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Eric Stackpole, majoring in mechanical engineering and the Amateur Radio Club vice president, uses Morse code while attempting to contact others through ham radio in the Engineering building on Wednesday.

Club rides the radio waves

BY PRISCILLA WOO
Daily Staff Writer

Megahertz, transceivers and ionic spheres are terms that may boggle the minds of many students, but for the members of the Amateur Radio Club San Jose State University, it's just chit-chat.

"Forgive me if I geek out," jokes Jeff Orr, president of the club. "It's a common problem."

Orr, a junior majoring in computer science, shares the same passion for amateur radio, or ham radio, with fellow members Eric Stackpole and Eric Cain. It is a hobby as well as a very efficient way of routing messages, Orr said.

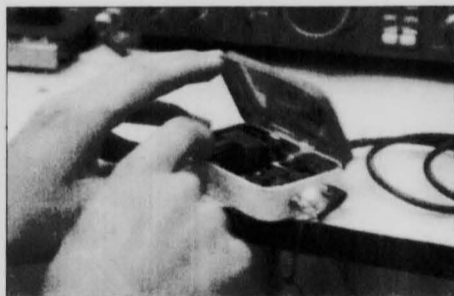
Ham radio is also used for emergency communications, said Cain, secretary for the club, who is majoring in electrical engineering.

The club uses ham radio to practice

handling large amounts of traffic in preparation for situations such as the events happening with Hurricane Katrina. Orr said ham radio stations can be used to find out events that happen several hours before anyone else knows about it.

"Hams are the only reliable link to communications beside the military in and out of New Orleans because the cell systems are dead, the phone systems are overloaded and the roads are clogged," Orr said.

Even though San Jose is thousands of



miles away from the hurricane, ham radio stations can all work together to help solve problems, said Stackpole, club vice president who is majoring in mechanical engineering.

On Sept.

2, Stackpole was notified by an engineer at Lockheed Martin that employees from Louisiana were hit by Hurricane Katrina and could not be contacted. He asked Stackpole if the Amateur Radio Club could do anything to help. Stackpole then entered the information onto a Web site which relayed the

message via ham radio around the affected areas in order to find the missing people.

The club, established in 1929, uses a two-way radio stationed in a small corner of SJSU's Engineering building. The members communicate with other amateur radio operators using voice, computers and even Morse code. Most of the equipment they use has been donated, Cain said.

Another big aspect of amateur radio is experimentation, Orr said. If it wasn't for the hams, or amateur radio operators, commercial radio would have developed much later.

"The important thing about amateur radio is that you don't need special permission or approval from the Federal Communications Commission to build your own radio and use it," Cain said. "Stackpole built his own radio, and he used it that same day."

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SJSU strikes study abroad deal with Spanish university

BY DAVIDA ROSS
Daily Staff Writer

Starting in Spring 2006, San Jose State University students will have the opportunity to attend classes in buildings that once served as infirmaries for pilgrims traveling through Europe.

The University of Burgos, in northern Spain, and SJSU signed a student exchange program agreement Tuesday.

The Burgos exchange program, one of over 200 study abroad programs offered to SJSU, will give students the option to study in Burgos for a full year, a semester or a 4-8 week summer session.

According to Dave Rudel, the Study Abroad Coordinator, the program in Burgos is different than other exchange programs because it is open to academic fields, such as business, that were not previously available in Spain.

The city of Burgos, one of the oldest Spanish cities, is located along the "Camino de Santiago," a pilgrim route from France,

through Spain and into Santiago de Compostela. The city's position along this route made it an important point of commerce, providing a good resource for studying business.

Other academic fields offered in Burgos include creative industries, education, engineering and social science.

It will also provide Spanish college students the opportunity to study and live at SJSU.

"Exchange programs are great because they make it possible to keep down the costs of studying abroad," said Lisa Baum, study abroad adviser. "Students should also be aware that any financial aid, including scholarships, grants and loans can be used toward studying abroad."

Students who participate in the Burgos exchange program have the option to live in on-campus residence halls or in nearby apartments.

Rudel anticipates sending between three and six students to Burgos in the next year, and

welcoming the same number of Spanish students to San Jose State.

Carmen Sigler, vice president for academic affairs, said she is thrilled to add the University of Burgos to the study abroad program.

"Burgos, located in the heart of Old Castille, is so rich in history," Sigler said. "The gothic architecture, very much influenced by France, captures the essence of the medieval, Castilian culture."

Sigler said the Gothic architecture is a sharp contrast to the Moorish influences in southern Spain.

Students wishing to get more information about the program can attend information meetings held twice a week in the Student Union.

"One of the biggest challenges we face is informing students about their study abroad options," Rudel said. "So many students will come up to me their senior year and tell me they wanted to study abroad but never knew how."

Applications to study in Burgos



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Provost Carmen Sigler, left, talks to Mark Novak, vice president of international and extended studies, about a new exchange program with the University of Burgos in Spain on Tuesday at the Provost's Office.

for Spring 2006 are due Oct. 3. For students wishing to study in Fall 2006, applications must be submitted by March 1.

