

CFA questions professor's salary

By Jill Rae Seib DAILY STAFF WRITER

Faculty The California Association is questioning the rehiring of a former chancellor of the California State University system

Barry Munitz, who headed the CSU from 1991 through 1998, was given a trustee professor position at Cal State Los Angeles last week and a salary that has union leaders scratching their heads.

"He is being paid \$163,000 a year to teach only one class. That is the top of the university pay scale, said Lillian Taiz, vice president of the CFA and a professor at Cal State LA, in a telephone interview. "At Cal State LA, teachers teach nine classes a semester and they are giving him one class and other undefined work. It is not appropriate

Claudia Keith, a spokesperson for the CSU, said Munitz is just exercising his rights under a trustee professor program that started in 1981 and went through 1992.

This program was initiated for executives during that time to transition back into teaching, allowing people like chancellors and vice chancellors or university presi-dents the opportunity to return if they want to," Keith said in a telephone interview.

Keith does point out that this is not a contract, and Munitz's salary was set by this policy.

"It is essentially the midpoint of the salary he was making when he was last getting paid and the max salary for a professor right now, Keith said.

CFA President John Travis said Munitz also has an individual staff person, a travel allowance and a separate budget for office supplies.

There are many of us who have been around for years and even decades and we don't make that kind of money," Travis said in a telephone interview. "That is more than twice the top salary of a full-time professor in the CSU, even those in the highest rank.

Taiz said it is a challenge for the leadership of this system to under-stand and makes it harder on professors to point students in the right direction

"We are trying to teach students to work hard and play by the rules," Taiz said. "This is someone who has a track record of questionable judgment and questionable behaviors and it's a slippery slope to tell students no, you will not be a sucker if you do things the right way

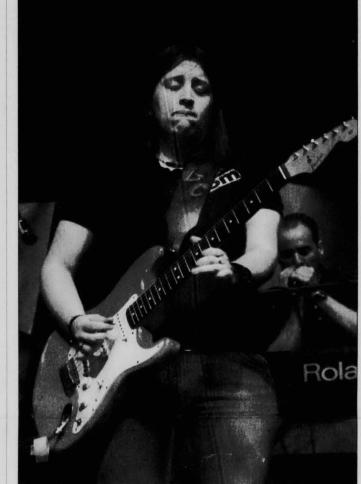
She points to a current investigation by the state attorney general involving Munitz and his recent resignation in February as presi-dent of the J. Paul Getty Trust, the world's wealthiest art institution.

"He left under a cloud and he is trying to keep things as low to the ground as possible, and he sees this opportunity and he swings," Taiz said

Taiz sees the lack of a contract as a reason why the CSU should not be paying Munitz this kind of money, especially at a time when student fees have gone up by 76 percent in the last three

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The history of San Jose blues



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Laura Chavez, guitarist with the Lara Price Band, plays Wednesday night at the Hal Todd Theatre in Hugh Gillis Hall as part of "Talking Blues," a free event sponsored by KSJS and the Associated Students.

By Evie Smith

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Musicians and blues-lovers alike gathered Wednesday night in Hugh Gillis Hall to participate in "Talking Blues," panel discussion presented by campus radio station KSJS and Associated Students

The event was scheduled to start at 6 p.m., but due to sound equipment difficulties started 45 minutes late

The discussion was broadcast live on KSJS

The panel drew in a small crowd of 15 to 20 people, with a majority of the attendees coming from within the community. 'They can't keep this a secret from me," said San Jose local Ernie Beltran. "I live for this stuff."

Ramon Johnson, known as Chef Ramon on his KSJS radio show, organized the event for the second year in a row. "I enjoy the music," Johnson said. "All generations can en-

joy it Johnson said that San Jose lacked music venues and that

was the reason some of the city's best musicians were forced to leave

We don't support fantastic creators of art," Johnson said. According to Johnson, last year's panel discussion focused on the culture of blues music. Last night's panel honored local blues musician Gary Smith, and focused on local musicians and the blues scene in San Jose.

"I thought it was important to honor Gary Smith, the godfa-ther of San Jose blues," Johnson said.

The panel was composed of nine people who were connect ed to the local blues scene in one way or another

Among the panelists who spoke was San Jose Mercury News music critic Brad Kava.

People don't appreciate live, local musicians," Kava said. Kava asked how a musician could live in a city where there is such expensive housing. He said the lack of a live music scene in San Jose was one of the things that drove him crazy about the city

School of the Blues founder David Barrett sat on the panel and reminisced about how honoree Smith gave him harmonica lessons when he was 16 years old.

