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Student reality show wraps up with final contest

Students awarded scholarship money for winning competition

Participants stand up to condom challenges

Olympics meant to promote proper use of contraceptive

BY PATRICIA IBARRA

About 23 students were greeted by a large inflatable smiling penis as they walked into the Dining Commons on Friday night to participate in the Condom Olympics

The Condom Olympics were set up by members of the Peer Health Education Program to promote safe

The group wanted to do something that would be fun and interesting for students to participate in," said Jeannette Truong, a junior majoring in biochemistry and a peer health educator. "We wanted to help students understand why condoms are the best thing to

Students were given condom leis as they walked into the event. The leis were either blue, red, green, yellow or purple.

Stephanie Valencia, a junior majoring in nursing and a peer health educator, said students aren't allowed to choose their color condom lei. It is supposed to be random so there aren't too many of one color.

The leis were used to separate students into different groups so they could participate in the activities in

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Justice studies major was always ready to hit the dance floor

Bounprakob received real estate license just like older sister

BY CHRISTINA YOUNG

Phetsamone "Birdy" Bounprakob loved dancing and singing and never missed an episode of "Laguna Beach," a reality show on MTV, said Linda Xaythavone, a family friend who grew up with Bounprakob.

"There's always karaoke night and she was a mica-holic," Xaythavone said. "We went dancing at every club you could think of in the Bay Area

Bounprakob died in a car accident that resulted in two deaths on Nov. 13.

A burial service was held for 22-year-old Bounprakob at Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland on Saturday

Bounprakob was majoring in criminal justice studies at SJSU and took the Fall 2005 semester off to work, Xaythayone said.

'She'll be remembered for her kindness, dedication.

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Kimb Massey, host of San Jose State University student produced reality show "Making it Right," presents the winning team with a check worth a semester's worth of tuition Friday. The winning team produced a curriculum for high school students designed to teach them about consumerism, commercialism and

BY CHRISTINA YOUNG

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student

The winners of "Making it Right: Saving the World one Episode at a Time" each received a check for more than \$1,600 in scholarship money during the reality show's final taping Friday afternoon.

For the final challenge between the two remaining teams — two of the original four teams were eliminated in previous challenges — Innovative Solutions for Society and their opponents, the Social Soldiers, had to create a five-day curriculum for high school students about consum-

The show was directed by award-winning friends and documentary filmmaker and San Jose State University sociology professor Bob Gliner and was produced by SJSU faculty and stu-

> "This is very exciting and it really helps," said Renee Patton, a senior majoring in sociology who was part of the winning team, Innovative Solutions for Society. "I'm a single mom and making ends meet can be rather

challenging sometimes.' After each team presented its curriculum before three judges and a studio au dience, the judges unanimously agreed that Innovative Solutions for Society had created the best curriculum.

"In as much as I completely disagreed with the choices that were made last episode, I thought, if I was voting (this time) I would have voted the same way," said Kimberly Massey, the show's host and a television, radio, film and theatre professor.

of Society was creative in engaging their students in lessons on credit card debt, advertising and economics, said judge Gloria Hom, former head of the Republican Party of the Silicon Valley and retired

economics professor. The group kept things moving," said Gliner, who was also on the panel. "High schoolers get rest-

less easily. They had interactive lesson plans and their ideas were more concrete.' Phaedre Ellis-Lamkins, executive officer of the South Bay Labor Council, an organization that aims to provide support to local union members and their fami-

lies, was also a judge Innovative Solutions for Society began its curriculum by diagnosing its students with "affluenza," a made-up disease that plagues its victims with "over-consuming for the wrong reasons." The team also used fake money and game show quizzes

Nathaniel Montgomery, a junior majoring in photography and a member of the Social Soldiers, said being on the show was rewarding

'I met a lot of new friends and grew a lot as a person," Montgomery said. "I feel fine with the outcome. We had two really good teams, and in the end, it came down to one choice over the other.

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Break-dancing fundraiser brings Bay Area crews from to San Jose community center

BY ERIN CABALLERO

A hip-hop show was held at the Gardner Community Center on Saturday to raise funds for free break-dancing classes taught at the center at 520 Virginia St.

The fundraiser, titled "Reckonship," featured break-dancing crews from all over the Bay Area, such as the East Bay Mafia of Pittsburg and Transitions from the Central

"It's just balance and flexibility — we do what we feel," said Transitions break-dancer

Jermaine Tregle. Tregle did a routine with his crew to the Jackson Five song "Life of the Party." A dance major at Delta College in San Joaquin, Tregle, 23, has been dancing for about 12

years and said that the most common injuries happen from bending or twisting the wrong way. "Stretching is recommended," he said, while stretching and taking a break with the rest of the Transitions crew.

The community center's walls pulsated with the sound and heat from dancers and spectators dressed in their bandannas, Nor-Cal hoodies and best dancing sneakers. Many spectators were filming the performances on cell phones and video cameras.

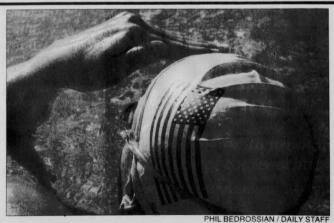
Gardner Community Center volunteer Bobby Nguyen coordinated the event, which was put on to raise funds for the breakdancing class he teaches at the center every Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. The money, Nguyen said, will buy everything needed, from new CDs to clothes and proBobby — we need people like him," said Tony Torres, director of the community center for the past eight years. "There isn't a lot for the youth ages 16 to 21 to do — all of downtown San Jose is clubs and things for

Not all of the dancers were competing some of them were there just to show their usual gravity-defying footwork.

Seven-year-old Dylan was practicing a move in which he spun and balanced the entire weight of his body on one wrist.

"He's been doing it for a couple of months," said Los Gatos mom Judy Nelson.

She said that both of her sons, the old-er being 15, love to break dance and that there's no shortage of musical variety in her home for the kids.



Deep blue ...

Kate Hooven, a student at Las Positas Community College in Livermore, shields the autumn sun from her eyes during the Santa Clara Aqua Maids' synchronized swim practice on Wednesday at the Aquatic Center. Currently, the Aqua Maids are undergoing team trials, which are a stepping stone to the Olympic trials.

OPINION =

SLEEPWALKING TO SANITY

MySpace provides glimpse into the mind of accused killer

Nov. 14 on suspicion of murdering the parents of his girlfriend, 14-year-old Kara Borden, I am sure the last thing going through his mind was his MySpace ac count. To analyze whether Borden was an accomplice to Ludwig's act, evidence has since been seized from their cell phones, digital assistants, computers and MySpace and Xanga accounts. When the news story ran on CNN Monday evening, they showed screenshots of both Borden and Ludwig's accounts.

