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Rushing back to school



Sigma Omicron Pi sisters Janet Chiu, left, and Sandy Chen, right, looked over a recruiting flyer at their sorority's table in front of the Student Union Thursday.

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A.S. to decide De Alba's fate

BY JOHN MYERS
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

San Jose State University's Associated Students may reprimand its executive director for alleged misconduct.

The A.S. Board of Directors may call a special closed-session meeting Feb. 3.

Alfonso De Alba, a hired staff member who makes about \$146,000 per year including benefits and who has served as A.S.'s executive director since 1997, has been on administrative leave since Nov. 18 while the university carried out an investigation into claims that he provided alcohol to minors.

The specific accusations against De Alba came from an unidentified group of students and included purchasing alcohol for minors, drinking it with them and lying about his actions when he was questioned.

De Alba said he is not allowed to comment on the situation.

The investigation report was sent to A.S. President Alberto Gutierrez on Dec. 21, said Steve Branz, acting associate dean of the College of Science who was one of two investigators. The other investigator was Brad Davis, director of employee support services.

Gutierrez said that with the investigation complete, the A.S. Board of Directors was set to vote during its first meeting of the spring semester Wednesday on what actions should be taken based on the investigation report, but it did not have enough information to take any action. De Alba was not present at Wednesday's meeting.

"We set the agenda (for Wednesday's meeting) pending certain information be presented," said A.S. Vice President Sarah Stillman. "That information wasn't ready."

The board will set the vote for a future meeting.

"The hope is to have a special meeting," Gutierrez said. "We're shooting for Friday, Feb. 3, and it looks like that will go through."

If the board can't meet Feb. 3, Gutierrez said it will have to wait until its next regular meeting on Feb. 8.

There are numerous outcomes to the board's vote, Gutierrez said.

"Anything is a possibility," he said. "I can't speak for the board ... so there are a lot of different possibilities."

The board could decide not to reprimand De Alba.

"If the board decided it didn't want to take action, he would be brought back," Gutierrez said.

Another option could be to dismiss De Alba from his position. In that case, the student government would hire an interim executive director to serve during a six-month search process to find a suitable replacement.

Gutierrez said the official way to terminate an A.S. employee's contract is through a majority vote by the board, which is composed entirely of student representatives. Once the vote has been made, SJSU President Don Kassing must sign it for it to be official. Kassing may also refuse to sign off on the vote if he doesn't agree with it, Gutierrez said.

"Whatever is best for the students, that's the direction we'll go in," De Alba said.

De Alba played a large role in the dedication of the Tommie Smith and John Carlos statue next to Clark Hall. De Alba said he also worked toward making campus-wide wireless access available to students.

While the investigation was underway, De Alba was not allowed in the A.S. House so that members testifying to the investigators would not be intimidated, Gutierrez said.

Even though the investigation is over, Gutierrez said De Alba is still not allowed into the house without his permission until the board has come to a decision.

Associate science dean Branz said he cannot comment on what the investigation found, but he did say it was completed to his satisfaction.

"The witnesses we requested to see did come to visit with us," he said.

Gutierrez said he has been filling in as executive director since De Alba has been on leave. Duties he has performed include signing contracts such as the Transportation Solutions agreement, meeting with A.S. department managers and speaking with other campus entities such as the Student Affairs Leadership Team.

Some board members said the government has dealing with the situation of a vacant executive director and a president filling two positions.

"I think we've been handling it very well," said Brandon Glover, A.S. director of faculty affairs.

John Myers is a former Spartan Daily executive editor.

More students surfing Web for textbooks

Sites offer alternatives for students looking to save money

BY RYAN SHOLIN
DAILY STAFF WRITER

When it comes to going online to buy textbooks, students are faced with more options this semester than ever before.

From the usual suspects like Amazon.com and eBay to newer social networking sites, SJSU students can choose from a myriad of Internet-based marketplaces to hawk their goods or load up on reading material.

"Online textbook buying by students has just absolutely taken off," said Abebooks.com publicity manager Richard Davies.

While a traditional online bookstore offers students the chance to purchase new books shipped from a warehouse or used books from other vendors, Abebooks specializes in connecting buyers and sellers.

"Basically, we're a marketplace," Davies said. "We never touch, see or handle a book, but we have 13,500 booksellers that sell on our site."

Felicia Grandison, a junior double major in

criminal justice administration and social work, prefers to do her textbook shopping in person.

"Usually I like to walk into the store," Grandison said. "Right now the lines are not too long."

