appears every Thursday.

SPARTA GUIDE

Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff members. The deadline for entries is noon three working days before the desired publication date. Entry forms are available in the Spartan Daily office in Dwight Bentel Hall, room 209. Entries can also be e-mailed to spartandaily@casajsu.edu titled "Sparta Guide." Space restrictions may require editing of submissions. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received.

TODAY

School of Art and Design

An art exhibition featuring student galleries will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art building.

Career Center

A panel will take place from noon to 2 p.m. in the Costanoan room of the Student Union. Discover the range of jobs in recreation.

Catholic Campus Ministry

Daily Mass will take place at 12:10 p.m. "Faith Formation" will take place at 6 p.m. Scripture reflection will take place at 7 p.m. The Alpha Omega Student Fellowship will meet at 8 p.m. in the lounge. All events will take place in the Catholic Campus Ministry chapel.

School of Music

"The Listening Hour" concert series will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall. Today's concert will feature "Plucked or Struck?" and the erard piano.

Chinese Mandarin Bible Fellowship

A meeting will take place from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Montalvo room of the Student Union.

Hip Hop Congress

A meeting will take place from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

in the Pacifica room of the Student Union.

San Jose State Handball Club

Handball games will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at handball court 1 of the Event Center Sports Club.

African Awareness Month Planning Committee

"Disease Awareness" will take place at 6 p.m. in the Umunhum room of the Student Union.

Society of Latino Engineers and Scientists

A meeting will take place at 6 p.m. in the Costanoan room of the Student Union.

Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineers

A meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the Guadalupe room of the Student Union.

Asian Baptist Student Koinonia

A Bible study will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room of the Student Union.

Campus Crusade for Christ

"Nightlife," a time for worship, prayer, fellowship and hearing the word will take place at 8 p.m. at the Spartan Memorial.

Fiji

Games of Texas hold 'em will take place at 10 p.m. at 567 S. Eighth St.

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'Raise Your Voice' conference advocates community involvement for students



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Robert Cooper, San Jose State University's associate vice president of undergraduate studies, gives a speech to students attending the second annual national student teleconference "Raise Your Voice" Wednesday.

Panel wants universities to encourage internships

By Jean Blomo
Daily Staff Writer

A small teleconference room in the Instructional Resources Center hosted San Jose State University students and faculty members, who listened to ideas about civic involvement and the role of universities in promoting community involvement.

Moderator John Kobara, the executive officer of Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and three panelists broadcast their discussion of civic engagement to universities across the United States from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

SJSU Center for Service Learning, directed by Michael Fallon, sponsored the event and invited participants to e-mail questions to the panel during the live broadcast.

"Find a need and fill it," said Derwin Dubose, a student panelist from the University of North Carolina at the hour-long conference.

Dubose said he believes universities have more responsibility than training students for careers.

Raised in rural Alabama, Dubose said he hopes his education will allow him to help reduce poverty in his hometown.

Campus Compact, an organization that is kicking off its "Raise Your Voice" month, put on the teleconference hoping to raise interest and awareness of activism in students.

Rebecca Dogan, a student at SJSU who attended the teleconference, said volunteer work has helped her realize that "it does so much for the community — more than we can comprehend."

Elida Padilla, a Muse peer mentor who also attended the event, said she helps freshmen at SJSU understand there is more to the college experience than what you learn in the classroom.

"Many freshmen say they're here to get a degree and move on," Padilla said.

Robert Cooper, associate vice president of undergraduate studies, provided an introduction to the teleconference.

"Beginning in the late 1950s, there has been much more emphasis on doing things in addition to the classroom," Cooper said. "The reason we are now emphasizing internships and service learning is because we are not engaging student well enough."

Julie Chavez Rodriguez, a panelist at "Raise Your Voice" and an employee of the nonprofit Caesar Chavez Foundation, echoed the need for universities to encourage internships.

"Service learning allows students to explore different career opportunities before jumping headfirst into one," Chavez Rodriguez said.

Whatever career a student chooses, it should be chosen because of a strong passion for that field, Kobara said.

Involvement in the community can start locally and have an affect globally, said Stephanie Raill, a panelist and student at Macalester College.