Out of my journalistic curiosity and as an outraged citizen, I logged on to MySpace and searched ... and searched ... and searched.

MySpace is a Los Angeles-based networking site that claims more than 37 million members. In two years, MySpace has "surpassed eBay, AOL and Google to become the third-ranked Web domain in terms of page views," according to comScore Media Metrix(a). MySpace had more than 11.5 billion pages viewed last month alone and continues to grow by an average of 150,000 new members daily.

The first site I found was Borden's MySpace, but

When 18-year-old David Ludwig was arrested the site itself had been set to private, only allowing access by friends or subscribers. Though I did not know this was a choice that she made, I soon found out

that it was probably Borden. While it took a little more searching, I eventually came across Ludwig's account.

Sitting there reading his movie interests and blog entries, I realized that there were probably thousands around the world logging onto his profile, just as I had.

The site's impact on users is undeniable, and it's been exciting to watch MySpace's cultural impact on our users' lives," said Tom Anderson, president of MySpace.com.

The impact has opened up a new slew SHANNON BARRY of options for concerned citizens, authority figures and journalists alike.

Since my first viewing of Ludwig's MySpace, a few things have changed. All of his friends, except for the beloved Tom, have been erased, and Borden's Xanga account has been completely deleted.

In my mind, this is censorship in the worst way

Since the double homicide a week ago, 18,477 comments have been left on Ludwig's blogs. This means that people are not only concerned, but have finally found an outlet to vent and grieve

their frustrations.

Ludwig's blogs have enabled viewers to respond to this inhumane act, but reaching a predominantly 16-to 34-year-old crowd, many of the comments were not only unethical, but downright disrespectful.

But the American public deserves the right to react and respond, and that is exactly what Ludwig's MySpace account has enabled them to do.

Because Borden's Xanga account was deleted and her MySpace set to private, the public is only getting a one-sided pic-

ture of the story On the day of the murders, she was by Ludwig's side, and while many debate if she was in on the murder, evidence has since been recovered. Detective Christopher Erb, a computer expert,

has found nearly 400 pieces of possible evidence, Edward Tobin of the Warwick Township Police Department wrote in the court affidavit. David Ludwig's attorneys said that videotape from surveillance cameras shows that the suspect did not kidnap Borden.

An 18-minute video recovered from a laptop computer in Ludwig's house shows him discussing the use of weapons to "shoot and kill family members inside of the residence," court documents said, but the house targeted were not the Bordens'.

Whether or not Borden was an accomplice to the murder in any way is not known, but the point remains clear and simple: The people deserve the right

So, as MySpace and other Web sites like it begin to open new doors. I wonder if the media will continue to find new ways to leave the public in the dark.

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MONDAY

Adapted Physical Activity Club

There will be a disability sports exposition from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Event Center Sports Club. For more information, contact Nancy Megginson at 924-3014.

Career Center

Resume Critique Drop-in will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Career Center. For more information, contact Marisa Staker at 924-6171.

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. Pride of Pacific Islands Club

There will be dance lessons from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in room 89 of the Spartan Complex.

There will be a Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Jason Fithian at 795-3804.

Hip-Hop Congress

There will be a general meeting from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the Pacheco room of the Student Union. For more information, contact 386-5073.

SJSU Women's Rugby Club

There will be practice from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on 10th and Alma streets. For more information, contact Melody Ocampo at (530) 574-0575. Career Center

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Peer Health Education / Prevention Program There will be a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Loma Prieta room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Che Angkham at 924-6204

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WEDNESDAY

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. 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.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Red Cross discriminates against gay men

I am angry that the Red Cross banned me forever from donating my life saving blood due to my sexual orientation. Although on one hand, I can understand the importance of screening candidates who are in risk of exhibiting blood borne pathogens. On the second hand, I am angry by the fact that promiscuous heterosexuals are just temporarily banned, while a gay man is banned for a lifetime, even if that gay man tested negative for HIV and AIDS.

While Red Cross' protocol may have been the most practical way to minimize the risk of AIDS back in 1985, this rule is now archaic and counterproductive. We all know that both homosexuals and heterosexuals who have promiscuous sex and do not use condoms and dental dams are equally at risk of catching Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

The Red Cross has the necessary tools to screen

HIV and AIDS from donated blood that they did not have when AIDS was a new epidemic back in the 1980s. Now that they have the necessary technology to detect HIV antibodies, banning gay men from donating blood is unacceptable. Had they barred all Black people from donating blood for the sole reason that they are a high risk group for AIDS, they would have dropped that rule ASAP before the world come crashing down their heads.

Hey Red Cross - I tested negative recently. You need blood. Graciously take my pure blood and allow me to do my act of kindness!

Enrique Ramirez.

SLUMBER PARTY

Children benefit from living with both mother and father

Being raised in a single-parent home has been anything but easy. I don't mean to draw attention to the hardships in my life, but rather to shine light on an extremely relevant issue that is affecting the lives of children every day.

In short, children deserve to be raised by a mother and a father — anything other than this isn't fair to the child.

Before I go any further, however, I realize that there are several circumstances in which this is not an option - where separation from a spouse is inevitable because of safety reasons, death, lack of responsibility or few other serious situations

For those parents who have struggled through difficult relationships and conditions with their spouses and, as a result, have raised their children alone, I

Now, I digress to give you a personal example to show my understanding for difficult situations that can result in a single-parent home

I have been witness to my mother's struggle through two marriages to my biological father and one to my brother's father.

During these marriages, both my brother and I have seen our mom be physically abused by men not worthy of the title "Dad." In addition, we have all been victims of emotional and verbal abuse at the hands of alcoholics.

Because neither of these men took CHRISTINE GLARROW pletely independent on the responsibilities associated with that of a true husband and father, my mother took it upon herself to be the best single par-

ent she possibly could. Being a single parent means wearing many hats In addition to being a mother my mom has had to be a father, a coach, a teacher, a counselor, a mentor, a chaperone, a leader, a financial provider, a mediator, our Santa, the tooth fairy and so much more. She's had to cook, clean and pay every bill; help us with homework; school projects; and attend swim meets, band performances and parent-teacher conferences.

And all of this was done with a selfless heart, full of unconditional love.