She added that buying her books in person didn't cost her any more money than buying them online.

"With my major, the prices are pretty high," Grandison said.

Even if students are planning to pick their books up in person, more and more are ordering online according to Robin Lee, a manager at Roberts Bookstore.

"The amount of Web orders is going up and up and up," Lee said.

Tony Sanjume, the associate director for textbooks at Spartan Bookstore, said last week that the store had taken 2,000 orders online so far. The store usually fills about twice as many orders by the time the beginning-of-semester rush is over, Sanjume said.

"There's no big drop-off this year compared to other years," he said.

On Thursday morning, Spartan Bookstore employee S.K. Viridi was working on the bottom floor of the Student Union, surrounded by white cardboard boxes full of student textbook orders.

"We have less boxes than last semester," Viridi said. "Usually, we have boxes (piled) very high."

Viridi said he had less online orders to fill than usual.

Some students have turned to the popular online classified advertising site Craigslist to sell their books.

"Let's be honest," said Kim Pak, a junior business major. "When you're a struggling college student, you need more bang for your buck."

Pak said the buyback prices offered by the Spartan Bookstore were not as negotiable as they are on Craigslist.

"It benefits both parties, rather than the bookstore wins and the student doesn't," Pak said.

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Online marketplace targets SJSU students

BY JAMIE VISGER
DAILY STAFF WRITER

San Jose State University students who wish to connect with fellow Spartans to sell and purchase items online have access to a new Web site designated for students only.

At Chegg.com, anyone enrolled in college can buy or sell textbooks, electronics, furniture and other items to fellow university goers, founders said.

"The No. 1 reason this site is operated is because it can really help students," said Osman Rashid, one of three founders of the site. "The whole notion behind the Web site has been that we want to help students extend

their money and get better prices on items that they will use during their college years."

First developed at Iowa State University two years ago, Chegg.com has created localized sites at various universities, including one launched Thursday at SJSU.

The site offers a free service exclusively to college students and only requires that students register with a college e-mail address.

After registering, students can create a profile, which they use to both sell and buy products from fellow students.

Rashid said product postings are grouped by categories to make browsing easier for the user.

Though the site deals with a va-

riety of products, one of the most popular is the purchasing and selling of textbooks, Rashid said.

"I use this site to buy and sell my textbooks and it works out great," said Ashley Koehn, senior at Iowa State and Chegg.com user. "I get good deals when purchasing my books and then when I sell them back I get more money than if I were to try and sell them back anywhere else. Both the buyer and seller can benefit from using Chegg."

Some students have also used Chegg.com to make moving in and out of college apartments easier.

"When I was moving I ended up posting everything on Chegg.com and it was sold in a matter of three hours," said Aayush Phumbhra,

one of the site founders. "I sold my mattress, furniture and more than 150 other items."

With more than 8,000 members at the home site in Iowa State, the founders said they hope to continue the amount of response at SJSU.

In order to ensure the success of the site, Rashid said Chegg.com plans to publicize on campus including at Spartan sporting events.

"It's very important that we get the word out about this site because the more users there are, the more beneficial the site becomes," Phumbhra said. "With more members, the service becomes faster and better for the students."

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Meteorology professor found alive

DAILY STAFF REPORT

A San Jose State University meteorology professor who had disappeared over winter break was found alive and in good health at a Pennsylvania Comfort Inn, according to a University Police Department press release.

Vinod Kumar Saxena, 61, was found in the Poconos Lakes Region of eastern Pennsylvania.

A clerk at a local Comfort Inn recognized Saxena from a San Jose



SAXENA

Mercury News story online, the press release said. Pennsylvania State Police verified Saxena's identity and transported him to a different motel.

Saxena was last seen on campus on Dec. 28 by UPD officers. He has been an SJSU faculty member since August 2005.

Erik Lacayo, Daily Executive Editor

THE THRILLA FROM MANILA

Break out of your shell and play some SJSU broomball

Welcome back to school Spartans. It is another spring semester for some of you, and a new one for others.

In the madness that is the first week of school, some of you might have some trouble getting around the mess. After being at this university for some time, I might be able to help with a couple of tips that I've discovered.

Everyone needs a friend now and then. If you are the type of person that has problems making new ones there is a simple solution.

Take advantage of those first couple of days of the class. This is primo friendship making time. No one really knows one another, unless you are in that special group of students that know each other from taking other classes together.

