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MySJSU accounts secure

By Angela Forte Daily Staff Writer

Students at San Jose State University concerned about the Cal State Chico hacking incident that happened in March should be confident that their information stored in MySJSU accounts are secure, said Mike Dunefsky, director of administrative technology at SJSU.

According to Cal State Chico's newspaper, The Orion, computer hackers broke into Cal State Chico's housing and food servers and obtained names, social security numbers and ID numbers of 59,268 current and past Cal State Chico students in March.

David Stephen, director of the housing department at Cal State Chico, informed students of three major reporting credit agencies to contact if they wished to put fraud alerts on their credit.

Dunefsky said if the Cal State Chico inci-

dent were to happen at SJSU, the university would report any security breaches to the central CSU security team.

"SJSU would get legal council to direct the appropriate response with instructions on actions to be taken," Dunefsky said.

Dunefsky said the actions involve notifying all the people whose information was compromised and notifying the three main credit-reporting agencies.

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En garde ...



Lorry Thomas / Daily Staff

Shaulin Liu blocks a strike from her sparring partner with a glaive, a weapon used in the martial art of Naginata, during a San Jose State University Kendo Club practice on Tuesday. Liu, a visitor from Mountain View, practiced with the club for the day.

Animation team to compete in challenge

By Banks Albach Daily Staff Writer

Imagine being locked in a small room for three and a half days with a drawing slave, a brainstormer, two militant animators and an eye-patch-wearing dictator named Konstantin.

This scenario may sound like a bad Austin Powers sequel, but come Monday, 9 a.m., the San Jose State University ShrunkenHeads animation team, to whom you were just introduced, will spend nearly four days in an animation lab defending SJSU's title in

the 2005 Cartoon Challenge in Kalamazoo,

The five animation-illustration majors will have three-and-a-half days to create a 30-second cartoon on a subject given to them Monday morning. The finished product is due at 6 p.m. on Thursday and the judges will announce the winners on May 16. The grand prize, which another SJSU team won in 2003, is \$4,000 in scholarships.

Cartoon subjects are modeled to be public service announcements. The subject for SISU's 2003 team was slavery.

"As it gets closer, it gets exciting to think we are going to do this," said senior Tim Heitz, also known as "the drawing slave." As luck would have it, Heinz is "technically" the best at drawing, the team said, hence the

name and future workload.
"I'm excited to be with this group. I think the imagination is going to be huge." Heinz

The 10 teams in the challenge can choose between using three-dimensional or traditional 2D animation and have access to either Mac or PC platforms. Teams also have access to 3D animation software, such as Maya, and production software, such as Adobe's

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Not all job ads honest

By Mayra Flores Daily Staff Writer

San Jose State University is a place where students are away from their home, away from their states and away from their countries. They come to study and find their career paths. It is also located in the middle of downtown San Jose, making living in or near it, very expensive.

Many companies promising great pay and small workloads with no experience necessary advertise on campus. Ads are posted on walls, left on students' windshields and placed in the classified section of the paper.

"They don't state what you do, why you make so much money," said Jennifer Sabaten, a freshman majoring in advertising. "They don't even tell you what the business is."

These ads offer "flexible hours" or even say how much they offer, "\$14.50/start" with "no experience necessary" or "will train." The business name or even the type of business is unclear or completely not mentioned and the type of work is vague.

"We typically call those 'blind ads,' "said Laurie Morgan, a career consultant at the Career Center, "You just don't have concrete information about the positions."

Most of these advertisings have an e-mail address — so prospective candidates can do their homework before they call.

"(Of) those ads, some are legitimate opportunities, but some are questionable and vague," said Theresa Lawhead, an employer relations specialist at the Career Center. "If they're vague, they may be hiding something or (maybe) they don't know any better."

Some companies, Lawhead said, just aren't very ad savvy.

Other companies see it as an economical thing.

"Primarily, it saves a lot of space and gives more room rather than having a company logo," said Charles Cochran, the pilot office manager of Vector Marketing, a company that does not use its name in ads. "Ads usually charge per line and the logo takes about two."

Cochran said that students call their office and the receptionist will give them some more information about the position. Vector used to include the rate in their ads but many students felt misled, he said.

"We would post that they would make this amount per appointment but most assume it meant per hour," he said. They take less calls now that they don't include pay rate, but callers are

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Taco stand told by city to close up shop

Neal Waters / Daily Staff

Fred Threatt, the owner of the University Club on San Salvador and Seventh streets, talks about why they are no longer allowed to serve tacos from a cart. The club removed its taco cart from service after being told that it was in violation of regulations from both the zoning board and the health department.

Officials say outdoor eatery violates zoning, health codes

By Banks Albach Daily Staff Writer

The difference between a taco and a hot dog might seem huge to most of us. But if you're Fred Threatt, owner of C-Me Catering and manager of the kitchen at the University Club on Seventh and San Salvador streets, the two snacks are one and the same.