Students may obtain more in-

formation about the Burgos exchange program, and any other study abroad program, by visiting the study abroad department's Web site, www.sjsu.edu/studyabroad/.

Some classes canceled early

Low enrollment forces closures

BY ELIZABETH PERRY
Daily Staff Writer

Classes that do not have a high enrollment number are sometimes canceled before the start of each semester.

"Smaller disciplines are like endangered species. We go to great lengths to preserve endangered species," said Romey Sabalius, a German professor at San Jose State University. "We should do the same with low-enrolled classes."

Before classes started this semester, two upper-division German classes were canceled because, at the time, about three students were enrolled in each class, Sabalius said.

Most department deans cut classes if the initial enrollment is low because that gives them reason to believe that students are not interested in adding the class.

However, Sabalius had seven or eight students approach him saying they would have added one of his German classes if it had stayed open and not been canceled before the start of the semester.

"I was frustrated because I needed to take this class," said Laure Sansonetti, a political science major who was planning on adding the canceled German class. "I e-mailed the foreign language department but they never answered."

After the semester starts, more classes are canceled because some students drop classes to change their schedules or they don't show up.

"We did have to close down some classes due to low enrollment," said Scott Rice, department chair of the English and comparative literature department. "Once the semester started, we had to cancel five classes."

This can be challenging for some students who need a particular class to graduate. If a required class does not have at least 10 students, the class will probably be canceled, even if it is a class that six or seven students need to graduate, Rice said.

"We're forced into a situation where we're crunching numbers," Rice said. "It doesn't matter if it's a required course for a major, this is just another part of the budget crisis."

Some departments, such as business, education and economics, do not have a problem with low enrollment because the classes are highly enrolled.

"We have the opposite problem in the college of business, most of our classes are more than full," said Nancie Fimbel, associate dean of the college of business. "When we can we try to add sections but it is difficult to hire faculty due to the cost of living and specialized courses."

The humanities department also does not have a problem with low enrollment because they offer many required general education courses.

"Our enrollment is very strong and we didn't have to cancel any

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Davida Ross is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



DAVIDA ROSS

NO *Same-sex unions would undermine the time-tested sanctity of marriage.*

Oh boy, where to start? Here's an issue that everyone has discussed passionately amongst their friends. Same-sex marriage is such a controversial topic, but in the Bay Area it seems there aren't many who would like to keep marriage sacred and as it was intended to be — the union of a man and a woman.

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Homosexual people will always exist, and no doubt they will always want to declare their love and be treated as fairly as their heterosexual counterparts. I'm for the civil union deal. If you choose to be committed to a partner you love of the same sex, declare it in a civil union.

I understand that financial difficulties can arise when people are not legally joined. A civil union would allow same-sex couples to combine finances as well as receive medical and dental insurance benefits.

Even Schwarzenegger is against same-sex marriage on the basis of Proposition 22.

Prop. 22 was passed in 2000 by the people of California for a reason. It was aimed at preventing the state from recognizing same-sex marriage performed in other states. Sept. 6, he announced his plans to veto the measure that would legalize same-sex marriage in California.

The governor has always favored using the will of the people through votes or court actions. Other opponents of same-sex marriage are already collecting signatures to put forth new measures on the 2006 ballot, which will ban same-sex marriage.

It is good to want to pursue fairness and equality, but not to the detriment of our social institutions which are meant to preserve a wholesome and healthy society. When children are raised in a balanced and normal home they will usually thrive as successful and happy adults. It is not really a matter of plain discrimination, but it is about upholding a tradition that has existed, essentially, since the beginning of time.

It's an old saying that the pendulum swings back and forth, and as it went to the far left in the '60s, it is finally swinging slowly back toward the middle. Don't get me wrong, it's great that society has become much more accepting of the homosexual lifestyle, but there are, and should be, boundaries and rules to everything. Let's leave the true meaning of marriage alone.