You know the group of people that I am talking about. There are two types of people that fall into this group. The first type are those that sit quietly in class before the professor walks in. The sight of someone that he recognizes breaks his or her silence. The other type of people are those that walk

into class together already striking up a conversation. There is nothing wrong with this group of people. In fact, you want to strive to be one of these people next semester.

In order to be included in this club, you are first going to have to break out of the hermit crab shell and start talking to the person next to you in class. This is one of the few times where that random conversation will work in your favor, instead of being thought of as crazy.

The easiest method of starting a chat is to either talk about the class or the instructor.

Trying this formula might work. "Is this (insert class name here) with (insert instructor's name here)?"

"Oh, have you taken classes with (insert instructor's name here)?"

If you got the no answer from the previous question, then you can always ask, "What is your major?"

If you got a "yes," then you can ask "how is (insert instructor's name here) or have you heard anything about him or her?" You should be able to continue on from there.

If you are still looking for a buddy or for something to do in the evening or weekend, have you looked into attending your friendly fraternity or sorority rush event? Sure, there is the stereotypical view of what happens with the Greek life at a college campus. Most of the stereotypes are pretty bad.

Let me tell you, these organizations are not bad at all. Rush is the perfect time to make friends and have a good time outside of class.

When searching for an event to attend, keep an eye out for broomball and barbecues.

Why these events? Broomball is a fun event to make an appearance at because you get to play hockey on the ice without skates and hockey sticks. Instead of the proper

required equipment you get you run around the ice rink with your sneakers and a broom. Just make sure that you dress warm.

Barbecues doesn't really need an explanation. If all else fails and you don't meet anyone new at least you will have a good time. If Greek life or academic life is not your thing, there is always the sports world that you can give a try.

The Spartan Squad is always looking for people to join their organization. Sports have always had a way of bringing two or more complete strangers close together and making them instant friends. You do not believe me? Go to a game, cheer your brains out and see what happens.

The best part about joining the squad is making lots of friends wearing the same school colors you will be wearing with the free T-shirt they give you when joining.

Ryan Balbuena is the Spartan Daily sports editor. "The Thrilla from Manila" regularly appears every other Friday online.



RYAN BALBUENA

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SATURDAY

Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration
Adult and Children's activities, live entertainment and refreshments on Saturday, Jan. 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. For more information, call 808-2636.

MONDAY

Inner Fraternity Council
Informational BBQ at 11 a.m. at Paseo de Cesar Chavez. For more information, contact Tyler Webb at (661)-747-9206.

Pride of the Pacific Islands Club
General Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Pacifica Room of the Student Union.

TUESDAY

Pride of the Pacific Islands Club
Dance practice from 8-10 p.m. in the Aerobics Room of the Event Center.

WEDNESDAY

Department of Biological Sciences
"The land of the Boojum and the Cardon," with Ernesto Sandoval, UC Davis Professor. 1:30 p.m. at DH 250. For more information, contact Leslee Parr at 924-4897.

THURSDAY

Men's Basketball
SJSU plays Boise State at the Event Center. 7 p.m. Free admission for SJSU students with Tower Card. For more information, call 924-1548.

SATURDAY (2/4)

Silicon Valley Reads, Meet the Author
Meet Julie Otsuka, author of "When the Emperor Was Divine," at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 3:30-5 p.m. in rooms 225 and 229. For more information, call 808-2636.

GUEST COLUMN

Calcium 101: Does it really do a college body good?

Picture this 3 a.m. infomercial: the toothy spokes model tells you that for a low, low price, you can buy a magic elixir that builds strong bones and teeth, helps cell function, is used by all nerves and muscles, contributes to proper blood clotting and more!

You might think about paying big bucks for such a product, considering that it's contained in many attractive and toothsome packages. "Sign me up!" you say.

Of course, the substance we're talking about is calcium, an elemental mineral found in many foods, especially milk products. Many college students don't get enough calcium, since most are past the milk-and-cookies stage of life and watching what they eat. Milk products can be high in fat and many young men and women avoid them because of it.

Throw in the fact that college students of certain ethnicities have a harder time digesting dairy than others, and that some students are hard on their bodies (this just in — you'll only find 2 percent of your recommended daily allowance of calcium in a bottle of beer), and you have a population of people walking around who may be low in calcium.

Wait a second, but "I'm not growing anymore!" you whine. Why do I have to add calcium to the list of things I have to worry about when it comes to nutrition? That may be true, but if you're an 18-year-old freshman college student you might not even have that argument to lean on.