A month ago, Threatt said the city told him that his three-month-old taco stand next to the University Club was in violation of a residential zoning ordinance. More recently, he said the county health department told Threatt he was in violation of a health code for assembling tacos without ad-

equate facilities. Enter the hot dog

Threatt said he thought it was a little strange that numerous hot dog vendors roam the streets around campus. He said he also pondered the residential zoning violation because of the corner liquor store and the 7-Eleven down

the street.

Threatt said he had to ask the health inspector some questions after being cited.

"I'm glad you stopped by to tell me I'm not in compliance, but could you please tell me the difference between a taco and a hot dog?" he said he asked the inspector.

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Faculty member receives first lecturer award

By Rachel Hill Daily Staff Writer

Mathematics lecturer Susan McClory received the first Outstanding Lecturer Award for her overwhelming contributions to her students and the university at a luncheon April 27.

The Outstanding Lecturer Award is a new accolade created by San Jose State University to honor its faculty members and their dedication to higher education.

"This new award, recently established by the university, recognizes excellence in facilitating student learning, commitment to students, and contributions beyond teaching," the university Web site said. passion for academia and her contributions to the university makes her the ideal model for the new award. "Obviously. I'm thrilled."

As the first recipient, McClory's

McClory said.

McClory said.
"I'm even more excited about the fact that lecturers are being recognized for the first time and it opens the door for all the other lecturers on



McClory is a well-known staple within her department, which she has been a part of for 25 years. Currently, the math lecturer is serving as the coordinator

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OPINION

SJSUCK

Rivalries encourage creative competition

KEVIN YUEN

HEY YOU, READ THIS. YOU KNOW YOU just limited to stupid college papers, either.

This is me, trying to sell my opinion against the undoubtedly magnificent editorial sitting under the block of filler you see here.

It is my feeble attempt at competing with a more spectacularly written piece. It's petty. It's immature. It's meaningless.

And it's life.

We all have rivalries. Competition guides us. But there is a line we must recognize, that most of them are pretty stupid, we need to be self-aware enough to know the inane, faux hate is played up a little bit for

Sports immediately come to mind. Giants vs. Dodgers? Lame. San Jose State University vs. Santa Clara? Really lame (Hey, where are the cameras to play up for?). Warriors vs. ... uh, themselves? Coke vs. Pepsi? Star Wars vs. Star Trek? OK, moving on.

Silly rivalries spilling over into journalism isn't

It's accepted - and maybe even expected - when tongue-in-cheek magazine such as Maxim gently ribs rival GQ's readership and creators in its mag. But what about when the big boys come out

A recent Newsweek piece on blogs read, "A recent Time magazine profile of right-winger Ann Coulter claimed that it 'didn't find many outright Coulter errors' in her work; dailyhowler.com helpfully points out several." Oh, snap! Newsweek vs. Time, baby!

I don't doubt for a second that in the bullpens and newsrooms across the nation, writers and editors endlessly scream and rag on their counterparts and competition.

The editors at Cat Fancy are probably yelling something about "bitches" and Modern Dog maga-

Just think, that Ann Coulter thing in Newsweek

calling out and undercutting Time's research is just one piece of evidence that they might hate each other.

Multiply that by the fact that on more than several occasions they possibly omitted similar jabs before press time, it's like seeing a cockrosch at there's probably 10 for ing a cockroach - there's probably 10 for every one you see.
I like the conflicts. In fact, I encourage

the role of the media as a watchdog and making sure Time's facts are straight.

Certain rivalries are great, in fact. For instance, in the 1860s, when two sides of a conflicted America finally boiled over into war, what ended up happening? Someone freed the slaves.

Fast forward to a century later. The superpowers of USSR and America kept the world on two sides. Communism vs. capitalism. What happened when the

But the lawmakers of the free world convene in two distinct groups - Democrat and Republican - and they alienate each other's constituents. Close-minded people in the parties follow them so blindly that they make decisions without first considering facts.

We should view opposition as an opportunity for the fruition of new ideas, rather than the comfortable continuation of narrow viewpoints.

So who's the Spartan Daily's rival?

Procrastination. Oh, and deodorant, apparently. Yuck.

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@casa.sjsu.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. For more information, call the gallery office at 924-4330.

Justice Studies Department and Career Center

A career and internship fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Barrett Ballroom of the Student Union. Local private, federal and state agencies will be participating and offering various job and internship opportunities. For more information, call Stacey Arnold at 924-6031.

Career Center

An employment table will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Career Center. The Drug Enforcement Agency and Target will be hiring. For more information, call Laurie Morgan at 924-6017.