"Being involved in decisions made on campus has taught me a lot," Raill said.

"Universities and colleges are much like institutions in the business and corporate world," she said.

She said she is confident that her experience in student leadership at her college will give her skills for the real world.

Rebecca Baldares, director of community affairs for Associated Students, attended the teleconference to report back to the A.S. Board of Directors.

She said her involvement with A.S. has given her much-needed skills.

"I have heard employees are tired of students who cannot communicate," Baldares said.

Dubose said working in student organizations also helps developing much-desired leadership skills.

About a dozen students and faculty members attended the teleconference

Wednesday. "I wish our numbers were greater, but I've learned to focus on those of you that are here," Fallon said.

Michelle Obama, director of the University of Chicago Hospital and wife of Illinois Sen. Barack Obama, spurred students to push themselves during the teleconference.

"As soon as a citizen accepts society for the way it is, they are lost," Obama said. "We must constantly push ourselves to promote change."

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FORENSIC - Students test hair, saliva for DNA

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broad picture, more the small stuff and linking things scientifically," Aitken said.

"Whenever you enter an environment, maybe a hair falls off of you, or maybe you bump up against a wall and take something

with you, so you're always giving and taking something in the environment," Aitken said.

But the jobs may not be like the TV shows.

When he was first hired, Deitchman was assigned to latent prints.

"I didn't take all this chemistry and biology just to look at lines

and patterns," he said to the class. "They were crazy. But I came to find out that it is very challenging."

"There are scientific and technological advancements that are really kind of changing the field of latent prints, so it's an exciting profession, and growth opportunity is definitely there," he said.

MEETING - A.S. candidate applications due today

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tics that would reduce textbook prices.

The solution is to produce books as cheaply as possible while preserving educational content, Zaharoff said.

"If they're going to bundle books, they should also offer books unbundled and they should disclose all the prices to faculty when they are pitching this book," Zaharoff said.

He also stressed the importance of releasing new editions only if there is new educational content.

The resolution will go to the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee, followed by the Academic Senate, for approval.

If the Academic Senate approves the resolution, it will go to interim President Don Kassing in

the hopes that he will endorse the proposed practices.

A.S. also heard from Michael Harold of CSU Spartans. He came to offer his point of view and support in changing the name of San Jose State University to CSU San Jose in order to restore the identity on campus.

The first step would be to get Associated Students to approve a referendum on whether San Jose should have an alternate identity, Harold said.

A.S. also voted unanimously to adopt a resolution to support the Tsunami Relief Effort proposed by board member Rebecca Baldares, director of community affairs.

By adopting the resolution, Associated Students would continually contribute to the tsunami relief effort as long as there is a

need.

A.S. would also encourage clubs, councils and organizations on campus to participate in the disaster relief effort.

Funding was approved for two organizations on campus — Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, which received \$1,656.12 for a campus event titled "A Cut Above the Rest," and the SJSU Philosophy Club, which will receive \$1,250.00.

Soon, these decisions will be voted on by a group of new SJSU students.

The deadline for A.S. candidate applications is 5 p.m. today. Applications should be turned in at the administration building, room 268.

No previous experience is required to run as a candidate for A.S.

FLIGHT - Team ineligible to compete in annual convention

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"A lot of the team, myself included, thought up until the last minute it would get worked out, that the university wouldn't let us down," Utas said.

Harrison said the team has given up on working with the university and has sent documents to the governor of California to try to acquire help in finding a resolution.

The flight team intended to host and compete in the conference, but with the events leading up to the conference, competition was not possible. Despite not being able to participate, the team went to the Salinas Municipal Airport to play host.

"(The team) did all the planning for the event," said team coach Kelly Harrison. "But we played a different role at the conference."

"I think it went very well, we were told by other teams that we really raised the bar," Utas said. Utas, a senior majoring in aviation, is in his second year on the team.

"Everything went safely, we treated the other teams well and the teams had fun," he said. "A lot of the people are proud of the team for sticking around the whole weekend."

Despite being grounded for the competition, two of the pilots decided to fly one of the competition routes after the conference was over, Harrison said.