The reality is this: your body needs calcium and if it can't get what it needs, either from the foods you eat or the supplements you take, you'll find it going to its 24-hour, in-house "calcium dispensary." This dispensary is also known as your bones.

Your body is scrappy when it comes to keeping you functioning properly; if you deprive it of an essential nutrient like calcium, it'll find away to get the blood concentration where it should be. Even if it ends up in long-term loss of bone mass,

also called osteoporosis.

Osteoporosis (literally meaning "porous bone") is a disease in which bones become gradually thinner, weaker, and more porous, making it much easier for them to fracture. Though that may seem like something that your grandma should be worrying about, rather than young, healthy you, keep in mind that bone mass decreases naturally, especially in women, after age 21 or so, and this process continues after this.

In fact, there's no time in your life like your late teens and early twenties for building up your own personal calcium bank. And you can start today! Here are five simple and healthy ways for college students to increase their calcium intake, without the consumption of dairy products to boot.

1. Hit the gym. Most weight-bearing exercise builds bone as well as muscle.

2. Limit your consumption of soft drinks. Soft drinks may contain both citric and phosphoric acid, both of which can decrease your absorption of calcium. If you're craving a sweet drink, try some orange juice.

3. Eat your beans. Surprisingly, beans are quite high in calcium, giving you a great excuse for heading down to the taco shop.

4. Spend some time in the sun. Fifteen minutes of sunlight exposure on your skin will usually produce all the vitamin D your body needs. If you burn easily or worry about prematurely aging skin, you can wear sunscreen with SPF 30 and then take a multivitamin with at least 200 International Units of vitamin D each day.

5. Snack creatively. One way to get some more calcium in your life is to take a cup of calcium-fortified cereal (such as Total) and munch on it throughout the day. If you want to add milk to it, all the better.

Julie Smith is a graduate student in nutrition. Guest columns regularly appear every other Tuesday.



"You know, Junior, if the ice keeps melting and breaking off like this, our property tax is bound to go down."

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Library to kickoff MLK celebration

BY JANET MARCELO
DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library will host its third annual birthday celebration for its namesake on Saturday.

The festivities run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with activities and entertainment for all ages.

The event, which in previous years was held in conjunction with Martin Luther King Jr. Day, will be held later this year to take advantage of student participation during the first week back to school, said event planning committee member and San Jose Public Librarian Diane White.

"We hope to have lots of students come," White said.

The event is sponsored by the staff of the library with support from the Friends of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, the Associated Students and the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center.

Festivities begin with story time in the first floor Children's Room of the library followed by arts and crafts activities in the Mezzanine.

Activities include making paper friendship chains, picture drawing and writing letters to King with the prompt, "Dear Dr. King you are important because," or "Dear Dr. King I admire you because," as well as others, said committee member Lorraine Oback.

Live entertainment will be provided on the second floor with local designated jazz musician Eddie Gale. San Jose State University clubs Pride of the Pacific Islands, Heart of Polynesia, Akbayan and Urban Arts will be showcasing dance performances, said Hyon Chu Yi, director of Mosaic.

"It's a great way to start a new school year," Yi said. "Since we are such a diverse community, we want a little bit of everything to come together for this event."

A Civil Rights Resource Faire will be held throughout the day starting at 1 p.m. with some participants including Asian Americans for Community Involvement, Santa Clara County Network for Hate-Free Community and Respect for All Projects.

There will be a community discussion on the concept of privilege lead by sociology graduate Elgrie Hurd III on the second floor, room 225/229 at 1:30 p.m. It will follow by the showing of the film showing of "Out of Obscurity," which details a 1939 library sit-in by five young men protesting the separate, but equal treatment of African Americans during civil rights history.

The day ends with an open microphone reading of King's memorable "I Have a Dream" speech. The audience is encouraged to read lines from the famous speech delivered in front of the Lincoln Memorial nearly 45 years ago.

TEXTBOOKS - Some students still prefer to buy their textbooks in person

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According to Sanjume, however, the Spartan Bookstore is often the best place to be sure a student is getting the right book.

"We have the version of the book the professor wants," Sanjume said.

Davies said an online marketplace for books will usually give students all the options they need.

"What the Internet gives you is choice," Davies said. "Those used books in the campus store get sold very quickly."

Edy Moreno, a junior majoring in computer science, wrote in an e-mail that she used Craigslist to sell her books because she preferred to hand over her books in person to another student.

"I'd rather try to sell the books on my own than be abused by the bookstores," Moreno wrote. "They're making a killing off of students with their book buyback programs."