SJSU Faculty Christian Fellowship

"Suffering and Death," will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in room 247 of the Engineering building. It is part 9 of the PBS video series "The Question of God," which compares the worldviews of Sigmund Freud and C.S. Lewis. For more information, call Buff Furman at 924-3817.

Counseling Services

An AAAPI group meeting will take place from noon to 1:20 p.m. in Counseling Services of the Student Services Center. For more information, call

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. For more information, call Father Mike Carson at 938-1610.

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"The Listening Hour" concert series will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. It will feature the SJSU Concert Choir directed by Elena Sharkova. For more information. call the music office at 924-4673.

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.

Executive Editor

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. For more information, call Wes Kuruhara at 859-6479.

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.

Society of Latino Engineers and Scientists

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

International Youth Fellowship

A Bible study and meeting will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Ohlone 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.

Cultural Heritage Center

A talk and book signing will take place from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in rooms 225 and 227 of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. Gregorio Mora-Torres will speak about his book, "Californio Voices: The Oral Memories of Jose Maria Amador and Lorenzo Asisara." For more information, call Paul at

A meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Almaden room of the Student Union. This is our last meeting of the semester.

Asian Baptist Student Koinonia

A Bible study will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Costanoan room of the Student Union. For more information, call Chantra at 472-2465.

"Nightlife," a time for worship, prayer, fellowship and hearing the word will take place at 8 p.m. at the Spartan Memorial. For more information, call Mark Depoid at 421-9281.

FRIDAY

SJSU's first annual chess championship will take place at noon in room 505 of Duncan Hall. The entry fee is \$1 for SJSU students and \$2 for students off-campus

EDITORIAL

Kassing's new title could bring stability, visibility to campus

California State University Chancellor Charles Reed announced Friday that he will recommend interim President Don Kassing as San Jose State University's next permanent president. The CSU Board of Trustees will decide May 11 whether to accept the chancellor's recommendation.

Kassing, if he is named the new president, will have a lot of obligations and important issues to address, even though he will only remain at JSU through 2007. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges will complete SJSU's accreditation this year, one of the most vital components to the

this year, one of the most vital components to the power of students' degrees.

Kassing will need to make this campus the best it possibly can be, and to do that, he will have to address three main problems on campus.

• The many interim positions must be filled. Several colleges within the university are without long-term deans and three of the vice presidents bear the "interim" tag.

In order for improvements to be made in stu-dents' academic programs, the colleges must have strong leaders who can implement those improve-

The leadership does not end with the deans, though, which is why the vice president positions must also be secured.

At a press conference Wednesday, Kassing said he was moving into the final phases of hiring two

• Kassing said he is meeting with student groups to get feedback on his proposed \$65 fee increase, but to become an effective leader, the president will have to be visible to the students at large. The students need to see their president around

the campus.

Simply having a permanent figurehead is not

enough.

Without strong presidential visibility and involvement, students will feel disconnected from the school as well as the leadership.

This university has constantly been labeled a commuter school because of its high number of students who live far away from the campus. Though the Campus Village project will help bring more students to the community, students must also feel welcomed by their professors.

By hiring more full-time faculty members, Kassing will help ensure students feel personally connected to the school.

connected to the school.

Some part-time lecturers also teach on other campuses, limiting their interaction with SJSU

Full-time professors and lecturers will give the students more of a relationship with those faculty members and help the campus build a stronger

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BRIAN PEREZ



"Wasted Days and Wasted Nights" by Elizabeth Nguyen will not appear today. - L.W.

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JOBS - Some students have bad experiences with ads

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genuinely interested when they do, Cochran said.

Sabaten said she knew someone that had inquired about a position at one of these types of compa-

"He had to go to meetings and was instructed on how to sell items like satellite TV." she said.

They (the company) told him that he should target his family and friends. In turn, his family and friends would pay monthly, he would get a cut and the company would get an even bigger cut.

Although these bad experi-

ences such as the one described by Sabaten take place, there are ways to pick out the genuine ads from the false ones

Many students are just so eager to get a job that they have the attitude, "I'm willing to do anything to get my foot at the door," Morgan

"It's not such a good idea for students to cast their nets hoping to catch anything that's in it," Morgan said. "Students should be more focused and targeted, more intentional of their objective. Focus their energy on the type of job they really want.

Morgan compares job searches

"The company doesn't want to know that you like all men or all women. They want to know specifically what you know about them, why you are into them, why you want to date them, why them, and you better have an answer,' Morgan said.

While going after any job that's presented is not advised, especially one that is vague in terms of what a person would be doing, Cochran said he thinks students won't stick around long enough to be negatively affected.

"The typical college student is intelligent," Cochran said. "If the opportunity is not present, they take off.'

ANIMATION - Team will work for three and a half days

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After Effects and Photoshop and Macromedia's Flash.