RACHAEL HAMILTON

Rachael Hamilton is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

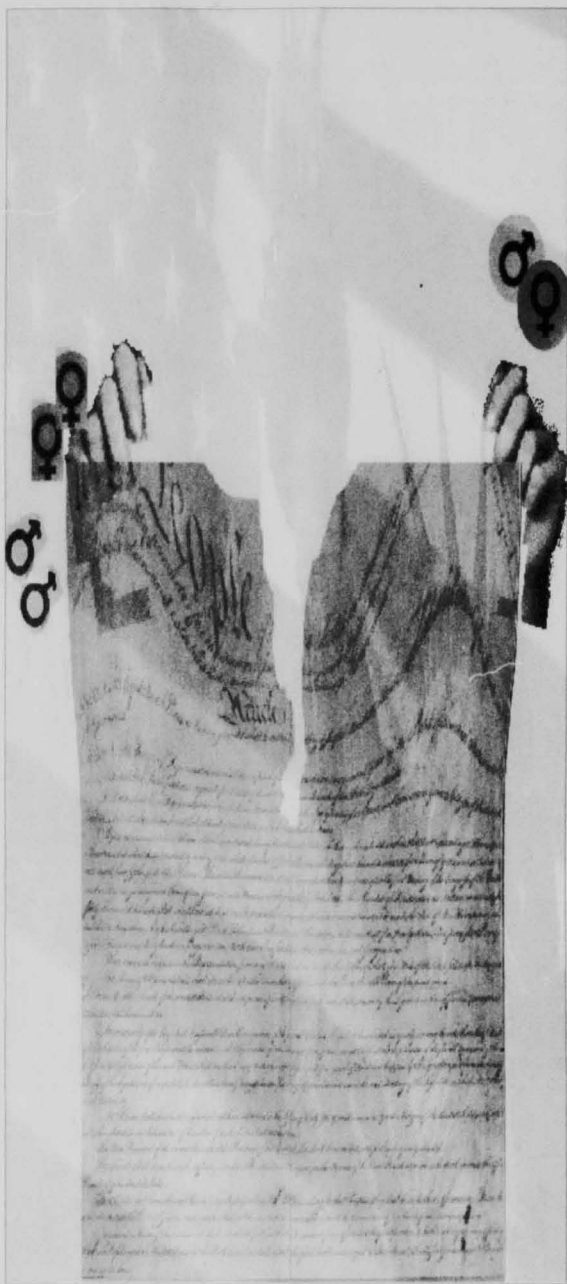


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Yes. This is California. We have a liberal reputation to uphold. To allow it would be a step backward.

Gina Guevara
senior,
hospitality management



"Yes. What difference does it make to straight people. It won't affect my life."

Quentin Jones
junior,
communication



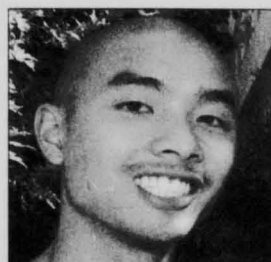
"Yes. Laws should not be based on the Bible. Gays should be given the same rights as heterosexuals."

Annette Montoja
senior,
psychology



"No. Because of religious reasons."

Anthony Taylor
senior,
finance



"No. It's just wrong. Men and women were made to reproduce. Two people of the same sex can't do it."

Gabe Lumagui
freshman,
pre-nursing



"No. What do they want it for? They don't need to use the word marriage."

Sumit Mahawar
senior,
business

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SPARTAN LINE

There's a new solution for problem-plagued SJSU students

The Spartan Daily is launching a new column today called "Spartan Line," which is meant to help you, the students, solve any problem or answer any question you have. Submit your problem or question regarding anything from enrollment and financial aid to renting and employment to the Daily by going online to www.thespartandaily.com and clicking on "Letters." Be sure to include your name, major, year in school and contact information in order to get it answered, but we may be able to withhold your name on request. Letters may be edited for grammar, space and libel.

I need help and I am asking everyone I can think of.
I applied 11 months ago to SJSU. I am a former student returning after a very long time away.
I cannot get anyone in admissions to advise me as to the status of my fall application, even though school has started and I am in grave danger of missing out on this semester and face the fate of going through the application process all over again.
How do I get someone at SJSU to give me an answer as to whether or not I am accepted?
If I am not going to be accepted, I should be told why and given an opportunity to fulfill any lacking requirements for admission.
Please help me get someone's attention at SJSU!
 Karen Harvey,
 prospective student

Karen,
 I spoke with Susan Hoagland, interim director of undergraduate and graduate admissions. She said she received your new application for Spring 2006. She was familiar with your case and called you back Monday after you left her a message. Hoagland told you that if you do not get a letter regarding your application within a week, you should call her back, but she said you are in great shape for admission in Spring 2006.
 "If we can be at all flexible for the students, we'll do it," Hoagland said.
 Hoagland said everyone who applies to SJSU receives a MySJSU user ID and password. The best way to keep up to date with the application process is to log onto the MySJSU portal and click on



JOHN MYERS

"To Dos."

Current and prospective students who lose their user IDs can call 283-7500 to get it again; students who lose their passwords can e-mail csmlhelp@sjsu.edu to get their passwords reset.

I am interested in starting a snowboarding club. What should I do?
 Phil Balmanno,
 senior,
 kinesiology

Phil,
 The registration period for this semester is already well underway, but you have plenty of time to catch the rest of the snowboarding season when the spring semester begins.
 Meredith Moran, interim director of Student Life and Leadership, said the first step is picking up the new student organization registration packet in the Student Life Center. Before diving into the paperwork, Moran suggests potential clubs fill out the one-page petition to organize the snowboard club.
 "That will get you immediate benefits, like a

45-day temporary registration," Moran said.
 Filling out the petition will also allow your fledgling club to reserve a room in the Student Union and begin holding meetings while giving you the entire 45-day period to complete the rest of the paperwork.
 Some of the paperwork includes the club constitution, information for the student organization directory, a club fact sheet and a membership roster.
 Moran said that if any student organization members have questions, they can contact either herself or Anthony Cummings, coordinator for student organization development and special programs.
 Cummings, along with administrative support coordinator Benito Lakandula, will be happy to assist any student organization with the registration or renewal processes.
 Student Life and Leadership can be reached at 924-5950 or online at <http://sa.sjsu.edu/sll/index.jsp>.