Being witness to such an amazing parent, I can fully sympathize with parents who have had no choice but to raise their children on their own.

But such a circumstance is often not the case Instead, children lack a mother and / or a father for various other reasons. For some, it's the result of a marriage not taken seriously and resulting in

According to National Vital Statistics Reports. there were more than 800,000 divorces in the United States in 2003, and that's not including divorces in California, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana and Oklahoma, which would likely put the number at or over a million.

According to childtrendsdatabank.org, whether Monday

both the mother and the father are playing a role in the child's life is vital to their growth and well-being of a child.

'Research also shows that children whose parents are divorced have lower academic performance, social achievement, and psychological adjustment than do children with married parents," the site stated. Unfortunately, the number of minors living with

married parents decreased from 85 percent in 1970 to 68 percent in 2004. Conversely, the percentage of minors living with single mothers has increased 12 percent from 1997 to 2004.

For others, children are born out of wedlock. Statistics show that unmarried women are giving birth at more than 6 times the rate that they were 40

In 2003, more than 25 percent of births of women between the ages of 25 and 29 and more than 50 percent of births of woman between the ages of 20 and

24 were that of unmarried women, accord-

ing to childtrendsdatabank.org And, as society demands more of people financially and professionally, a greater

number of parents are working longer hours, resulting in the hiring of nannies, an inadequate replacement. Then there are other, more controversial

reasons for single parents, such as women who choose to become pregnant via in vitro, in their attempt to remain "com-

And in many of the above circumstances some may argue that the dynamics of the child's family aren't so important, as long as the child is receiving one thing — love.

However, I would argue that while love is a re-

quirement first and foremost, a well-rounded upbringing runs a close second.

Living without a male role model in life has its negative and long lasting effects, as does being raised without a mother. Both the mother and the father have many unique

and personal traits, characteristics, opinions, experiences and views to offer to their child. Girls need a father at father-daughter dances and

to meet boys on first dates. Boys need fathers to take them camping and yell at their football coaches when the son doesn't get enough playing time. Girls need mothers to help them try on prom

dresses and talk about hormones. Boys need moms to rub their backs at night and to get them out of

All-in-all, nothing can compare to a child being raised in household with the love and care of a mother and a father, as it is the best way to provide them with the best chance at a full and wonderful life

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SPORTS-

Football team knocks off New Mexico State

Running back Yonus Davis tops 100-yard mark in second straight game

BY JIMMY DURKIN

At long last, the San Jose State University football team can finally celebrate a victory after it knocked off New Mexico State University 27-10 on Saturday in front of 6,985 people at Spartan Stadium.

> **SPARTANS 27** 10

The Spartans (1-6, Western Athletic Conference, 2-8 overall) snapped an eightgame overall losing streak, a 12-game Western Athletic Conference losing streak and a streak of 15 straight losses to Division I-A competition. SJSU's only other win this season came against I-AA Eastern Washington in the Sept. 3 season-opener.

"We are thrilled to death to win, particularly for our seniors, who have worked so hard and been such a tremendous force in leadership with our football team," coach Dick Tomey

The loss was the 12th straight for the Aggies (0-7, 0-11) dating back to last season, tying them with Temple University for the longest streak in the nation.

"It was a winnable game, but you have to give it to coach Tomey because it was a win-nable game for them, too," NMSU coach Hal Mumme said. "They did a good job coaching and I didn't.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Spartans got on the board in the first minute of the

Sophomore quarterback Adam Tafralis completed a 29-yard pass to senior tight end Bryan Watje and tailback Yonus Davis ran the ball in from six yards out on the next play for a 7-0

Davis topped the 100-yard mark for the second straight game with 150 yards on 16 carries and produced a career-high in rushing for the

fourth straight game.
"He keeps drives going. For a little guy, he gets a lot of push," Tafralis said of the 5-foot-7, 170-pound sophomore.

"Our coach has been saying that we're going to keep running the ball down their throats, Davis added. "Our offensive linemen have been working hard every day and getting bet-

SJSU squandered a chance to add to its lead on its next drive. Facing a fourth-and-2 from the NMSU 14-yard line, the Spartans elected to go for it and Davis took a pitch and raced 14 vards for the touchdown. But senior receiver Rufus Skillern was called

kicker Jared Strubeck missed a 35-yard field Strubeck redeemed himself when he connected on a 22-yard field goal with 2:18 left in the second quarter before the Aggies found

for holding to negate the score and freshman

their way on the board on the ensuing drive. NMSU went 67 yards in 12 plays to set up 25-yard field goal by freshman kicker Conor

Foley to make it 10-3 going into halftime.

In the second half, the Spartans struck quickly. On their second play from scrimmage. Davis took a handoff and bounced outside, got some key downfield blocks and tip-toed down the sideline on his way to a 84-yard touchdown run to give SJSU a 17-3 lead.

The burst tied Davis for the seventh-longest run in Spartan history, matching Frank Slaton's 84-yarder against New Mexico in 1968.

Yonus is just making some people miss and making plays," Tomey said. "His 84-yard run was a tremendous run.

Strubeck added a 20-yard field with 1:13 left in the third quarter to give SJSU a 20-3 lead, and senior cornerback Trestin George iced the game when he intercepted NMSU's Joey Vincent and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown and a 27-3 lead with 1:46 left in the

A late charge netted the Aggies their only touchdown when Vincent completed a 46-yard pass to sophomore receiver Nick Cleaver to reach the Spartans' 1-yard line and then found Cleaver again on the next play for the touch-down with 50 seconds left.

NMSU recovered its ensuing onside kick, but SJSU freshman cornerback Christopher Owens intercepted Vincent at the Spartans' 2-yard line with seven seconds left to end it.

Tafralis finished the game an efficient 20-of-34 passing for 222 yards and no interceptions. Skillern and senior receiver John Broussard each had six catches while senior tight end Bryan Watje led the team with 79 yards on four

NMSU's senior receiver Paul Dombrowski broke a school record and an SJSU opponent record with 16 catches. Royal Gill, the Aggies starting quarterback, and Vincent combined to complete 40-of-64 passing for 336 yards and a touchdown with two interceptions, but the team was held to 10 yards rushing on 17 carries.

The Spartans wrap up the season Saturday at 3 p.m. at Spartan Stadium when they host the University of Idaho.

SJSU sports news briefs

Volleyball

The San Jose State University volleyball team split a pair of matches over the weekend. The Spartans defeated Boise State 28-30, 30-27, 30-18, 30-21 on Thursday.