Although the ShrunkenHeads plan on bringing some basic materials, such as light boxes and pencils, no preparation of any sort is allowed, nor would it help, the team said.

Basically, we are starting from scratch," said senior Megan Kelly. an ardent proponent of slip-on Vans. Hers are pink with white skulls. Along with junior Lauren Andrews, Kelly will focus primarily on animating the drawings after the team develops a story idea.

"This is a good opportunity to work together and under presthe big-haired and softspoken Andrews said, wearing a T-shirt of Tim Burton's "Oyster

The more mildly dressed Konstantin Abadijev, or "The Dictator," as the rest of the team affectionately named him, specializes in post-production and, well. dictating.

'We can't prepare for anything because we don't know the story not a clue," he said.

Like many of his fellow dic tators. Abadjiev understands the importance of symbolism and im-- he proudly wears a T-shirt with the Shrunkenheads logo on the front

He did leave the largely cosmetic eye patch at home, however.

'We are going out there have fun, represent the school, the department and the ShrunkenHeadMen Club," he said, referring to the animation-illustration club at SJSU

Almost immediately receiving a cartoon subject on Monday, the team will brainstorm separately and pitch their best

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ideas, said senior David Coffman. But if all else fails, Coffman is the idea go-to-guy, the rest of the team admits. Coffman also focuses on background and scene drawing.

Also a wearer of slip-on Vans, but with bumblebees on his shoes instead of bones, Coffman dons yellow T-shirt with two colorful roosters on the front who are attacking each other. Under the picture, the shirt reads: "Derby Champ Battlecock.

Admitting that he isn't cockfighting lobbyist, but rather a frequent thrift-store shopper, Coffman said the story idea is the most important part of the cartoon challenge

"If we have a good story idea then everything else will fall into Coffman said shortly before he left for swing dance practice. "You're not going to get Disney quality in four days.

That doesn't seem to worry David Chai, an SJSU animationillustration lecturer who will arrive to Kalamazoo on Thursday for the festival.

"Once they get there, they won't have time to react - the training just takes over," he said, quoting the used car salesman in the action "True Lies," which stars Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Again speaking in riddles, he added that the team faces more than just competition.

"Animation isn't about battling," Chai said.

"If you want to defeat someone you use a bo-staff. Animation is about harnessing the powers of the universe.

Needless to say, the Shrunkenheads said they thoroughly enjoy taking Chai's class

Win or lose, participation in the Cartoon Challenge is a feather

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in any artists cap, said Professor Courtney Granner, animation-illustration program director.

'By sending this team to the festival, they learn the ability to collaborate and to solve complex problems," he said.

"It's as close to a professional experience as these students can get because it squeezes everything into three- and- a- half days. You have to produce work at your highest ability.

Sleep for the Shrunkenheads won't be on the agenda until the clock strikes 6 p.m. on Thursday, they said.

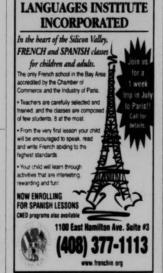
Starting on Monday, they will sleep in shifts on skinny cots and run across the street to shower in a hotel room and they expect food vouchers for restaurants in downtown Kalamazoo, the team said.

Despite the impending peril, the Shrunkenheads are optimistic and upbeat about the challenge.

After working together for more than five years, the team displays a chemistry essential to creativity.

there is not short-And age of humor in a room full of Shrunkenheads

"I'm just looking forward to being locked in the same room for three and a half days with these people," Kelly said to a table full of laughter



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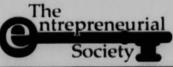
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President of Pacific Data Images (PDI). He was executive producer of digital effects for TOYS (1992), and he executive produced GAS PLANET (1992) and ANTZ (1998). After years of success, he retired and sold PDI to Dreamworks SKG, the company headed by Steven Spielberg. Come see him speak about his successful career and how he sold his company to Dreamworks SKG.

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MYSJSU - Gateway server protects student information

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Ninh Pham-Hi, director of Internal Control and the information security officer at SJSU, said SJSU would assess the extent of the information loss, notify authorities, notify those whose information was exposed and give them information as to which steps they should take subsequent to such exposure.

"One thing people should do nowadays is to check their credit rating periodically and verify all transactions on their monthly bank statements," Pham-Hi said.

Pham-Hi said to prevent such an incident, SJSU information technology departments put a high priority on providing a safe and secure computing environment for all SJSU students

mation is safeguarded with the best practices for protecting computer data.

"Student information is not readily accessible except to se lect system users on campus with a business need for this access." Dunefsky said.

Dunefsky said MySJSU takes student information and stores it in a secured database.

The secured database, Dunefsky said, is on a secure server located at an outsourced data center that is protected by multiple firewalls.

Pham-Hi said a firewall is a set program located at a network gateway server that protects the resources of the private network from users of other networks.