John Myers is the Spartan Daily executive editor. "Spartan Line" appears every other Wednesday and will replace "Jebland."

SPARTA GUIDE

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TODAY

Vietnamese Student Association
 A meeting will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Chinh Vu at 821-7444.
School of Art and Design
 There will be an exhibition of student art from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art building and Industrial Studies building. For more information, contact the gallery office at 924-4330.
Socrates Cafe
 There will be a gathering from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, contact A. Nellen at 924-3508.
Campus Reading Program
 There will be a discussion on the book "Nickel and Dimed" from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Campus Village. For more information, contact A. Nellen at 924-3508.
Cultural Heritage Center
 There will be a symposium on race and lynching in America from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the second floor of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. For more information, contact L.H. Paul at 808-2636.
SJSU Study Abroad Office
 There will be an information session at 4 p.m. in the Pacheco room of the Student Union. For more information, e-mail study.abroad@sjsu.edu.
Career Center
 Resume drop-in critique will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Career Center. For more information, 924-6171.
AIAA
 There will be a Hurricane Katrina relief fund and barbecue from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Engineering Quad. For more information contact, Kim Dang at 204-3912.
Art History Association
 There will be a meeting at 12:30 p.m. in room 329 of the Art building. For more information, contact Ami Davis at (831) 566-6982.

THURSDAY

Listening Hour Concert Series
 A jazz group of faculty members will perform from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in room 150 of the Music building. For more information, contact Joann Stubbe at 924-4649.
SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry
 Alpha Omega Student Fellowship will hold a meeting at 8 p.m.
Associated Students Campus Recreation
 Registration ends for group exercise and fitness adventures. For more information, call Dana or Rob at 924-6228.
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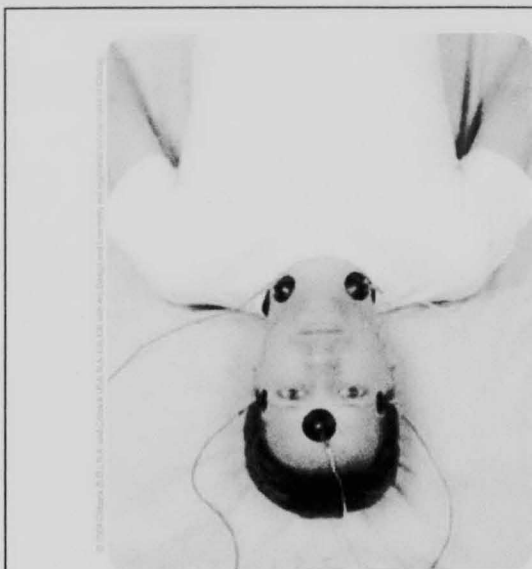
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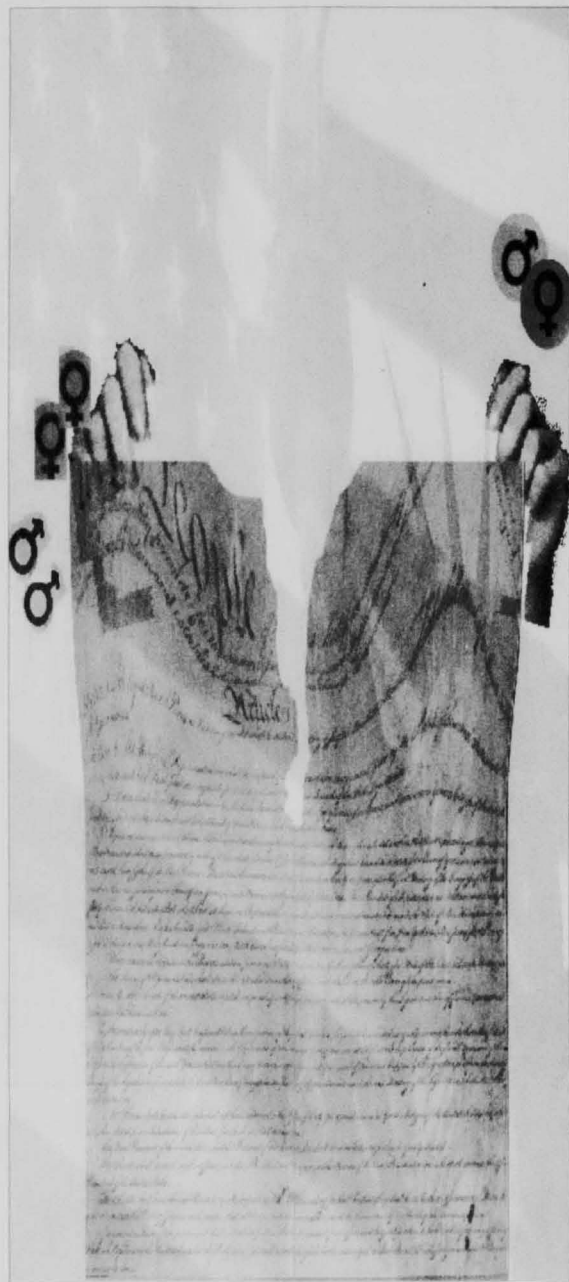