Osman Rashid, CEO of Chegg.com, said his Web site was taking a different approach to buying and selling books online. Chegg.com allows students on the same campus to connect with one another to buy, sell and trade

everything from textbooks to cars, according to Rashid.

"Students feel it's really valuable," he said. Rashid said the biggest reason to use a site like Chegg.com was the chance to have a face-to-face transaction.

"The driving force behind all of this is the price of textbooks within campus bookstores," said Davis of Abebooks.

"In many ways, the campus bookstore is stuck in the middle," Davies said. "The prices are decided by publishers."

Davies said there was very little campus bookstores could do to lower textbook prices.

Picture yourself here ...



DANIELLE STOLMAN / DAILY STAFF

Advertising major Candice Li, left and marketing major Charlene Tse, right, Sigma Omicron Pi sisters, looked at a scrapbook at their rush table outside of the Spartan Bookstore Thursday afternoon.

CHEGG - New site similar to Craigslist

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Though Chegg.com works similarly to other sites such as Craigslist, one of its unique features is the concept of familiarity between the sellers and buyers to bring about more trust and credibility.

"We use the notion of 'friends' to help the sellers gain credibility and trust," said Rashid. "When a member is friends with another member or has had successful transactions with them, they can

network their profiles as friends and potential buyers can see this and maybe even realize that they have some of the same friends."

This feature along with the fact that it's very localized makes selling and buying on Chegg.com more personal, Rashid said.

"We, as founders, are trying to think of innovative ways to make life easier," Phumbhra said. "We've been college students and we've been Chegg.com users so we know what it's like and we want to make things as convenient as possible."

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SJSU SPORTS OUTLOOK

Friday, Jan. 27

Tennis

vs. University of Hawai'i at Los Gatos, 1 p.m.

Gymnastics

vs. Cal State Fullerton at Spartan Gym, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 28

Water Polo

vs. Santa Clara University at Aquatics Center, 12 p.m.

vs. Santa Clara University "B" at Aquatics Center, 1:30 p.m.

Baseball

Alumni Game at Blethen Field, 1 p.m.

Men's Basketball

vs. New Mexico State at Event Center, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball vs. New Mexico State at Las Cruces, N.M., 6 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOP 25 POLLS

AP Top 25

Rank	Team
1.	Connecticut
2.	Duke
3.	Memphis
4.	Texas
5.	Florida
6.	Villanova
7.	Gonzaga
8.	Illinois
9.	West Virginia
10.	Washington
11.	Michigan St.
12.	Pittsburgh
13.	Indiana
14.	Geo. Washington
15.	N.C. State
16.	Ohio St.
17.	UCLA
18.	Maryland
19.	Tennessee
20.	Boston College
21.	Georgetown
22.	Louisville
23.	Wisconsin
24.	Oklahoma
25.	Syracuse

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Rank	Team
1.	Connecticut
2.	Duke
3.	Memphis
4.	Texas
5.	Florida
6.	Villanova
7.	Gonzaga
7.	Illinois
9.	Washington
10.	Pittsburgh
11.	Indiana
12.	Michigan St.
13.	West Virginia
14.	N.C. State
15.	Geo. Washington
16.	Ohio St.
17.	UCLA
18.	Boston College
19.	Maryland
20.	Tennessee
21.	Wisconsin
22.	Oklahoma
23.	Louisville
24.	Syracuse
25.	North Carolina

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Spartans devoured by Bulldogs, 75-55



GAVIN MCCHESENEY/DAILY STAFF

San Jose State University forward Alex Elam goes up for a layup in the first half against Louisiana Tech on Thursday at the Event Center. Elam scored eight points and had six assists in the Spartans lost to the Bulldogs, 75-55.

BY GREG LYDON
DAILY STAFF WRITER

The nation's leading rebounder was on display at the Event Center Thursday night as Louisiana Tech University defeated the San Jose State University men's basketball team 75-55.

Bulldogs' forward Paul Millsap came into the game leading the Western Athletic conference in points, averaging better than 20 points per game and rebounds, with more than 12 boards per game.

The Spartans got blitzed early with Tech's full court press causing several turnovers in the backcourt.

On defense, SJSU used a 2-3 zone to attempt to slow down Millsap, Tech's vaunted inside presence that drew several NBA scouts to the Event Center to gage his skills for the next level.

The zone opened up a barrage of 3-pointers for the Bulldogs, who made six long balls in the first half while shooting better than 50 percent from behind the line.