"A firewall works closely with a router program and examines each network packet to determine whether to forward it toward its destination," Dunefsky said. "It is often installed in a specially designated computer separate from the rest of the network so that no incoming requests can get directly at private network resources.

Firewalls, Pham-Hi said, along with passwords and SJSU's monitoring of unusual traffic, make it

"Passwords with the names of pets ... are generally bad passwords." Dunefsky said students' infor- Mike Dunefsky, technology director

hard for hackers to get through the

Dunefsky said it would be difficult for an individual to hack into MvSJSU unless he or she obtained specific student information

"If you have a student's user identification and password, you can access that individual's grades. financial aid status, class schedule. account balance and run an advising report," Dunefsky said. "You would also be able to see the student's address and change it.

Dunefsky said student accounts lock after a specific number of unsuccessful login attempts.

This setup precludes successfully running programs designed to crack passwords," Dunefsky

Students are advised by Dunefsky to create passwords that acquaintances wouldn't be able to

"Passwords with the names of pets or people close to you are generally bad passwords," Dunefsky said.

It is also recommended, Pham-Hi said, to not share identifications and passwords with anyone or to write them down on pieces of paper that could be lost.

Dunefsky said prior to Fall 2003. SJSU students used their social security numbers as their identification numbers - a not so practical approach, especially if numbers were exposed because of hackers.

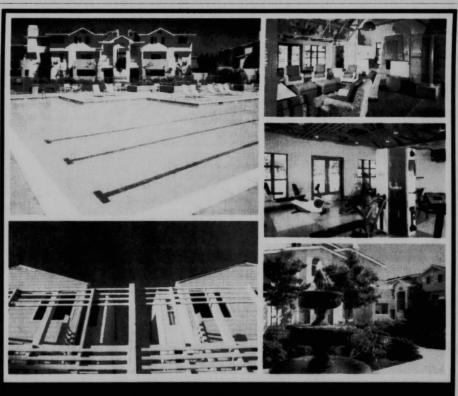
"Since SJSU's migration to PeopleSoft, the student ID is a randomly assigned number and social security is no longer used as an identifier for students," Dunefsky said.

Pham-Hi said social security numbers should be used only when absolutely necessary.

To prevent future problems with information security. Pham-Hi said the CSU system, along with SJSU, is aware of impending information security risks.

"SJSU is continuously adding safeguards and procedures to protect our students," Pham-Hi said.

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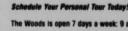
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AWARD - Recognized for service

"I tell people I have

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what I do."

Susan McClory,

lecturer

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of Developmental Mathematics, where she switched professional roles taking her from the classroom podium to the administrator's chair. Despite leaving the classroom, McClory's influence on the remedial math program is undeniable.

As the coordinator, McClory is in charge of all department functions, including hiring faculty members

oping the curriculum. The adminshe has not been a lecfor turer than more five years but remains in constant contact with her students, which she said is very important to

McClory instructs an independent online math course

where she works one-on-one with many of her students. First-year student Cecille Almeda took McClory's Independent Studies course and worked one-on-one with the instructor.

"She pushed me to be more responsible," Almeda said. "She cares for your work and how you progress in the math department."

McClory's relationship with students lasts beyond their duration in her program. She said many former students contact her to get various information unrelated to the math department because they know she is always willing to talk. The award recipient is passionate about her work and views her position as more than just a job.

"This is definitely my drug of choice," McClory said. "I tell people I have more fun at work than is legally allowed. This is what I do. This is who I am and this is my passion."

McClory said she enjoys coming to work in the morning and is very fortunate to have a job that she loves.

McClory's job requires her to interact with many first-year students who are in need of remediation in math. Freshmen students begin to interface with

McClory before their first semesters of college start and continue until they finish the remedial math program. This regu-

ar interaction has earned McClory the reputation of being easily accessible and a friend in the massive administrative pool that resides in most colleges.

McClory is involved in several academic organizations and programs outside her job, including serving as an academic senator for the College of Science and being a member of the Early Assessment Program and the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee.

The recognized lecturer said she has focused her career on everything involved in first-time students' experiences at the col-

"The committees I choose to be a part of are primarily those that focus on students and what we need to do to make their environment (and) learning better," McClory said.

McClory is also a graduate earning both her bachelor's degree and master's degree in mathematics at San Jose State University.

Student runs own organizing business

By Christine Glarrow Daily Staff Writer

Many students and adults can barely organize their days, let alone their homes, offices or lives.

Ashleigh Laning, a 23-yearold senior majoring in recreation with an event planning emphasis, on the other hand, said organizing has always come easy to her.

So, in July 2004, Laning became a professional organizer, starting her own business, called "Organized Lifestyles." Laning's job description is explained in her slogan, "I organize your life so you have time to live it."