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Homosexual people will always exist, and no doubt they will always want to declare their love and be treated as fairly as their heterosexual counterparts. I'm for the civil union deal. If you choose to be committed to a partner you love of the same sex, declare it in a civil union.

I understand that financial difficulties can arise when people are not legally joined. A civil union would allow same-sex couples to combine finances as well as receive medical and dental insurance benefits.

Even Schwarzenegger is against same-sex marriage on the basis of Proposition 22.

Prop. 22 was passed in 2000 by the people of California for a reason. It was aimed at preventing the state from recognizing same-sex marriage performed in other states. Sept. 6, he announced his plans to veto the measure that would legalize same-sex marriage in California.

The governor has always favored using the will of the people through votes or court actions. Other opponents of same-sex marriage are already collecting signatures to put forth new measures on the 2006 ballot, which will ban same-sex marriage.

It is good to want to pursue fairness and equality, but not to the detriment of our social institutions which are meant to preserve a wholesome and healthy society. When children are raised in a balanced and normal home they will usually thrive as successful and happy adults. It is not really a matter of plain discrimination, but it is about upholding a tradition that has existed, essentially, since the beginning of time.

It's an old saying that the pendulum swings back and forth, and as it went to the far left in the '60s, it is finally swinging slowly back toward the middle. Don't get me wrong, it's great that society has become much more accepting of the homosexual lifestyle, but there are, and should be, boundaries and rules to everything. Let's leave the true meaning of marriage alone.



RACHAEL HAMILTON

Rachael Hamilton is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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Yes. This is California. We have a liberal reputation to uphold. To allow it would be a step backward."

Gina Guevara
senior,
hospitality management



"Yes. What difference does it make to straight people. It won't affect my life."

Quentin Jones
junior,
communication



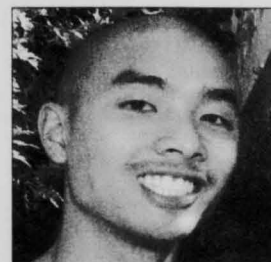
"Yes. Laws should not be based on the Bible. Gays should be given the same rights as heterosexuals."

Annette Montoya
senior,
psychology



"No. Because of religious reasons."

Anthony Taylor
senior,
finance



"No. It's just wrong. Men and women were made to reproduce. Two people of the same sex can't do it."

Gabe Lumagui
freshman,
pre-nursing



"No. What do they want it for? They don't need to use the word marriage."

Sumit Mahawar
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SPARTAN LINE

There's a new solution for problem-plagued SJSU students

The Spartan Daily is launching a new column today called "Spartan Line," which is meant to help you, the students, solve any problem or answer any question you have. Submit your problem or question regarding anything from enrollment and financial aid to renting and employment to the Daily by going online to www.thespartandaily.com and clicking on "Letters." Be sure to include your name, major, year in school and contact information in order to get it answered, but we may be able to withhold your name on request. Letters may be edited for grammar, space and label.

I need help and I am asking everyone I can think of.

I applied 11 months ago to SJSU. I am a former student returning after a very long time away.

I cannot get anyone to advise me as to the status of my fall application, even though school has started and I am in grave danger of missing out on this semester and face the fate of going through the application process all over again.

How do I get someone at SJSU to give me an answer as to whether or not I am accepted?

If I am not going to be accepted, I should be told why and given an opportunity to fulfill any lacking requirements for admission.

Please help me get someone's attention at SJSU!

*Karen Harvey,
prospective student*

Karen,

I spoke with Susan Hoagland, interim director of undergraduate and graduate admissions. She said she received your new application for Spring 2006. She was familiar with your case and called you back Monday after you left her a message. Hoagland told you that if you do not get a letter regarding your application within a week, you should call her back, but she said you are in great shape for admission in Spring 2006.

"If we can be at all flexible for the students, we'll do it," Hoagland said.

Hoagland said everyone who applies to SJSU receives a MySJSU user ID and password. The best way to keep up to date with the application process is to log onto the MySJSU portal and click on

"To Dos."

Current and prospective students who lose their user IDs can call 283-7500 to get it again; students who lose their passwords can e-mail csmlhelp@sjsu.edu to get their passwords reset.



JOHN MYERS

I am interested in starting a snowboarding club. What should I do?