PARTAN **ROUND UP**

Three Spartan hitters hit 10 or more kills in the victory.

Outside hitters Jennifer Senftleben and Kristina Conrad both had 17 kills apiece. Middle blocker Colleen Burke led all hitters with 20 kills. Nia Freeman posted a career-high three solo blocks

On Saturday, SJSU fell to the University of Idaho 23-30, 29-31, 30-22, 34-32, 15-13.

Niki Clement posted a doubledouble, recording 25 kills and 17 digs in the loss and junior libero Jessie Shull recorded 39 digs, the second highest total for a Spartan player in a single match. The record is 42, which Shull recorded in a Nov. 3, 2004 game against Fresno

The Spartans, 12-16 overall and 7-9 in the Western Athletic Conference, will go into the tour-

They will face third-seeded New Mexico State.

Men's soccer

Ten Spartans were named to all-conference teams, the most in school history, in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, as announced Thursday.

Forward Nelson Diaz was named to the first team. Ismael Ibarra and Johnny Gonzalez were both named to the second team of the all-MPSF squad. Ibarra was also named Co-Newcomer of the Year.

Rounding out the list as all-MPSF honorable mentions Dylan Pender, Gavin Wenyon, Ed Brand, Dan Oka, Diego Soto and goalkeeper Richard Mann.

Men's basketball

Forward Demetrius Brown scored 23 points as the Spartan men's basketball team defeated Cal Poly 72-57 on Sunday.

Center Matt Misko and reserve center Menelik Barbary chipped in with 14 points in the victory

Brown scored seven of the first 11 points of the game

The Spartans host the University of San Diego in their home opener at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Event Center.

Three Aggies tossed after on-field scuffle breaks out

BY JIMMY DURKIN

On the one-year anniversary of the famed "Malice at the Palace," when an on-court brawl between the NBA's Indiana Pacers and Detroit Pistons escalated into the stands and eventually resulted in the suspensions of nine players, the San Jose State University football team found itself in an on-field scuffle with players from New Mexico State University

Late in the second quarter, the Aggies' junior quarterback Royal Gill completed a pass to sophomore running back Justine Buries and he was tackled out of bounds for a 2-yard gain to reach the Spartans' 13-yard

After the play, SJSU senior defensive end Justin James found himself at the bottom of a pile.

'He was pinned on the ground by two of the offensive lineman," Spartan senior linebacker Eric Wilson said. "We were just trying to get

Eventually, some punches were thrown and three penalty flags went flying before officials finally restored order. After the officials conferred, three Aggie offensive linemen - sophomore Alex Gottlieb, senior Nick Cole and junior Kyle Smith - were all ejected, while the Spartans came out unscathed.

'That was really big for us," James said. "Coach Tomey was pleased because he's been stressing the fact all year that teams that want to win do not retaliate when things go bad.

That was good that we were able to get that done. Basically, we had two teams that were both frustrated, both lost a lot of games, both playing hard and a scuffle broke out," he added.

Tomey looked at the scenario as the turning point in the game. The ensuing 15-yard personal foul that resulted from the fight pushed NMSU back to the SJSU 28-yard line. A false start penalty gave the Aggies a fourth-and-25 from the 33 and a Gill pass fell incomplete to turn the ball back over to the Spartans.

The greatest thing that our guys did was in the first half, when they were threatening to score and they had that great field position, and a beef started on the field, our guys did not retaliate one time," Tomey

"We have talked about that ever since I got here that we are in it to win it and we are not in it to be macho or hit somebody late or hit somebody out of bounds. And that really exemplified that mindset," he

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NMSU coach Hal Mumme chose not to comment on the situation until he could further review it.

I'll have to look at the film," he said.

The ejections left the Aggies without four of their starting offensive linemen - freshman center Ray Zielinski left the game early in the sec ond quarter with a broken left arm and did not return.

We only had five offensive lineman to play the whole game with and a couple of them hadn't even played this season." Mumme said



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Spartan ice hockey club sweeps Buffaloes in weekend series



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San Jose State University defenseman Ian Fazzi knocks a University of Colorado player to the ice during the Spartans' 5-0 victory on Saturday. Fazzi is quickly becoming a well-known hitter with his unique and fan favorite "hipper." The "hipper" is a form of hip-check that sends opposing players flying through the The SJSU hockey team is 15-0-1 this season, its best start in club history

BY ILBRA BEITPOLOUS

The San Jose State University ice hockey club picked up two victories this past weekend against the University of Colorado.

The game started out slow on Friday, with the first goal by the

Just as the first period was coming to an end, with the Buffaloes in the lead, Spartan forward Jon King scored SJSU's first goal of the night with only 13 seconds left in the period.

The game was 1-1 until Spartan forward Kelly Spain scored right after his penalty time was over.

Spain went straight from the penalty box to the Buffaloes goal to make the score.

The stands were filled with hockey fans, and people were standing shoulder to shoulder around the glass.

forward Scarbrough scored the third goal of the game with 6:36 left in the second period.

As the game went on, SJSU kept its cool as the Buffaloes became more aggressive and wound up taking a lot of penalties for slash ing, holding and unsportsmanlike

The Spartans were up 3-1 when the Buffaloes pulled their goalie, adding another player on the ice, as a desperate last attempt to score.

"Overall we played a great game, I know we can play better but I think everyone was serious about their jobs as part of a collective effort," said Spartan defenseman Paul Fuller.

With the Buffaloes' wide open, Spartan center Adam Dekeyral scored the final goal of the night clear across the ice from SJSU's zone.

The Spartans whipped the Buffaloes 4-1.

Saturday

The Spartans came out strong from the second they hit the ice until the last minute of the game with yet another victory against the Buffaloes on Saturday, Fuller said.

'We knew what to expect from Colorado after Friday night's game,

so we took it to them," Fuller said. Spartan center Alex Redmond scored the first goal of the game

with 5:24 left in the first period. Spartan goalie Ryan Lowe played yet another perfect game, recording his second shutout this

"The team really pulled together and played aggressively," Lowe said of his team's win.

Everyone was doing their job

with lots of energy.' With a player in the penalty box from each team, Dekeyral scored the second goal of the game and the first of two goals in the night.

"Everyone was on top of their game and Lowe played an amazing game," said Spartan forward Skyler Yu.

Just seconds later, Spain scored another goal on the Buffaloes, giving SJSU a 3-0 lead.

SJSU kept the pressure on their opponents with lots of intensity and constant shots on their goalie, who they continued switching throughout the night, Yu said.