She added that both pilots are certified by the Federal Aviation Administration as pilots and

were not flying to represent SJSU.

"They wanted to see what it would have been like," Utas said, adding that there are a few seniors on the flight team who were disappointed they couldn't participate in their last conference.

Utas said that the schools competing included Embury-Riddle Aeronautical University, Air Force Academy, Mt. San Antonio College, Christian Heritage College and one pilot represented the team from Cypress College.

"Only the elite of the elite get on the flight teams at those schools," Harrison said, adding that the team was disappointed it could not compete.

An awards banquet for the confer-

ence was held Sunday, Harrison said. Because the team did not compete, they did not win any awards for the competitions. However, the members didn't go home empty-handed.

"Our region has a sportsmanship award and SJSU got it," Harrison said. "The team got a standing ovation from all the other teams."

Utas said he was surprised that the team received the award.

"At first, I really didn't think we'd be eligible for it since we weren't officially competing," Utas said. "But I'm glad we did because a lot of the schools recognized what we did and I think it was really for the good team. The team felt like they got something out of it too."

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Chinese New Year celebration renews old traditions

By Vaishali Kirpekar
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SJSU students, busy with jobs, books and life tried to respond to the call of the rooster — wake up and follow the traditional Chinese Year of the Rooster. The fire of

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the Chinese dragon pulled a few, if not all, to the traditions of the Chinese New Year as some SJSU students, continued to go about their routines. "Forget the mashed rice sticky cakes and stir fry fish, traditionally made at home back in Taiwan. When my sister and me, lived in Taiwan with our parents, we used to help our mother make them. But this year, we ordered a takeout on the new year day," said 24-year-old Lydia Shen, an art major.

Shen, who works in the Spartan Bookstore, said she had no time to celebrate her sister Amanda's birthday, even if it happens to be the year of the rooster, which comes every 12 years. Shen explained that the rooster is one of the 12 animals, which Chinese astrologers believe symbolize a person's characteristics, according to their year of birth.

Mouse, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, dog, and boar are the remaining 11 zodiac signs, when said.

"Amanda who turned 13, has not till now, shown, those charac-

teristics that a person born under the Year of the Rooster is supposed to have — a deep thinker, creative and the like," said Shen.

"Nevertheless, we do believe in these zodiac signs, back home," she said.

Shen said not being able to celebrate the new year does not mean that it doesn't excite her anymore.

"I loved the auspicious red rooster cards that my mother sent from Taiwan. They are cute little cards and we consider them very lucky," she said.

She loves the cards so much that she has kept the cards sent for her birthday, which fell in the Year of the Monkey.

For Shen, being away from home was a dampener but for 21-year-old Telly Tan, being busy, he said, made it impossible for him to pray with his family who lives in San Francisco.

"This year, I felt like I am not so involved like I was earlier because I was not home for praying. But later, we did visit relatives and ate orange cookies and deep-fried dumplings," said Tan, a senior majoring in industrial technologies.

"The San Francisco Chinese New Year Parade causes bad traffic, I can't bear with it anymore," Tan said.

In spite of a hectic schedule, Tan said he would what he was told — wear red.

"It brings happiness," he said.

"I just went to school, carrying my art portfolio. My parents were happy that I would rather go to school than stay home to celebrate the new year," said a 20-year-old Justin Lu, who studies art. The thing that most excited him about the new year was the "red envelope."

"Red is the color of luck. The elders of the house give the young some money to wish luck," he said.

Professor Christian Jochim, chair of humanities department who has traveled and lived in China as an exchange professor, strongly believes the Chinese Americans have traditions in their blood.

"The way the Chinese new year is celebrated in China is going to remain very traditional because of the homogenizing political structure, which won't change even in the next 2,000 years," he said.

Jochim also spoke about the "hybrid nature" that this celebration has adopted in America. "The western overlay—a dragon, few dozen high school marching bands etc. which is comparable to the Memorial Day or Fourth of July or even a Miss China Downtown riding in a convertible," he said.

He fondly remembers a Hallmark greeting card sent to him by a student from China and said, "It was sent on e-mail. A Chinese



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The largest annual Chinese New Year parade outside of China took place in San Francisco on Feb. 19. The parade has been an annual event in San Francisco since 1958. This year, the parade celebrated the Year of the Rooster.