"They jumped on us early, we had a tough time getting the ball up the court and they took advantage of our mistakes," SJSU coach George Nessman said.

The Spartans did a nice job on Millsap, who finished the game with 10 points and six rebounds. A major influence on Millsap's bad night was SJSU center Menelik Barbary, who recorded a school record six blocks in the game.

"If you were to tell me that we would hold him to 10 points," Nessman said. "I would have thought we would have had a better shot to be in the basketball game, just disappointed with the effort tonight, especially in the first half."

"Menelik played great tonight, we've tried darn near everything to get him to be more consistent," Nessman said. "Hopefully he can carry this performance into the next game, he's a great kid."

The Spartans closed the first half with a four-minute field goal drought causing their 20-point deficit.

The second half provided Nessman the opportunity to shake things up with practically every Spartan suited up seeing some action.

Nessman also scrapped the zone for a man-to-man defense, which slowed down the Bulldogs offense 27 points in the second half.

"Coach played everyone tonight," SJSU guard Tyree Gardner said. "Starters got their minutes cut, looked like he was sending a message that no job is safe, and he's not afraid to make changes."

Spartan freshman guard Devonte Thomas provided a nice spark off the bench, leading them in scoring with 10 points.

A balanced Bulldog attack that shot 46 percent in the game from the field was too much for the Spartans to overcome.

"I thought tonight's game was a great sign for our basketball team," Tech coach Keith Richard said. "Paul didn't have a good game and we had several other players step up and play very well for us."

Louisiana Tech leads the WAC with a 6-1 record in conference. SJSU falls to 1-4 in the league, one game ahead of the University of Idaho for last place.

"(Tech) played like a team that played like they were in the top of the standings, and we played like we were in the bottom of them," Nessman said.

The Spartans next game is Saturday against New Mexico State at the Event Center.

LOUISIANA TECH (13-7)
Wilds 3-4 0-0 8, Millsap 5-13 0-1 10, Haskins 1-6 0-0 2, Elliott 3-4 2-2 10, Dean 4-10 0-1 8, McKenzie 5-9 0-0 12, Washington 4-7 0-0 9, McDowell 3-6 0-0 7, Ibrahim 1-2 0-0 3, Rogers 0-0 0-0 0, Richardson 2-4 2-2 6, Day 0-1 0-0 0, Parker Jr 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-67 4-6 75.

SAN JOSE ST. (5-13)
Elam 2-8 2-4 6, D Brown 3-4 1-17, Barbary 4-8 1-3 9, Gardner 3-7 3-4 9, Spencer 3-5 0-0 6, Richardson 1-4 0-0 2, Cozad 1-5 0-2 2, Thomas 4-8 2-2 10, Kovacevich 0-2 2-2 2, Garbutt 0-0 0-0 0, K. Smith 0-1 0-0 0, J. Smith 0-2 0-0 0, Fleming 0-2 0-0 0, Holloway 1-1 0-0 2, Misko 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 22-59 11-18 55.

Halftime: Louisiana Tech 48-28 3-Point Goals: Louisiana Tech 9-18 (Wilds 2-3, Elliott 2-3, McKenzie 2-3, Ibrahim 1-2, McDowell 1-3, Washington 1-3, Dean 0-1), San Jose St. 0-9 (K. Smith 0-1, Spencer 0-1, Cozad 0-1, Gardner 0-2, Richardson 0-2, Elam 0-2). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Louisiana Tech 34 (Haskins, Millsap, Richardson 6), San Jose St. 37 (Thomas 7). Assists: Louisiana Tech 26 (McKenzie 6), San Jose St. 11 (Gardner 3). Total Fouls: Louisiana Tech 14, San Jose St. 14 & 1, 536.

Correction:

The Wednesday, Jan. 25 issue of the Spartan Daily reported that the women's basketball score against the University of Idaho was 61-53. The correct score was 61-52. It is Spartan Daily policy to correct all errors.

Sports news in brief

Women's Basketball

The San Jose State University women's basketball team lost its first Western Athletic Conference game of the season to the Louisiana Tech, 74-51, on Thursday in Ruston, La.

4-1 in the WAC.

Softball

The San Jose State University softball was ranked fourth in the 2006 Western Athletic Conference Preseason Coaches' Poll.

Spartan outfielder Courtney Lewis was named to the Preseason All-WAC team.