But it seemed the Buffaloes goalie wasn't the problem, it was the Spartans' skill and team play that dominated the game, he said.

Just two minutes apart from each other, Dekeyral and Spain scored the final goals of the night, capping the game 5-0.

There's a lot of talk about how we are not worthy of No.1 and a lot of doubt, but we really proved our-selves this weekend," Scarbrough

Women's basketball team upsets visiting Gonzaga

Spartans shoot 75 percent from the free-throw line; Imaku hits clutch 3-pointers

BY SOPHIA SEREMETIS

A long week of defensive drills at practice earned the San Jose State University women's basketball team its first win of the regular season against Gonzaga University



The 69-61 win against the Bulldogs, who won 28 games last season and went undefeated in the West Coast Conference, is one of the most important wins in coach Janice Richard's six-year career at

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"It ranks probably the top, to be honest," Richard said.

"We've played some good teams, and we've had quite a few wins over the last few years, Richard added. "But this is probably the best win we've had in this basketball program.

forward Lamisha Augustine agreed that the victory was a major success

She pointed out that Gonzaga received two votes in the ESPN/USA Today preseason coaches' poll.

"I'm not trying to take any praises away from Gonzaga, but I think we stepped up tonight," Augustine

It was almost hard to believe that it was the same team that less than a week before suffered a dis-

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appointing 83-78 loss in an exhibition game against the Bay Area, a team made up of former California

college players.
The Gonzaga defense proved no match for forward Amber Jackson, who totaled 26 points and 12 rebounds for the Spartans.

Jackson, who was ranked second in the nation in shooting per-centage last season with 65.9 percent, shot 73.3 percent against the

Augustine also put up her second double-double in as many

She got 10 boards and scored 13 points, including a three-pointer from the top of the key in the first The Spartans finished strong in

the first half (35-28) against the

much taller Bulldogs, drawing the foul 11 times and shooting 75 percent (9-12) from the freethrow line. Guard Brittany Imaku, a junior college transfer student from Cypress College, proved her worth to the Spartans in the sec-

ond half, where she saw 15 minutes of action. Imaku was 2-for-2 from behind the three-point arc, and both were crucial baskets for SJSU

when they needed it most. At the 5:11 mark, when the Spartans trailed 58-54, Imaku said the feeling on the floor had

"It was kind of like they had the momentum, but we had a

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timeout and we just got together and worked it out and went on that big run," she said.

Imaku's second three-pointer at 3:42 kicked off the Spartans' final 15-3 push for victory

Imaku said with the Bulldogs double-teaming Jackson and Augustine on the verge of fouling out, she knew she had to rise to the

challenge.
"She's such a spark plug," Richard said of Imaku. "I thought our bench played extremely well tonight.

Imaku said the Spartans will continue to work on the same things in practice that they've been working on since their loss to the Bay Area Pro-Am.

"Defense," Imaku said. "We gave up too many second chance rebounds to them.'

The Bulldogs out-rebounded the Spartans 40-35 and scored 14 points on offensive rebounds.

The Spartans face CSU Northridge tonight at 7 p.m. in Northridge California.

The Matadors (0-1) just dropped their first game to Brigham Young University, 76-59.

Did You Know?

The 18 wins the Spartans compiled in the 2004-05 season was the most since 1983, a team that went 17-9.

Source: Spartan media guide

Airborne ...



Alise Blackwell, a freshman on the women's gymnastics team, practices in room 218 of Spartan Complex on Thursday. The team begins its season at Cal State Fullerton on Jan. 8.

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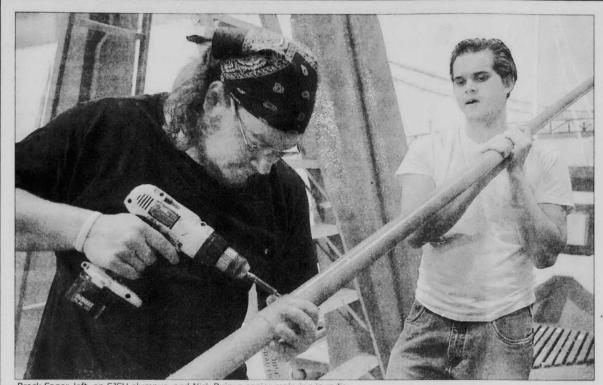
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NEWS



Brock Sager, left, an SJSU alumnus, and Nick Ruiz, a senior majoring in radio, televison, and film, work together to prepare a model of the Golden Gate Bridge that was rented by the SF Bay Area Salsa Congress for its annual dance convention held this weekend at the Oakland Marriot City Convention Center.

Constructing world ...

Photos by Ben Liu / Daily Staff

John York, scene shop manager for the San Jose State University theatre department, and Jennie Yeung, a graduate student studying theatre arts, work together to paint a background set that that will be used by the SF Bay Area Salsa Congress for its annual dance competition that will be held Nov. 17 through Nov. 20 at the Oakland Marriot City Convention Center.



Kassing's office to close for 15 days during winter break

Daily staff report

The office of San Jose State University President Don Kassing will be temporarily moved because of the Tower Hall renovation, according to a press release from the Office of the President.

Kassing's temporary office will be in the Administration building, room 205, through the

spring semester. From Dec. 21 to Jan. 4, the Office of President will not have e-mail or telephones, and it will not be able to accommodate visitors until normal office operations resume, the release





Six wounded in mall shooting

gunman opened fire inside a busy shopping mall Sunday, wounding at least six people and taking three others hostage in a music before he surrendered to a SWAT team, authorities said.

Witnesses described seeing a clean-cut man walking backward through the mall, firing a rifle. At least six people were injured, one critically, as shoppers and store clerks scrambled for cover.

Tacoma police spokesman Mark Fulghum said the suspect was 20 and lived in Tacoma, but he had no other details or possible motives.

The gunman came out of the Sam Goody music store without a gun and surrendered to the SWAT team, Fulghum said. He said police were interviewing the victims and the three hostages — two men Authorities said they began getting calls about 12:15 p.m. that shots had been fired inside the

happened during the nearly four hours he was inside.

While the suspect was in the music store, employee Joe Hudson was able to pick up a phone call from The Associated Press and say he and others had been taken hostage. He said little more but could be heard telling others that he was talking to the AP.

Susan Serveau said she also called her daughter, Kathy Riggans, 24, a manager at Sam Goody, as soon as she heard about the shooting.

She was upset and scared. She was crying," Serveau said, standing in a parking lot near the mall. "All she would say was that she was OK.