*Phil Balmanno,
senior,
kinesiology*

Phil,

The registration period for this semester is already well underway, but you have plenty of time to catch the rest of the snowboarding season when the spring semester begins.

Meredith Moran, interim director of Student Life and Leadership, said the first step is picking up the new student organization registration packet in the Student Life Center. Before diving into the paperwork, Moran suggests potential clubs fill out the one-page petition to organize the snowboard club.

"That will get you immediate benefits, like a

45-day temporary registration," Moran said.

Filling out the petition will also allow your fledgling club to reserve a room in the Student Union and begin holding meetings while giving you the entire 45-day period to complete the rest of the paperwork.

Some of the paperwork includes the club constitution, information for the student organization directory, a club fact sheet and a membership roster.

Moran said that if any student organization members have questions, they can contact either herself or Anthony Cummings, coordinator for student organization development and special programs.

Cummings, along with administrative support coordinator Benito Lakandula, will be happy to assist any student organization with the registration or renewal processes.

Student Life and Leadership can be reached at 924-5950 or online at <http://sa.sjsu.edu/sll/index.jsp>.

John Myers is the Spartan Daily executive editor. "Spartan Line" appears every other Wednesday and will replace "Jebland."

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TODAY

Vietnamese Student Association

A meeting will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Chinh Vu at 821-7444.

School of Art and Design

There will be an exhibition of student art from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art building and Industrial Studies building. For more information, contact the gallery office at 924-4330.

Socrates Cafe

There will be a gathering from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, contact A. Nellen at 924-3508.

Campus Reading Program

There will be a discussion on the book "Nickel and Dimed" from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Campus Village. For more information, contact A. Nellen at 924-3508.

Cultural Heritage Center

There will be a symposium on race and lynching in America from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the second floor of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. For more information, contact L.H. Paul at 808-2636.

SJSU Study Abroad Office

There will be an information session at 4 p.m. in the Pacheco room of the Student Union. For more information, e-mail study.abroad@sjsu.edu.

Career Center

Resume drop-in critique will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Career Center. For more information, 924-6171.

AIAA

There will be a Hurricane Katrina relief fund and barbecue from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Engineering Quad. For more information contact, Kim Dang at 204-3912.

Art History Association

There will be a meeting at 12:30 p.m. in room 329 of the Art building. For more information, contact Ami Davis at (831) 566-6982.

THURSDAY

Listening Hour Concert Series

A jazz group of faculty members will perform from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in room 150 of the Music building. For more information, contact Joann Stubbe at 924-4649.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

Alpha Omega Student Fellowship will hold a meeting at 8 p.m.

Associated Students Campus Recreation

Registration ends for group exercise and fitness adventures. For more information, call Dana or Rob at 924-6228.

Cultural Heritage Center

A book talk will be held by Humerto Garzq from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in room 225B of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. For more information, contact Jill Paul at 808-2636.

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SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

Mass will be held at 12:10 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry Chapel. For more information, contact Fr. Jose Rubio at 938-1610.

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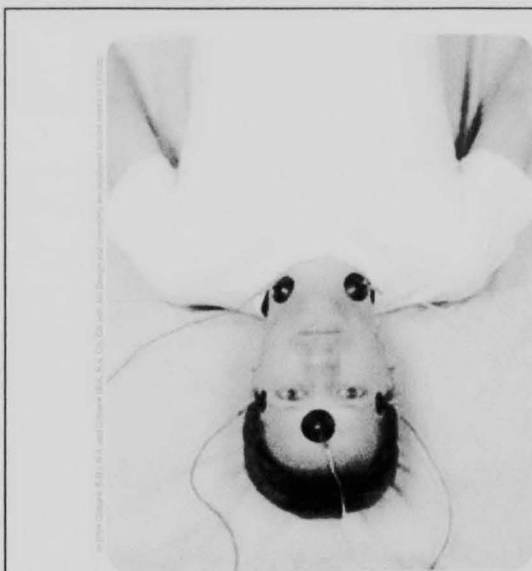
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RADIO - Student organization helps Lockheed Martin contact missing employees in Gulf Coast

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Stackpole's low-powered, 80-meter transceiver radio was built inside a tiny Altoid mint box. Displaying his creation, he set his Altoid radio on the table and opened the lid, unveiling a tiny Morse code key inside. A small, green light flashed as he turned the radio on, and a blacked coiled antenna came out from one end of the box.

"You don't completely get it until you try it," said Stackpole. "That's what ham radio is all about."

According to Stackpole, ham radio consists of a radio trans-

ceiver, which is a transmitter and receiver combined together. The ham operator uses this tool in order to send and receive messages to other ham radio operators.

Transceivers may vary in size from portable hand-held devices such as walkie-talkies to larger, stationary, stereo-like boxes.

Stackpole said computers can also be used to communicate via ham radio. Terminal node controllers, similar to modems, convert computer data into sounds and transmit to ham radio.

"This is beyond cell phone stuff," Stackpole said. "We've talked all across the world — Japan, Australia, Europe. There

are ham radio satellites in orbit, and you can talk through the international space station."