2006 WAC Softball Preseason Coaches' Poll:
1. Fresno State
2. University of Hawai'i
3. University of Nevada
4. San Jose State University
5. Utah State University
6. New Mexico State University
7. Louisiana Tech

SPARTAN ROUND UP

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Ray's Mai Tai offers a tropical intoxication

BY JILL RAE SEIB
DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Los Gatos Brewing Company is nestled comfortably against the Santa Cruz Mountains and has a reputation for its gourmet food and delicious home brews, earning the restaurant its moniker, "The Diners Pub." One can escape to the tropics with just one sip of a well-known cocktail, the Mai Tai.

The Los Gatos Brewing Company houses a secret weapon in the form of veteran bartender Ray Dorst and the Mai Tai is his specialty.

The drink starts in a tall glass filled to the brim with ice. Dorst adds a splash of Grenadine, more for color than taste, he says. After that, he adds a half-ounce of well rum and follows with two ounces of orange juice and pineapple juice. Dorst then begins a blend of three rums, which earned this drink the name, "Ray's Famous Mai Tai."

Dorst uses Malibu Rum for the coconut taste, mango rum to give it a tropical feel and adds a float of Myers Rum to top it off. The drink is garnished with a slice of grapefruit, orange and a cherry. Hawaii, here I come.

The alcohol is barely noticeable in the flavors of the tropical juices that overwhelm the taste buds. But



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do not be fooled, this drink is intoxicating.

As you sit back, relax and enjoy your trip to the islands, take a look at the mahogany and oak arches stretching high above the bar.

The Los Gatos Brewing Company is located at 130 N. Santa Cruz Avenue at Grays

INGREDIENTS:

- splash of grenadine
- 1/2 ounce of well rum
- 2 ounces orange juice
- 2 ounces pineapple juice
- Malibu Rum
- Mango Rum

Comedian Albert Brooks's new film doesn't discover much

"Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World" fails to deliver laughs or understand the Islamic community

BY RACHEL HILL
DAILY A&E EDITOR

Albert Brooks's new film, "Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World" is totally devoid of discovering any form of humor in any region.

MOVIE REVIEW

The basic premise of the movie contains a multitude of possibilities for comedy, but instead relies on Brooks' sarcasm for laughs and is completely misdirected in its search for humor among Muslims.

Brooks plays himself, a Hollywood comedian, who is asked by the United States government to find out what makes the Middle Eastern Muslim community laugh, as part of an government-wide effort to learn more about the culture. Actor and politician Dalton Thompson commissions Brooks for the job.

The out-of-work humorist takes up the government's offer to "help his country," and finds himself in the streets of New Delhi, India. In Brooks's trip to the Middle East, he is accompa-

nied by two worthless government agents, Stuart (John Carroll Lynch) and Mark (Jon Tenney). These agents' actions are supposed to draw laughter, but fail to do so in many of their scenes. Brooks is met by apprehension and finds that the Indians are less than forthcoming with him regarding what makes them laugh.

India has a large Muslim population, making up 13.4 percent of its people, according to the CIA fact book.

Brooks's actions make the Indian authorities wary about his trip and spark an investigation into his occurrences.

The beginning of the movie seems promising and keeps audience members' attention until the end, but not with its amount of laughter. The plot starts to lose its momentum toward the middle, especially after his secret trip over the Pakistani border.

The best character in the "Muslim World" is a beautiful, young and eager Indian woman, Maya (Sheetal Sheth), who joins the Brooks entourage in the search of the comedic recipe for Muslim sense of humor. Her enthusiasm brings a different perspective to the movie and pro-

vides a few laughs as she acclimates herself to Brooks's culture and American jokes. The platonic relationship between Brooks and Maya provides some of the best scenes in the film.

The lack of comedy did not hinder the performers' acting job, which was fairly good. The film also let viewers see the streets of New Delhi and gives American audiences a glimpse of what the Indian culture is like.

The plot starts out good, but fails to tie together any of the ideas it introduces along the way. The movie builds the viewer up, waiting for Brooks to finally discover what does or doesn't make Muslims laugh, but ends abruptly without answering any of the questions it poses to audience members. The film ends so suddenly it makes one wonder if the movie's creators went over budget and couldn't finish it.

"Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World" is a brief film, running only 98 minutes, which makes the viewer ponder further why it didn't go longer to finish the plot.

If you're thinking of seeing this film, save your money and go see "Brokeback Mountain" instead.