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) - A and a woman - to determine what Tacoma Mall. The first caller said a gunman "was in the mall, walking along, firing," Fulghum said.

State Patrol and police units from nearby agencies clustered around an entrance at the south end.

Inside, Stacy Wilson, 29, of Bonney Lake, heard a popping noise and turned around.

"I saw the gunman randomly shooting. I ran with a group of women to Victoria's Secret," Wilson said. She said they crouched behind a wall in the store, and when the shooting stopped, an employee ran out and closed a security gate at the front.

Wilson said she heard 15 to 20

"He was walking backward and shooting. I couldn't see his face,' she said. "Everyone was running

OLYMPICS - About 23 participate

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groups of two. Students participating in the activities were trying to earn as many points as they could by being the first person to finish the activity successfully in each round.

Eaton Hsu, a junior majoring in electrical engineering, said, "I didn't even know that the event was taking place until I walked by and saw the sign."

"I had nothing to do so I came in," Hsu said.

Valencia said each activity is supposed to take about five min-

Various activities aimed to teach participants facts about safe sex.

Students participating in "x marks the g-spot" flicked condoms at a target at the wall trying to hit the bull's-eye.

According to the peer health

educators, it is estimated that 5 billion condoms are used every year worldwide.

"I think that it is something interesting," said Amanda Lam, a sophomore majoring in marketing and finance. "It's a good thing especially for young students because it helps them.

"latex tower challenge,"

students were supposed to build towers using condoms still in the wrappers and toothpicks without

puncturing the condom. About 99 percent of condoms are made of latex and the rest are made from lamb intestines, according to the peer health educators.

In "who will come first," students had two minutes to stuff as many marbles as possible into a condom without breaking it.

"This activity is supposed to show how strong and long the condoms are," Truong said. "Whoever gets the most without breaking the condom wins.'

According to the peer health educators, a condom can hold four quarts of milk.

Stretch it" was another activity to show the durability of a condom. Students stretched a condom onto a metal pipe that was resting vertically in an orange pylon.

For "mouthing the banana" students were instructed on the correct way to put on a condom. After watching the example, they were supposed to put the condom on a banana and take it off the correct way and properly dispose of it to

win the activity.
"It was cool," Hsu said. "It was really entertaining after all.

NASA orbiter halfway to Mars on survey mission

spacecraft is halfway toward Mars where it is expected to collect more data on the Red Planet than all previous Martian explorations combined.

The Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter successfully fired its six engines for 20 seconds last week to adjust its flight path in anticipation of its March arrival. It will fine-tune its trajectory two more times before it enters into orbit around Mars. said Allen Halsell, deputy navigation chief at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

Once in orbit, the two-ton spacecraft will join a trio of probes currently flying around Mars. The orbiter is loaded with some of the most sophisticated science instruments ever flown into space including a telescopic camera that can snap the sharpest pictures yet of the planet's rust-colored sur-

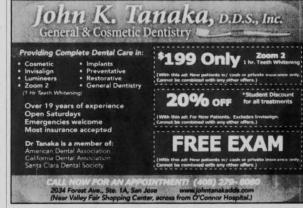
Previous spacecraft that have landed, circled or zipped past Mars have shot tens of thousands of images, but only about 2 percent of

LOS ANGELES (AP) - ANASA the planet has been seen at high

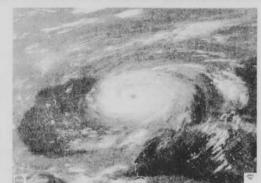
The orbiter also will continue to seek for evidence of water, scan the surface for sites to land future robotic explorers and serve as a communications link to relay data to Earth. Already, the orbiter has successfully returned data at 6 megabits per second, or about the speed of filling a CD-ROM every 16 minutes.

The reconnaissance orbiter flawlessly launched aboard an Atlas V rocket in August for a 310-million mile journey to the Red Planet. It will spend the next few months dipping down into the planet's upper atmosphere, using friction to slow down and lower its altitude.

The orbiter is the last of its kind that NASA will send to Mars this decade. Budget cuts forced the space agency to cancel a \$500 million mission to send another orbiter in 2009. However, NASA plans two additional Martian landing missions — the Phoenix Mars Scout in 2007 and the Mars Science Laboratory two years later.



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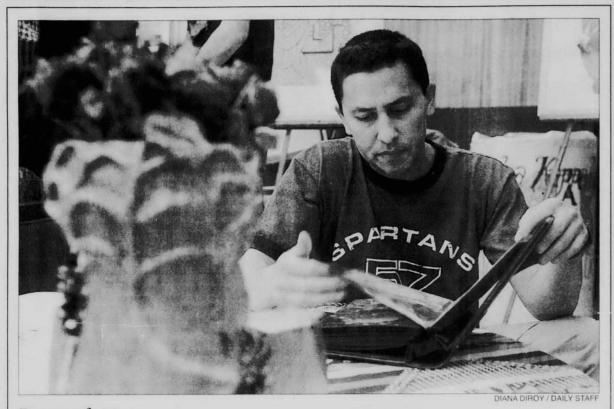
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Pages of art ...

Michael Ovila, a San Jose State University alumnus, looks through an art piece at the student art show called "MUSE-um: Discovery of the Artist Within," where students from the class MUSE 11E, Section 1: Art, Education and Revolution showcased their pieces on Wednesday at the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center of the San Jose State University's Student Union. Ovila said, "This is what college could be about, exploring yourself in many ways."

BOUNPRAKOB - Nickname was 'Birdy'

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hard work and commitment," said Mayury Bounprakob, Phethsamone's eldest sister. "It's hard for me to accept that my baby sister is gone."

Bounprakob was born on July 22, 1983, in Fresno. Shortly after her

birth, the family moved to Oakland, where Bounprakob grew up with her

two sisters and one brother, Mayury said.

Vinny MaNguyen, Bounprakob's employer at real estate company Century 21 Landmark Excellence, said he loved having her in the of-

"She's real fun," MaNguyen said. "After a while, she started getting really serious about her work

Bounprakob followed in Mayury's footsteps and received her real estate license the Friday before the accident, MaNguyen said.

The office was planning on celebrating over lunch on the following

Monday, MaNguyen said.

'She had such a bright career ahead of her," said Denise MaNguyen, Vinny MaNguyen's wife and business partner.