New Year card on e-mail is made possible because of consumerization and modernization."

There are many people who cannot go home because of a heavy work schedule and they cannot take days off.

But some like Jennifer Tan, a sophomore majoring in business, don't let that come in the way of

traditions.

"I stayed up till 12 in the night to pray for my parents, who live in Indonesia. It is a tradition, to pray for their long life," she said.

Tan said immigration leads to an erosion of values and traditions. "In my grandparents house, we are not allowed to touch food, kept on the table before they eat

it. But now, here, we don't follow it."

At the same time, as one culture gets affected, another develops, Tan said. Tan's sister is married to an American and his family celebrates the new year traditionally for her sake. "We all sat down for a hotpot with 20 family members," she said.

Ashlee Simpson sings, impresses screaming teens

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Guilty-pleasure fans were nowhere to be found at the Ashlee Simpson concert Tuesday night at the Event Center.

These "guilty" fans are the twenty-something crowd who secretly watch

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"The Ashlee Simpson Show" on MTV, envying her Fendi bag collection and relating to her feelings of inadequacy.

Instead, crowds of girls, proudly displaying their loyalty, filled the seats for Simpson's first National Tour.

Girls as young as 6 years old swooned over the "cute" opening boy bands while desperately waiting for Simpson to "La La."

Some dressed in "I love Ashlee" tanks and others kept it true Simpson-style — trousers, rocker tees, newsboy caps and all.

Hordes of teenage girls in stilettos and high-high fishnets elbowed each other as they shimmed up to the front of the stage.

The lights dimmed and Simpson's five band members situated themselves on stage.

Ethereal music played as a huge screen lowered — ironically similar to Madonna's 2004 Reinvention Tour, but not as exciting when Madonna

didn't come out.

"Autobiography," flashed on the screen, followed by childhood pictures of Simpson.

After a minute and a half of this erroneous hype, Simpson ran out onto the stage and sang "Autobiography."

Simpson wanted to let the audience know that she was "keeping it real" with her simple duds — black stretch Dickies, a white leather belt, and Converse sneakers.

Her outfit was "too real," as she locked her knees and incessantly rocked her right leg with every song.

As "Autobiography" came to a close, Simpson belted out the last line and repeated it by screaming it out to the audience forcefully. "All you have to do is ask me!"

Simpson continued to do this with most of her songs throughout the one-hour performance.

Before segueing into "Nothing New," Simpson shouted, "Are you guys ready to party?"

Screams emanated from all areas of the Event Center as Simpson twirled and side stepped, like No Doubt's Gwen Stefani did in the Rock Steady 2001 tour.

After "Nothing New" Simpson declared that nobody is perfect and then sang her heart out in "Love Me for Me."

Fans gesticulated and bobbed their heads as they mimicked Simpson.

Simpson then showed

a darker side with "Shadow," a song about feeling inferior to her celebrity sister, Jessica Simpson.

Simultaneously, the song's video played on the big screen behind Simpson.

It was difficult to feel sorry for Simpson as she tried to evoke feelings of oppression and un-acceptance.

Once the song was done, Simpson slipped on a vest and a fedora backstage for her first costume change.

With no choreographed dances or set changes, the costume changes seemed unnecessary, showing that Simpson is struggling to find a place within pop music.

Simpson followed up with "Wannabe" and "Undiscovered."

Between giggles, Simpson tried to convince the crowd that "Undiscovered" was about a serious break up with an ex-boyfriend.

Taking her vest off, exposing a simple black tank, Simpson casually gathered with her two guitarists and sang a medley of choruses from "Giving it All Away," "Love Makes the World go Around" and "Hollywood" — her cliché interpretation of Los Angeles with lyrics about lost souls getting high.

Then, Simpson forewarned the crowd that she would be doing some covers that would "go back to the '80s."

Most of the fans, albeit born after 1990, shrilled at the tops of their lungs and stomped their feet when they heard "80s."

Simpson rushed through another

medley including The Pretenders' "Brass in Pocket," Blondie's "Call Me" and Madonna's "Burning Up."