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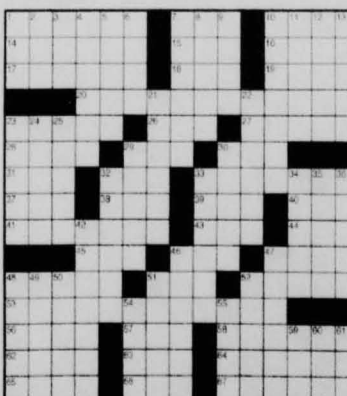
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ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter (ug/L)

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TABLE 1 - SAMPLING RESULTS SHOWING THE DETECTION OF LEAD AND COPPER

Lead and Copper (and reporting units)	No of Samples collected	90th percentile level detected	No Sites exceeding AL	AL	MCLG	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	30 November 2003	0	0	15	2	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	30 November 2003	0.38	0	1.3	0.17	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

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Hardness (ppm)	6/16/05	330	N/A	none	none	Generally found in ground and surface water

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Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium (ppm)	6/16/05	31	N/A	none	none	Generally found in ground and surface water
Hardness (ppm)	6/16/05	350	N/A	none	none	Generally found in ground and surface water

TABLE 3 - DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A PRIMARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Barium (ppm)	6/16/05	0.16	0.17-0.19	1	2	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate as nitrate, NO3 (ppm)	6/16/05	20.3	18.5-20	45	45	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

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Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Barium (ppm)	6/16/05	0.19	0.2-0.23	1	(2)	Discharge of oil drilling wastes and from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate as nitrate, NO3 (ppm)	6/16/05	13.5	12-13	45	45	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

TABLE 4 - DETECTION OF CONTAMINANTS WITH A SECONDARY DRINKING WATER STANDARD

Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chloride (ppm)	6/16/05	41.5	N/A	500	N/A	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Specific Conductance (micromhos)	6/16/05	772	N/A	1600	N/A	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	6/16/05	65.6	N/A	500	N/A	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	6/16/05	528	N/A	1000	N/A	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits

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Chemical or Constituent (and reporting units)	Sample Date	Level Detected	Range of Detections	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chloride (ppm)	6/16/05	41.5	N/A	500	N/A	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Specific Conductance (micromhos)	6/16/05	772	N/A	1600	N/A	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Sulfate (ppm)	6/16/05	65.6	N/A	500	N/A	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solids (ppm)	6/16/05	528	N/A	1000	N/A	Runoff / leaching from natural deposits

Violations and Exceedances:

During the year 2004 and 2005, SJSU received procedural violations and drinking water standard violation for exceeding total coliform MCL in September 2005. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we have done to correct this situation. We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. We sent a notice informing you of the situation when it occurred.

1a. Procedural Violation: for not taking enough total coliform samples during the last week of March 2005

The SJSU water system is a community water system that collects bacteriological samples on a weekly basis; and, during the last week of March 2005 (spring break for SJSU), it collected only 10 of the 16 routine bacteriological samples.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were or will be taken
Total Coliform	16 samples every week	10	Last week of March 2005	Subsequent weeks of April and every week through-out the year(s)

1b. Procedural Violation: Federal UCMR – did not take UCMR samples on-time in 2003. Some of the UCMR samples were taken on 12-24-03, one week before the deadline and the remaining on the last day 12-31-03 of the deadline i.e. 12-31-03. Hence, there was a delay in submitting the test results electronically into EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX) from the sub-contracted lab.

What happened? What is being done?

The original laboratory contracted by SJSU did not perform satisfactorily and SJSU has since changed to a different State certified laboratory

2. Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) / Drinking Water Standard Violation: for exceeding total coliform MCL in September 2005.

SJSU water system delegates the responsibility for collecting routine bacteriological samples to its contract laboratory. We took 16 routine samples for the week of 9/5/05. Eight of sixteen routine samples showed the presence of coliform bacteria. We took 24 repeat samples for the week of 9/5/05, that all tested negative for coliform bacteria. We took 16 routine samples for the week of 9/12/05. Six of the sixteen routine samples showed the presence of coliform bacteria. We took 18 mandatory repeat samples for the week of 9/12/05 that all tested negative for coliform bacteria. The standard for SJSU is that no more than 5% of samples may be positive per month for coliform bacteria.

SJSU notified CDHS immediately upon notification of the sample results and in consultation with CDHS investigated for potential causes of contamination. SJSU did not find any potential source of contamination but as a precaution conducted flushing and disinfection of the system.

All 16 routine samples collected on 9/22/05 were tested negative for coliform bacteria and have tested negative to date.

Additional General Information on Drinking Water

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791). Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/ Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

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