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"I help them utilize their space," whether it's a closet, a garage or an office, Laning said.

Laning visits with her clients and the area they need organized. She then comes up with a system, such as a filing system, and purchases the materials she needs to organize their area and "help them clear their clutter."

Laning's biggest client is Ramune Ambrozaitis, owner of the San Jose SaberCats Arena Football League team and wife of John Fry, a founder of Fry's Electronics. Ambrozaitis said having Laning help with "paperwork, space planning (and) reorganization" is "very important for someone who's trying to organize their life."

Ambrozaitis said Laning can "take a project and run with it." "It's very valuable,"

Ambrozaitis said.

Gay Timmons, another client of Laning, is the owner of Oh, Oh Organics in Los Gatos. Laning has worked to help Timmons organize her business, working with her on a weekly basis.

"(Laning) is absolutely efficient and she delivers exactly how she says she is going to and if you want to start your own business, that's the way to do it," Timmons said. "It's about delivering your promise and she does it."

While she had been organizing for others for four years, it wasn't until someone suggested that Lanning start her own business that she took it seriously. Before that, Lanning said she didn't know that being an organizer was an occupation, nor did she know that a national association for professional organizers existed,



Zach Beecher / Daily Staff

Ashleigh Laning, a junior majoring in recreation, owns her own business called Organized Lifestyles. Laning redoes people's lifestyles by re-organizing their filing ways. "I even have my own business license," she said.

offering national conferences for people like her.

She then began reading books and doing research online about the field. Laning has since obtained her business license and has begun networking with women who have started their own businesses.

From them she learned that some personal organizers charge up to \$70 per hour, though Laning charges \$25 per hour.

Before Laning became a pro-

fessional organizer, she used to work for Outback Steakhouse but said it was difficult to work around her school schedule.

"I was looking for a job that had decent hours," Laning said.

When Laning gets a new client, she tells them her school schedule and they figure out compatible hours.

"I inform them that (school) is the most important thing," Laning said. "I've been very fortunate that they are very understanding."

While in school, Laning works Mondays after classes, Fridays and occasionally on weekends.

"You have to schedule yourself if you want to make any money," Laning said. "If I can work my clients around my school schedule, then that's even better."

Taking on all of her tasks isn't difficult for Laning because she's

so organized to begin with, said Jolie Hunter, a junior majoring in recreation and a close classmate of Laning.

While she has a pretty full load this semester, "her stress doesn't show," Hunter said.

If stressed from anything, it would be school rather than her job, Hunter said. "But she's able to manage it all because of her organizational experience."

Laning said being her own

boss is not only beneficial when scheduling her work hours around school, but will also be good in her future, when she has to work around her family's schedule.

In the summer, Laning plans to work for more clients. After the summer, Laning will take what she hopes to be her final semester at San Jose State University in the fall and then complete her internship with the SaberCats next spring.

Sometimes, she said, she finds it hard to want to keep going to school because she already has her career. Laning said she'd never quit, however, because she wants to get her degree.

Because her major's focus is event planning, Laning is looking at, eventually, doing both organizing and event planning.

Since starting Organized Lifestyles, Laning said she has learned a lot about what it takes to run a business.

Laning said she has learned how to work with and meet the various needs of clients, something you can't learn in the classroom

As an independent contractor, Laning said she has also had to learn about the taxes involved when having your own business, as well as advertising. To advertise, Laning said she uses the word-of-mouth method. Creating coupons for her business, such as five hours of organizing for \$100, has also helped her get clients.

With all of the new experiences and her love for what she does, Laning can't imagine her future without her business.

"I can see myself doing this for my whole life," Laning said. "It's my passion. I organize myself all the time."

STAND - Owner won't fight violations

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Without a roof, a bird flying overhead could "s--- right in the taco makings," Threatt recalled the inspector saying.

"What's stopping that same bird from sh----- on a hot dog stand?" Threatt said he told the inspector.

Nevertheless, the \$4.50 plates with two tacos, rice and beans are no more, and Threatt doesn't have any plans to fight the violation. He said the whole situation is pretty hard to believe.

"I can't imagine anyone com-

plained — I haven't heard of anyone getting sick," Threatt said.

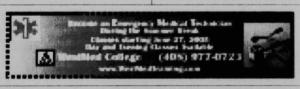
Although Obadiah Erwin is a cook at the University Club, he said the tacos were tasty.

"They were good. I used to eat them a lot," he said.

"We were just getting to be like a restaurant and getting traffic," Threatt said.

"Shouldn't everyone focus on creating a neighborhood that is friendly to the university environment?"