Bounprakob got her nickname, Birdy, from her parents, Xaythavone

"Her parents call her 'noke.' In our language (Lao), that means

Xaythavone said. Xaythavone and Bounprakob's parents came to the United States from

the same village in Laos, Xaythavone said.
"She loved my family purely," Mayury said.
Bounprakob's friend, Kathy Ly, said she and Bounprakob did every.

thing together. She said Bounprakob always encouraged her to live life

"I love her so much," Ly said. "She made me into such a stronger

Bounprakob was buried next to friend Davis Huynh, who lived across the street from the Bounprakobs and died with her in the car accident,

'I know that she was full of life, a free spirit," Mayury said.

66 Tlove her so much. She made me into such a stronger person." — Kathy Ly, friend

Snoop Dogg speaks on behalf of death row inmate turned activist

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Saturday to grant elemency to convicted murderer and Crips cofounder Stanley Tookie Williams so he can continue his work with young people

"Stanley Tookie Williams is not just a regular old guy, he's an inspirator," the rapper and former Crips member told a crowd of about 1,000 outside San Quentin State Prison.

Williams, 51, is set to be executed Dec. 13. He was convicted in 1979 of murdering four people during two robberies in Los Angeles. He has exhausted his appeals and has asked Schwarzenegger for clemency.

Schwarzenegger said this past week that he was "dreading" the

Williams founded the Crips

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP) in Los Angeles, and in the following years, the gang battled with its rival, the Bloods, for territory and control of the drug trade.

In prison, however, he gained international acclaim for writing children's books about the dangers of gang life. An award-winning television movie starring Jamie Foxx, "Redemption," was based

Snoop Dogg, 33, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, said Williams inspired him to work with young people. The rapper said he was once a gang member and now does youth outreach activities, including running a football league for youngsters.

"I didn't get this from some-body that was on the streets. I got this from Stanley Tookie Williams, a brother that was locked up on death row," he said, wearing a white T-shirt with huge black let-

thing positive with my life and to go touch the kids.

The rapper had wanted to visit Williams on death row, but his application was denied by prison officials because of his criminal record. Snoop Dogg has been arrested several times for weap ons and drug-related offens es, according to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Organizers played a new Snoop Dogg song called "Real Soon, which promotes Williams' advo-

Todd Chretien, who works with the Campaign to End the Death Penalty, an advocacy group that helped organize the rally, implored the governor to grant clemency.

There is no reason on earth to kill him, and there is every reason

Man reported dead after misidentification

OAKLAND (AP) - Anthony Sheppard shocked his mother this week with a telephone call day after he was reported dead.

When he called me I thought I as talking to a ghost," said Verna

Oakland police on Tuesday bungled the identification of a man shot to death in Oakland after finding Sheppard's identification card on the victim. Authorities alerted his mother of the shooting, and released the details to reporters.

Sheppard, 23, said he was shocked when he walked up to a group of friends on Wednesday who were crying while reading a newspaper account of his

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mined to be Mark Martin, 26, of Oakland, who was identified by fingerprints. No suspects were ar-rested. Sheppard told authorities he had lost his identification card several years ago.
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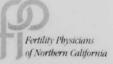
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'The Ice Harvest' makes for slim pickings

Christmas plot not hot despite talented filmmakers, actors connected to film

BY PETER CLARK

'The Ice Harvest," starring John Cusack and Billy Bob Thornton, is the worst movie to be released since Cusack's last film, "Must Love

Set in Wichita, Kan., on Christmas Eve, Charlie Arglist (Cusack), an attorney for the

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city's unsavory element, and Vic Cavanaugh (Thornton), his wily associate, have just sto-len \$2 million from a local mob boss, one of

Trying to lay low until they can split up the money and get out of town, Charlie spends the night before "God's birthday" visiting strip clubs, trying to get drunk and buying presents for his kids at a convenience store.

Throughout the course of the night, Charlie tries to get a beautiful nightclub owner, Renata (Connie Nielsen), to run away with him and avoids an angry mobster out to collect his head, all the while wondering if he can trust Vic with

The juxtaposition of the spirit of Christmas with the film's characters operating without a real moral compass is a nice comment about the commercialization of holidays that celebrate

values absent from our society. But the movie's like "Home Alone" for adults, except there weaknesses far outweigh any subtle comment on spiritual decline.

Charlie is supposed to be this horrible guy who represents criminals. He is rude to women and doesn't care about anything except himself. The problem, however, is that Cusack brings nuch innocence and vulnerability to the role. His delicate mannerisms and boyish facial expressions are just too damn likable.

Other characters in the film tell us that Charlie is deplorable without Charlie actually showing a mean streak.

Although this is the film's first problem - to convince the audience that the main character is a "bad guy" - it is not the only one.

Thornton does a fine job making Vic seem laughably despicable, but there is no mystery surrounding his character. Every punch line is telegraphed.

It is a shame that actors with the talent that Thornton and Cusack possess ended up in such a lifeless movie

"The Ice Harvest" is directed by Harold Ramis, who is responsible for the comedic masterpieces "Caddyshack" and "Groundhog Day." But unlike some of his prior films, Ramis fails to choose a genre in which to frame "The Ice

Instead, the movie flip-flops between the thriller, film noir and slapstick genres. It feels were a few times during "Home Alone" when it looked as if Joe Pesci's character might actually put the hurt on little Kevin.

The best part about "The Ice Harvest" is its running time. At only 88 minutes, some popcorn will be left when the credits started roll-

With such an impressive cast and crew, it will be tempting to shell out 10 bucks to see "The Ice Harvest," but don't. It's a wolf in sheep's clothing. They've just tied good names to an awful script in an attempt to bilk us out of a few dollars.

The next time Ramis directs a movie, he should spend a little more money on the writing and a little less on the actors.

"The Ice Harvest" opens in theaters Friday, but I recommend doing something more productive with your time, like staring at the

'The Ice Harvest'

Runtime: 88 minutes Starring John Cusack, Billy Bob Thornton, Connie Nielsen Directed by Harold Ramis

Pay up that 'Rent' money

BY DAVIDA ROSS

The film adaptation of the multi-Tony Award-winning mu-sical "Rent" struggled a bit in parts, but the heart-wrenching passion of the original play found

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a way to shine through.

Devoted fans of the original will have to swallow their pride, stop comparing the two and just sit back and watch the film. Only then can any fair judgments be

A major highlight of the film is the visual appeal. The ability to capture scenes with actual props and settings allowed for beautifully shot sequences and also gave the cast more to work with. Instead of the actors expending most of their creative energy to convince the audience they were riding on a subway, a cameraman could just shoot the scene on an actual subway. This gave the actors more freedom to work on the scenes at hand and the complex interactions between characters.