Fans got excited and tried to sing along, but then realized they didn't know the lyrics.

Only a few audience members sang, and those were the parents.

For the finale, Simpson emerged with a purple boa wrapped around her neck, a different white polka dot fedora and stilettos.

She cuffed her Dickies and pranced on stage while swiveling her hips to a slow, jazzy introduction of "La La."

Trying to emulate Britney Spears, Simpson look unrefined as she attempted to dramatically toss her boa and fedora off.

She uncomfortably kicked her stilettos into midair as they landed backstage.

Barefoot and hyper, Simpson jerked about the stage and barely had to sing the song as fans sang it for her.

The encore featured the infamous "Napoleon Dynamite" dance, showing fans she is nerdy, but cool at the same time.

Simpson appeared in a white square-dancing petticoat for "Pieces of Me," her first hit single from "Autobiography."

Simpson's performance was not as impressive as her shopping experiences and band rehearsals on her reality show.

It was best to leave the dancing to Stefani, the burning up to Madonna and songs in their entirety for a less choppy and more consistent show.



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Ashlee Simpson performs "Nothing New" from her debut album "Autobiography" to a crowd of approximately 3,600 at the Event Center on Tuesday. This was the fourth show of her North American tour that ends on April 20 at Grand Prairie, Texas.



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Drink of the Week

By Ashley Little
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Most people would think that a shot contains straight liquor, but this is not the case for the Tied House Cafe in downtown San Jose.

The Kaw Kaw has made a name for itself as a drink

of the day. With a shot of Patron silver tequila, peach schnapps, lime juice and orange juice, this drink will definitely make an impression.

Taken like a shot, the Kaw Kaw goes down smooth, but it has a sweet aftertaste. The combination of both lime and orange juice makes it sweet like candy, but not too sweet to handle.

With most drinks, the sweetness can be too much, but the Kaw Kaw is irresistible. It has a perfect combination of liquor and sweetness.

"It is more interesting and unique," manager Christian Macauley said. "It is popular

with these customers."

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Brazilian ambassador to discuss nation's economy, race relations at King Library

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Georges Lamaziere, the ambassador of Brazil at the San Francisco Brazilian Consulate has been invited by the SJSU student organization Global Conversations to talk today in the Dr. Martin Luther King Library. The talk is about Brazil's position in international affairs and the issues of race and the political economy in Brazil.

Lamaziere is the Consul General and the ambassador of Brazil. He has been the ambassador of Brazil since 2002. His wide diplomatic experience spans his work as spokesman and special adviser to the president of Brazil, Fernando Henrique Cardoso, and as a part of the delegation of Brazil to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

"What he says is interesting because of his experience and also because he does not write speeches, it is all by heart," said Rosana Sa of the cultural department of the Brazilian consulate, who has heard him speak to teenagers at a high school.

She has been working at the consulate over the last seven years and has worked with the current ambassador closely for about two years.

"He likes to write and talk to students," she said. "The consulate has a relationship with universities like Berkeley, Stanford and Santa Cruz, where we have a Brazilian chair."

Cobie Harris, a professor of political science will host the

event.

"Brazil has a huge black population, bigger than America," he said.

Yet they do not have as many rights as people do here. They are not represented in their senate and black people are not able to participate in the political debates.

Harris said this talk was important because, "We in America have integrated a society that is multiracial. A failure in such in-

to foster student and faculty research on global issues," said Michael L. Conniff, director of Global Studies, which has partnerships with foreign universities.

"Sept. 11, 2001, made us aware of the drift between the U.S. and other countries," he said, referring to the beginning of serious efforts to make students aware of different cultures. "Even if we are a powerful country. We want our students

proximity with the U.S.," said James Brent, associate professor and vice-chair, of the department of political science.

For Sandra Fisher president of the Global Conversations, the event is big because of a high-profile speaker with a wide international experience.

"The Q&A session with the ambassador is a big opportunity to ask questions to a political figure," said Fisher. Global conversations which is a platform for interested students discusses current affairs.

Fischer, a 30-year-old senior graduate in political science and sociology, said that SJSU explodes with diversity, which is significant for students to know more cultures.