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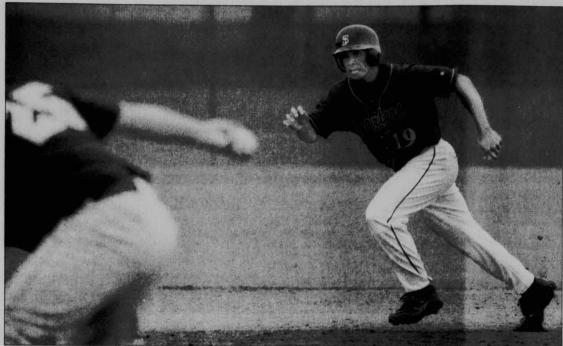
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Spartans score five in first inning, trounce Gators



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Spartan outfielder Chris Williammee runs toward third base as San Francsico State University pitcher Jason Carlson delivers a pitch Wednesday at Blethen Field. Williammee scored on the play and put the Spartans up 5-1.

Traci Newell Daily Staff Writer

State University Jose baseball Spartans team against San Francisco State

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University on Wednesday

The Spartans have a record of 24-19-1 and are tied with University of Hawai'i for second in the Western Athletic Conference.

Both teams have a record of 11-10 in the WAC

The Gators are in the NCAA Divisiondropped to an overall record of

The Spartans had their game against the Gators won by the end of the first in-

Designated hitter Chris Williammee began the five-run inning with a single to center field.

With the bases loaded, center fielder Travis Becktel fielded out to center field. giving the Spartans their first run of the First baseman Brandon Fromm doubled, scoring two RBIs.

With bases loaded once again, left another WAC series this weekend.

fielder Ryan Angel singled to right field. The inning scored five runs out of six hits for the Spartans

Pitcher Brad Kilby pitched in the eighth inning, his first game since sustaining a shoulder injury more than three

"It felt like the first game of the season again," Kilby said.

"I wanted to give Kilby an inning today," said head coach Sam Piraro. "He is fine and he is ready."

Kilby said he expects to pitch part of the series against WAC rival Fresno State University this weekend.

Right fielder Nate Corrick slid to catch the play that ended the top of the eighth inning

'It was a long run and I kind of dove and slid onto the grass on to the mound,"

Corrick said. There were no runs and one hit in the inning for the Gators.

In the bottom on the seventh inning, Corrick stole both second and third bases, eventually scoring a run on center fielder Becktel's sacrifice pop out to center field

In the third inning, catcher Daniel Fitch singled to get on base with one out. The Spartans then loaded the bases and ended the inning with three more RBIs.

The Spartans had 18 hits out of 39

The Spartans will face Fresno State in

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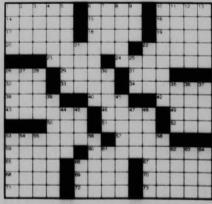
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Organizer needs supporting cast

By Ling-Mei Wong **Daily Opinion Editor**

Sexy, sleek and lightweight, the Tungsten E2 by palmOne elicits sighs of admiration.

But if your heart is set on buying a PDA, it doesn't have to be this one.

The Tungsten E2 sells for \$249, comparable

REVIEW

to an Apple iPod mini's price of \$199

It's the second generation of the Tungsten E, with a more detailed color screen. Bluetooth wireless capability and 32 MB of RAM.

The datebook, address book and memo pad features on the Tungsten E2 are standard on any PDA. A basic black-and-white screen PDA. such as a Palm IIIxe, sells for \$29.99 at Fry's Electronics after rebate.

For the PDA to be more than a glorified day planner, it needs a lot of accessories

This PDA tries to be a laptop, MP3 player, photo viewer and day planner all rolled in one.

With the purchase of a memory expansion rd — the cheapest 64 MB one selling for \$24.99 on palmOne's Web site — users can store MP3s, photos and video clips on their PDAs.

Headphones are sold separately as well.

The Tungsten E2 includes DataViz Documents To Go software, allowing users to run Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint files on the PDA and transfer them to a computer.

It's a pretty package, but it tries too hard to be everything that most students already own.

In order to take notes with the PDA alone, a student would have to frantically jab at the screen with the stylus.

It does not look cool to poke the screen spastically, the faux-leather covering obscures the screen and tapping at the screen may draw glares rather than stares.

While accessories such as folding keyboards are available, a laptop does fine for taking notes in class. The only compatible keyboard for the Tungsten E2 is palmOne's Universal Wireless Keyboard, which costs \$69.99 at palmOne's Web site.

A keyboard and PDA are more compact than



Adam Heyman / Daily Staff

address book, memo pad, MP3 player and photo viewer. The Universal Wireless Keyboard (\$69) is sold separately.

Camera

a laptop though. Size may be the only advan-

tage a PDA has over a laptop.

This PDA and its folding keyboard, plus a 64 MB memory expansion card for MP3s and pictures, would cost approximately \$344, less than any new laptop or computer.

Unfortunately, a computer is needed to put 3s into the PDA's memory.