"He was harmonica sponge," Smith said of Barrett. "We all do it because we love it," Barrett said. "I never saw it as a vehicle to stardom."

Barrett said the decline in local music venues occurred after the economy tanked post-Sept. 11. He said the "heyday" of the genre was in the late 1950s.

Smith, who is now 55 years old, talked about the Bay Area blues scene in the 1960s

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SJSU officials re-examine bike policy

By Erin Keilah Chin DAILY STAFF WRITER

After 16 years with a campus policy restricting bicycles and forbidding skateboards, roller skates and inline skates, San Jose State University officials are con-

sidering some changes. "The SJSU's Parking, Traffic and Transportation Committee is basically discussing how to update the policy because the campus has changed since (it) was issued," said Andy Chow, Transportation

Solutions commute coordinator. The Parking, Traffic and tation Committee has scribed bicycle lane when this is provided): 4th Street, 7th Street except between Clark Hall and Engineering, 9th Street, 10th Street, San Carlos Street, San Salvador Street and San Fernando Street, 5th Street south of San Carlos Street, 8th Street between San Salvador Street and San Carlos Street.

Temesgen Atzbaha, Associated Students director of campus climate affairs and member of the Parking, Traffic and Transportation Committee, said the current bicycle policy is unclear and that the new policy would make rules easier to understand.

"The restrictions are compli-

Students selected for PBS''Road Trip Nation'

By Michael Brady

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Three San Jose State University students will hit the road in a big green motor home this sum-mer as part of the PBS documentary series "Road Trip Nation." As they follow a loosely outlined path across the United States, they will interview unconventional business leaders about how they found and followed their own career paths, according to a DVD provided by the Career Counseling office on campus

"We are thrilled to hear that a student team from SJSU has been chosen," said Anita Manuel, Road Trip Nation" career consultant at the Career Center and the University liaison for the show. "We can't wait to see how the team's adventure unfolds when the documentary airs next fall.

Abel Habtegoerogis, public relations ma-jor, Cairo Person, journalism major; and Kisura Hendrix, a political science major, will spend two months with a video team as one of three teams that "Road Trip Nation" is sending out this

his finding more options than those found in a traditionally defined career path

I have no damn idea about my future, Habtegoerogis said. "I'm hoping meeting people on this trip will spark something before I graduate Hendrix talked excitedly about an interview

that she had just set up with Michael Kennedy, a former Exxon executive and now a well known chocolatier working in Chicago.

"I can't wait to talk with him about the changes he made in leaving big oil for chocolate," Hendrix said. "He's just one of the amazing people we're getting to talk to."

Hendrix hopes that this trip will give her a better understanding of herself and stop her from feeling so old at the age of 24.

"I'm starting to feel like a grandma," Hendrix said. "By being around other young people I'm hoping to get a better understanding of where I fit in the future of things.

Person said the cross-country trip was presented to her as an opportunity to travel, obtain experience and most of all network with interestKatrina and see what he says about the displacement of the city's residents all over the nation

'Road Trip Nation" began in 2001 when three Pepperdine University students, at a loss about their future plans, loaded up a mobile home with video cameras and hit the road to find some answers, said co-founder Brian McAllister in a phone interview

We graduated and none of us knew what we wanted to do with our lives," McAllister said. "We kept asking ourselves if we had to do the traditional path or maybe there was another way

"We decided to go out into real life and ask others how they came to define their lives."

McAllister said that all the noise and pres sure while actually attending college makes decision-making for the future a struggle for most students

"You lose the point of why you're learning," McAllister said. "You start to question if you are just doing what you're supposed to do because

other people told you it was the right thing." SJSU was selected from a pool of over 100

I rans worked for over three years on changing SJSU's bicycle policy, said chairwoman Linda Roper.

The current policy is stated in the Presidential Directive 90-01 passed in 1990, which states, "The purposes of this presidential directive are to reduce the risk of injury to pedestrians that bicycles and skateboards pose and to reduce the risk of injury of persons riding skateboards in areas not intended for that purpose."

According to the presidential directive, skateboards, roller skates and similar devices may not be ridden on the San Jose State University campus at any time. Bicycles and unicycles on the other hand, may not be ridden between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. on campus, with the exception of specific areas.