The club encourages people to join the club in order to experience the technical side of amateur radio first-hand. Stackpole said people who learn about technical things don't often get a chance to really try it out and see what it's all about.

"Even if it's not helping you understand it, just to actually see it work makes it so much more exciting and it gives you that drive to learn," Stackpole said. "That's what our club is here for."

People interested in joining the amateur radio club can simply

walk in the room.

"Anyone who is interested can join," Cain said.

The club also participates in public service activities such as Field Day, which is designed to simulate an extended emergency, Orr said.

"You go 24 hours without any

commercial power and try to communicate with people across the country and deliver a special message," he said.

The club aims to educate more people about amateur radio and encourages them to use it as well.

"I've learned more about electronics in general and radio in par-

ticular in the past three years than I've learned in the past 20 just by using it," Orr said.

The club will meet Thursday at SJSU's Engineering building, room 376A at 8 p.m.

For more information, visit their website at <http://w6yl.engr.sjsu.edu/>.

CLASSES - Some cut classes needed by graduating students

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classes," said Chris Jochim, department chair of humanities. "The biggest major in our department is liberal studies which means these students are going into teaching."

Low enrollment in classes is hard on lecturers who are not tenured professors because they can lose a class that they were supposed to teach.

"If a class gets canceled, the lecturer may lose that section or a professor may need to take over another class and need to prepare

for it quickly," said Jonathan Roth, chair of the history department.

When a professor's class is cancelled, he is assigned to teach a class that was going to be taught by a lecturer because professors have priority over lecturers, said Roth.

Classes that are highly enrolled are usually the ones that all students are required to take, such as general education classes.

"The number of students at SJSU are up and need G.E. classes and we have lots of them," said Jochim.

If students are career-driven and are only taking classes that

will help them earn money, such as business and economic classes, language and art classes will suffer low enrollment, said Sabalius.

"The university has to make a fundamental decision to either design curriculum around enrollment or they can take a comprehensive approach where they defend that certain disciplines are important for our society," said Sabalius.

There are many reasons to offer a low-enrolled class, such as it being an experimental class or a class that graduating seniors need to graduate, said Roth.

"The university has to make a fundamental decision to either design curriculum around enrollment or they can take a comprehensive approach where they defend that certain disciplines are important for our society."

— Romey Sabalius, professor

Feinstein disappointed with Roberts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Dianne Feinstein said she was disappointed John Roberts wasn't more forthcoming in discussing abortion, women's rights and other issues during the first day of questioning Tuesday in his Supreme Court nomination hearings.

"I actually felt he made up his mind not to answer my questions, knowing what I might ask," Feinstein, D-Calif., the only woman on the Senate Judiciary Committee, said in a statement after questioning the nominee for her allotted 30 minutes.

"What I was trying to do today is to get a sense of who Judge Roberts is. I'm disappointed that Judge Roberts was not more forthcoming," she said.

Feinstein and the other 17 members of the Judiciary Committee will get another chance Wednesday for more rounds of questioning. During Tuesday's session the nominee to replace Chief Justice William Rehnquist avoided specifics on cases including Roe v. Wade, the case that established the right to abortion.

He said he believed the Constitution contains a right to privacy — the legal concept underpinning the Roe v. Wade decision. But he declined to say whether he thought it extended to abortion,

which many abortion opponents believe it does not.

"The exact scope of it, with respect to the beginning of life and the end of life, those are issues that are coming before the court in both respects, and I don't think that I should go further," Roberts told Feinstein in one typical response.

Feinstein is a moderate, but a strong abortion-rights supporter who has repeatedly said it would be difficult for her to support someone she believes would overturn Roe v. Wade. Tuesday's questioning may not have settled the issue for her.

She asked Roberts what weight he would give to the reliance of generations of women on the right to legal abortion.

"Well, again, I think that's asking me whether I think the decision was correct or not on that point," Roberts said, declining to respond.

Feinstein opened her questioning by reading back to Roberts a series of arguably unflattering comments he'd written about women.

Why did he write as an associate White House counsel that, "Some might question whether encouraging homemakers to become lawyers contributes to the common good?" Feinstein asked.

Why write in response to female lawmakers concerned about the pay gap. "Their slogan may as well be, from each according to his ability, to each according to her gender?"

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East meets West at Hally K Ono Cafe

Relocated restaurant offers patio seating, reasonable prices

BY ILBRA BEITPOLOUS
Daily Staff Writer

Hally K Ono Cafe is a charming little restaurant that recently relocated from First and Taylor Streets to 312 S. Third St., within walking distance of the university.

The privately owned restaurant opened Aug. 15 and has a warm

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and welcoming atmosphere.

The old, Victorian style house has been transformed into a delightful eatery and is located across the street from McDonalds.

The cafe's previous place of business was closed down due to loss of lease, and the space was then taken over by a large chain soon after.