Pictures and videos would require a digital camera, which requires more money

And the Bluetooth wireless capabilities of the Tungsten E2 require wireless access There's also a program called "Dialer" on

the PDA, which seems to be a Voice Over Internet Protocol program, or Internet tele-

This PDA needs a whole lot of accompanying tech toys to be more than a shiny organizer. For a technological product to attain "musthave" status, it has to do one thing well.

There is nothing unique about the Tungsten

E2 that gives it "must-have" status

An example of a successful product would be the Apple iPod. It plays music well, being able to play thousands of songs for 12 hours.

The Tungsten E2, with a 64 MB memory expansion card, can't hold many songs and may not last 12 hours with its high-resolution

Ironically, the one thing going for the Tungsten E2 is its rechargeable lithium-ion

While battery life depends on what programs are used, the Tungsten E2 survived a week of daily use before it needed its battery recharged.

But there's no need to pay \$249 for a color PDA that lasts forever as a pricey day planner and so-so MP3 player.

Don't buy this PDA. While its design and battery life are excellent, its extra functions require too many accessories.

Better than before

By Sarah Holcomb Daily Staff Writer

The southern boys of Better Than Ezra are coming to down-town San Jose Friday to rock Zoe's Nightclub. But don't expect mellow, twangy melodies

PREVIEW

this is a rock 'n' roll band.

The band is touring to promote its upcoming album, "Before the Robots," due to be released May 31.

Lead singer Kevin Griffin said the new album is a combination of the sounds and textures from the band's last two albums, 'Closer" and "How Does Your Garden Grow.'

Simply put, Griffin said, "I think if you like Better Than Ezra then you're really going to like it. If you never liked Better Than Ezra, you probably won't

That's good news for Better Than Ezra fans.

The first single from the new album, titled "Lifetime," actually recorded on the band's last album, "Closer," but the label that produced the album went bankrupt and the single was never released

In the production of "Before the Robots," Griffin said the band was encouraged by its friends in radio to rerecord "Lifetime" and release it as a single

"On a whim we decided to rerecorded it," Griffin said. "It was a little faster, little more rock. We redid it and we thought, 'You know it's a great song, we need to give it a shot."

The music video

"Lifetime" is currently one of the top picks on VH1. During a typical show, Griffin said the band plays five or six songs

from its new album, but enjoys playing the older songs as well. "I don't get it when bands say they don't want to play their old songs," Griffin said. "Our old songs have been good to us.

Griffin said the band tries to open with a different song each night.

'We try to keep each night's set different," Griffin said, adding that there are certain ways to go about creating the set list for the night.

You have the hallmarks of your show - these three songs in a row they work together as far as pacing goes," Griffin said. "The set has to be paced well. We come out with some up-tempo songs, then bring it down, but if you're not careful you can have a few mid-tempo songs in a row and if one of them is a new song, that's an easy way to lose

To most, the creation of a set list sounds complicated, scientific even — but not for Griffin.

"It's not — it's rock 'n' roll," Griffin said. "Just like anything, you learn how to do something right, a set list is something you learn from experience.

Better Than Ezra first hit the scenes in the late '80s when they released a couple small, selfproduced demo projects. first label-produced album was "Deluxe." which was produced by an independent label first, then reissued by Elektra two later. The single from that album, "Good" reached the top of the Billboard charts.

The concert starts at 7 p.m. Friday at Zoe's Nightclub, Tickets at the door are \$20 each, \$15 if purchased in advance.

Gospelers to sing for Mothers

By Lauren Bosch Daily Staff Writer

The sounds of gospel music will fill Grace Baptist Church on Friday in honor of Mother's Day. The Gospel Jazz Ensemble of San Jose State University will sing a

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diverse selection of music for all in attendance.

"Our congregation has had a long relationship with the university community in many different ways," said Michael-Ray Mathews, pastor of Grace Baptist Church. I'm a relatively new pastor here and I wanted to explore new ways to participate in activities with the university. We're hoping to have them perform again next year for a benefit concert as well."

The concert, a pre-Mother's Day concert, will focus on African American sacred music and will include special tributes to mothers within the community.

We will be recognizing women within the congregation," Mathews said.

The focus, he said, would be ...in their 70s, 80s and 90s who have been mothers to

The ensemble will perform various types of music, including traditional and contemporary gospel pieces, spirituals, hymns and anthems, as well as traditional African songs.

In its fourth year under the direction of SJSU alumna Virginia Roberts, the group is committed to community involvement.

Each semester, we usually do a couple of concerts in the community," Roberts said, "We've done one in January for an outreach program for young teenage girls called the Images program. and in the concert hall, which is our requirement. We also have a member of our ensemble. Kendra Miedema, who is a member of the church and I have some music majors, others from different ma jors and athletes and some from the community as well."

The group has also performed