"We are very interested in the ambassador's discussion on racism and on the Brazilian economy. I think Brazil is an interesting place," she said.

The Global Conversations club is formed recently and has been active with 70 members since last year. She said the event is open to all members of the public, which will help the student organization to come close to the community.

"We had invited the Italian ambassador last semester. These events are needed to bring real world to SJSU students, show them how to respect and understand other cultures," Fischer said.

The event starts at 6.30 p.m. at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library in the David and Lucile Packard Meeting Suite on the second floor.

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Michael L. Conniff,
director of Global Studies

tegration lead to wars, civil strife and riots."

The event is co-sponsored by Mosaic Cross Cultural Center, the College of Social Sciences, Global Studies, the Greater San Jose Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, American Youth Scholarship Foundation and the SJSU student organization Global Conversations. It is a part of the Global Conversations with International Figures lecture series.

"This event is a part of our vision to internationalize SJSU and create an intellectual climate

and faculty to travel foreign lands, learn different cultures, live overseas not just sponsored by companies, but for voluntary purposes as well."

Conniff highlighted Brazil's significance in the world today.

"It was a Brazilian who was supposed to be the successor of Kofi Annan, United Nations' Secretary General," Conniff said. "Brazil is that big on the international level. It has long been in international diplomacy at the U.N."

"Brazil is significant because it is a major economy and has close

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Laura Twelves, soprano section leader of the San Jose State University chamber choir, plays the piano while choir member Yatsi Leung practices a piece Thursday in the Music building. The choir is rehearsing for "Wings of Song," a late April concert for Charlene Archibeque, who will be retiring from the school of music and dance after the Spring semester.

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directly associated with the CSU system, and individuals who prefer the nickname over the technical name.

Cal State Sacramento, originally named Sacramento State College in 1947, has gone through several name issues throughout the years, according to a report by the committee researching the name change. Known by a variation of seven to eight names, those that attend the school feel that only two different references are appropriate when referring to the university, according to the report.

According to university officials at Cal State Sacramento, the confusion came from the community not knowing the official name and proper usage. The choice to change it to "Sacramento State University" is because several other campuses throughout the system using the same format.

This, along with hearing constant complaints in regards to this issue, prompted university President Alexander Gonzalez to put into effect a committee to research the wants of the surrounding community, according to the university's newspaper, the State Hornet. According to State Hornet reports, the hope is that the name change will also aid in the university's plan to be the flagship university of the CSU system.

Other CSUs that are referred to by their city or region are Humboldt State, Fresno State, San Diego State, San Francisco State, Sonoma State and SJSU.

Organizations such as CSU Spartans, are opposed to such names for SJSU because of its history and that it is the original CSU campus, something they feel many people forget because the university doesn't use it as a marketing tool.

"We believe (changing the name) would elevate the school and that the system needs a flagship," said Michael Harold, founder of GoState! and member of CSU Spartans.

"San Jose has dropped the ball and abdicated its role and responsibilities as being the founding role model," Harold said. "It's an incredible honor and asset and we just thumb our noses at it."

In previous instances, Harold, who received his master's degree in marketing, and other group members have argued the name San Jose State University could imply that San Jose is a state and that it also holds less value to students around the globe looking for a place to start or continue their higher education.

"Changing the name is expanding the geographic scope and appeal of the university," Harold said. "Without the word California in our name, San Jose isn't that well-known. Our name doesn't really say where we are from."

However, those in support of Cal State Sacramento's name change argue the exact opposite of what people, such as Harold, believe. According to reports from the president's office, SJSU, its students, alumni and the community feel it would be more beneficial for the school to simply have a universal name-

sake.

Whitlatch said a survey of more than 8,000 students and community members concluded that the general feeling toward the change was overwhelmingly positive.

Some students said they don't agree with Harold though and feel changing SJSU's name is unnecessary.

"I don't think we lose status. All schools call themselves something different," said Cristi Long, a senior majoring in graphic design. "Whether we call ourselves — CSU San Jose, or San Jose State, it's not designating a status, it's just a location. I don't think the name matters so much as how it's classified. Changing the name won't change anything about the school."

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