Business owner Florian Sarlos said as soon as she saw the vacancy downtown, she fell in love with the Victorian style building.

"This is the type of place I had in mind from the beginning," she said.

The name is just as interesting as the cuisine. "Hally," is Hawaiian for "come" and "K Ono," is Filipino for "it's delicious."

Sarlos said her menu is a combination of eastern and western style food, infused to create a new and exotic taste.

For instance, Sarlos takes an ordinary salad, adds the ingredients that encompass an oriental salad, then gives the plate a Mediterranean twist with feta cheese.

The restaurant features California cuisine, combining recipe favorites from all over the globe.

Most of the dishes are personal recipes, said Sarlos, so you can rest assured that they are one of a kind.



BEN LIU / DAILY STAFF

Hally K Ono is a newly relocated cafe located on Third Street and San Carlos Street. The cafe's specialty is California cuisine and its foods are made from the different flavors of the world.

Although the cafe is new to the plethora of restaurants near campus, there is truly something unique about Hally K Ono that keeps customers returning for more.

"The cafe is good for people who want healthy food," said Sarlos.

Aledi Saavedra and Roberta Gorman were both regulars at the previous location and have fol-

lowed the business to its new location.

There is patio seating available in front of the restaurant, more elegant and classy table seating in the main room, and a sunroom style alternative seating area where the living room used to be.

The cafe offers breakfast, lunch and dinner. They feature specialty salads, sandwiches, small plates, salad entrees, items fresh from the grill and barbecue.

The lunch menu ranges from \$4 to \$7, while the dinner menu is a mere \$8 to \$15, an extremely affordable price to pay for a meal that tastes like home cooking.

They also offer student discounts for students with their school identification.

"I recommend the southwestern chicken sandwich," said Jande Kyes, a junior at SJSU.

Sarlos also said they are going to be expanding their menu in the near future, beginning with a seafood shrimp wrap.

"It's such a charming place to eat, a lot different than most places around school, really good and healthy food," said SJSU senior Meghan Burke.

The cafe also has Internet access available for its customers, another advantage for students who are out to lunch.

The restaurant has a homey and relaxing environment, with an elaborate coffee or espresso-based drink menu.

There is everything from Affogato, which is espresso with vanilla and hazelnut gelato topped with whip cream, to a basic iced chai latte.

"Between a one and 10, Hally K Ono Cafe is an 11," Saavedra said.

Service boasts instant films

BY DAVIDA ROSS
Daily Staff Writer

Cinema Now, an online library of movies available for rent, has a few new tricks that may give online movie delivery competitors such as Netflix and Blockbuster a run for their money.

In this day and age, people are becoming increasingly lazy, a trait

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that Cinema Now thrives on. First we were too lazy to return our movies on time, so Blockbuster gave us a break on late fees. Then, we were too lazy to even go into the video store, so Netflix sent us our videos in the mail.

It now seems we are not only lazy but impatient, because waiting the two days for our movies to come in the mail just isn't good enough.

Or at least that's what Cinema Now is banking on.

Cinema Now offers feature-length, major-studio motion pictures available for download. Immediate access to new release titles from the comfort of a personal computer? If it sounds a little bit too good to be true, that's because it kind of is.

Cinema Now has its heart in the right place, and one can only applaud its effort to accommodate our laziness. The actual user experience, on the other hand, could use some work.

There are several strong points for the rental service. One advantage is that the content is available immediately, 24 hours a day. So if a customer wakes up at 2:30 a.m. with the insatiable urge to watch "Sin City," he or she can rest assured that Cinema Now has got it covered. Almost.

Cinema Now's most fatal flaw is that the new release section actually consists of movies made available 30 to 60 days after they

come out on home video. So until "Sin City" is available, random Robert Rodriguez cravings will have to settle for a midnight viewing of "Spy Kids 3D."

Cinema Now offers three different membership options.

"One option is a monthly subscription," said Sara Campbell, spokeswoman for Cinema Now. "With this membership, users can download as many (movie) titles as they want each month."

Campbell said the other membership options are pay-per-view downloads, and download-to-own.

Cinema Now's pay-per-view option seems the most impressive. Each movie rented this way is available for viewing over a 24-hour time period. The upside to this method is that the 24 hours don't start until the user presses the play button.

"Many customers will download movies on a pay-per-view basis, then watch them days later," Campbell said. "It's great for road trips or movies on the go."

Once the movie has been downloaded, viewing options are a bit shaky. Although the download time is a fast five minutes, if you're operating with the required Windows 2000 or better, with Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher, and the 1500kbps picture quality is crystal clear, there is still one problem.

Getting the movie from your computer to the television is harder than it seems. An S-video cable must run from the computer to the television, via an S-video output which only some computers have. These cables, which are available at stores like Radio Shack or Best Buy for around \$30, kind of take the laziness appeal out of the equation.

Cinema Now is a good idea because it provides a legal alternative to downloading movies online with instant access to great picture quality. But if the company's goal is convenience, there are still a few minor kinks to be worked out.

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