The decision to keep most of

the original Broadway cast in the movie is crucial to the success of the film.

Jesse L. Martin is extraordinary as renegade academic Thomas Collins, while Adam Pascal is able to bring a subtle sweetness to Roger Davis - think honey, not saccharine.

Even newcomer Rosario Dawson is able to hold her own as Mimi Marquez, the drug-addicted stripper that you can't help but love. In what is arguably the most complex role in Dawson's career, she is able to channel her inner "bad-ass" and make audiences forget that the only other time she sang in a movie was in the cinematic gem "The Adventures of Pluto Nash."

The film is by no means perfect, and many of the flaws can be attrib-uted to director, Chris Columbus

best known for directing "Home Alone" and "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.'

Columbus' attempts to make this movie glossy and fun are painstakingly out of place. His swooping dolly shots are well executed but often clash with the gritty subject

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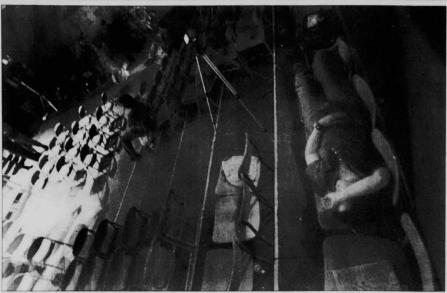
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Caroline Le, a senior majoring in radio, television and film, lies down across some chairs Friday before filming begins for San Jose State University student-produced reality show "Making it Right." Le was one of five camera people on the day-long shoot.

REALITY - 'Making it Right' featured showdown Friday

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Faith McCarthy, member of the winning team, said she and her teammates said the victory came as a surprise.

"This morning, we were all freaking out since we don't know what the competition does," said Faith McCarthy, a junior majoring in sociology and member of the winning team, "We don't know what they're doing or what their ideas are," said Andrew Rollins, a freshman majoring in nursing and McCarthy's teammate.

Drena Lewis and Ashley Dickinson, both seniors majoring in radio, television and film, were in charge of about 20 production assistants and oversaw two teams each as the show's field producers.

"The teams seemed to think that we were partial to certain teams, and it's so not like that," Lewis said.

"It was interesting dealing with all the different personalities."

Dickinson said, as the competition got more intense, egos began to swell among cast members.

"The show requires a lot of the students, and so egos start to rise and people want things done their way," Dickinson said. "It's our job to keep them focused, keep them wanting to be part of the show."

Besides being a part of the show, McCarthy said she is taking eight classes this semester.

"The hardest, most difficult part was in order to do this, you had to give up time for other classes," McCarthy said. "It just clashed so much."

"I think I ruined my first year," Rollins said. "But it paid off."

Gliner, whose productions have been shown on public broadcasting stations in the past, said he is aiming to have "Making it Right" air on national television.

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— Ashley Dickenson, field producer

Latest O.C. mix has few duds

BY PATRICIA IBARRA

Daily Staff Writer

Many may buy "The O.C. Mix 5" for one song yet they may quickly find themselves hooked to other songs on the compact disc.

The television show soundtrack is composed of 12 tracks, each one better than the next — well, al-

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most each song is better than the next. Three of the 12 tracks fall flat and make the listener want to push the next button in hopes of finding something more worthwhile on the CD.

Although there are three awful songs, the CD is packed with nine great songs that are quite memorable

The best song on the album is the first track. "Rock & Roll Queen" by the Subways. The song is quite catchy and easy to sing along to with simple lyrics such as "You are the sun / You are the only one / My heart is blue / My heart is blue for you."

It makes the listener think of high school and all the drama that went with it especially the ups and downs of high school relationships. It brings back many memories and quickly becomes a tune that you can't get out of your head.

Another great track is the sixth track, "Forever Young," a cover of the Alphaville song by Youth Group. It has a mellow beat and it incorporates touchy feely lyrics into a deep and thoughtful song. With lyrics like "Let's dance in style / Let's dance for a while / Heaven can wait we're only watching the sky / Hoping for the best but expecting the worst" and "Forever young / I want to be forever young / Do you really want to live forever." It makes one ask oneself what will come next.

Then there are the fourth, eighth and ninth tracks, which seem completely out of place. These songs should have been left off of the album. They are so bad that some people listening to them for the first

time might most likely change the station right away or flat out turn off the CD player to get the awful thought of the song out of their head.

The fourth track, "Daft Punk Is Playing at My House" by LCD Soundsystem is by far the worst song ever. It repeats the same lame lyrics over and over and the song has a cow bell solo. Yeah, that's right, a cow bell solo. For 5 minutes and 15 seconds, LCD Soundsystem wastes the listener's time with stupid lyrics such as, "All the furniture is in the garage / Well Daft Punk is playing at my house, my house / You got to set them up, kid, set them up."

Perhaps if the song were a bit shorter it might have been better — not.

"Kids With Guns" by Gorillaz, the eighth track, starts off slow and goes nowhere. All throughout the song it moves slow, almost like it is in slow motion. The song is outright awful. Half of the song sounds more like spoken word, not a song. Also, the parts that sound spoken are really monotonous and reminiscent of Ben Stein in the movie "Ferris Buller's Day Off."

"Kids With Guns" is only 3 minutes and 46 seconds long, yet the last minute and 6 seconds is nothing more than instrumental sounds and is dreadful to listen to overall.

"Na Na Na Na Na Naah" by Kaiser Chiefs, the ninth track, is another dud on the album. A person can only stand hearing "Na Na Na Na" so many times. A song with Na Na Na na repeated more than once should not be on this album or any album altogether. If the point was to make the song as annoying as possible, then Kaiser Chiefs got it right. The Na Na Na Na repeated over and over throughout the song scares listeners away.

What were they thinking placing these three duds with the other nine studs?

The O.C. Mix 5

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Another creative decision Columbus botches is re-creating the song "Santa Fe" — a willowy dream about suburban life — as a frenzied dance inside a subway car.

In Columbus' defense, there are a few creative decisions that are refreshing and fun, including an exquisitely choreographed tango sequence for the song "Tango Maureen," and a clever engagement party setting for "Take Me or Leave Me."

Although Columbus should be

commended for being smart enough to realize the importance of keeping the original cast and for some brave creative decisions in some of the more upbeat scenes, the over all material seemed too complex, too delicate and too sophisticated for Columbus to handle.