The directive reads, "Bicycles and unicycles may be ridden on the following streets (within a pre-

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cated." Atzbaha said. "Even with a map it's hard to understand. The old policy is more about what students can't do. The committee wanted to approach the new policy with a positive approach.

The proposed policy classifies vehicles into two categories: nonmotorized vehicles and motorized vehicles. A non-motorized vehicle is a device that can be propelled by human power. A motorized vehicle is a wheeled device that a person can ride, and that is powered or partially powered by an electrical or internal combustion engine.

Along with making a clearer policy that would be easier to understand and follow, PD 90-01 referenced buildings that no longer exist

"There have been many changes to our campus since that policy

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Habtegoerogis said he is hoping that time on the road and the planned interviews with Barak Obama, George Clooney and others will lead to ing people

T'm really looking forward to talking with Ray Nagin, New Orleans' mayor," Person said. "I'd like to get his personal views about (Hurricane)



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that applied, McAlliste noted that "their unusual enthusiasm and distinct attitudes made them stand out from the rest of the

"We were just being ourselves: goofy and loud," Hendrix said. "But even though we applied at the last minute, I think they knew how had we wanted it

The team has been getting ready for a July 2 departure, making cold calls to set up interviews and training to drive and maintain their mobile home for the two-month adventure.

"It's just crazy," Habtegoerogis said. " We are trying to focus on more offbeat leaders this trip and just calling up people we've heard about but never met is time-consuming and stressful."

Past road trip interviews have included Michael Dell of Dell Computers, Craig Venter, one of the decoders of the human genome and Howard Schultz, chairman of Starbucks.

'Putting the students on the road and isolating them from the noise of society sets them up for the interviews," McAllister said. "We tend to try to meet with leaders who have unique philosophies that really resonate and open up new ways of looking at things.

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Opposing Views: YES In a timely and effective way.

I will be the first to admit that the very idea of an avian flu pan-demic in the United States terrifies me. The recent television movie "Fatal Contact: Bird Flu in America" did little to calm my nerves about the potentially devastating impact if such an outbreak happened in the United States. However, there is an immense disparity between the reality of the situation and the fictional television account of the pandemic

Thus far, the avian flu, an extremely virulent influenza spread by birds and sometimes to humans that continuously evolves, has been responsible for 115 deaths worldwide

Compared to the billions of people affected by the AIDS virus, this number is relatively small. However, if ignored, the influenza does have the potential to cause deaths on a massive scale, particularly if it

mutates into a strain that can be transmitted from human to human. As frightening as the idea of this pandemic may be, we need to re-



member two important factors. The U.S. government is taking many preemptive steps in order to prevent such a widescale pandemic from taking place, and the avian flu may never even affect the U.S. in the first

place I believe the old adage "hope for the best, plan for the worst," accurately applies to this situation. Although the U.S. hopes the bird flu never comes our way, our government has tak-en many steps just in case it does.

Dominique Streeter

Using the epidemic influenza of 1918 as a worst-case scenario, the U.S. has formed a strategy on how respond to such an outbreak if it were to occur. To prepare these plans, U.S. federal agencies have been organizing meetings and summits with each state's health and emergency leaders in order to ensure preparedness. According to PandemicFlu gov, the U.S. Department of Health and

Human Services has adopted a three-step plan to prevent an outbreak of the flu in the U.S., which involves preparation on a global and national level.

First, the U.S. plans to stop or limit the spread of this flu to the U.S. This involves tracking and helping prevent the spread of the disease in other countries

The U.S. is engaged in monitoring the world for outbreaks of the avian flu in order to help isolate the outbreaks in a timely and effective way

Many financial steps have been taken to address the avian flu. President George W. Bush and Congress have agreed to spend \$251 million on avian flu outbreaks before it has the opportunity to spread around the world.

Secondly, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services plans on preventing the disease domestically by spending \$3.3 billion to help the United States prepare for such an outbreak

Each state, including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, will be provided with minimum grants of \$500,000 to fund state-wide planning.

The last aspect of this plan regards the potential impact the bird flu might have on our economy if it were to spread to the U.S. It addresses ways to protect our society's infrastructure from an outbreak.

As of May 4, more than \$1 billion was awarded in contracts to create new influenza vaccines in the U.S. through the Health and Human Services Department.

In my opinion, the steps our government has taken more than adequately address the urgency of this issue. By taking anticipatory steps to protect us, the government has shown true awareness and concern for the safety of the American people

As frightening as a possible pandemic may be, I will sleep easier at night knowing all the necessary steps are being taken by my government.

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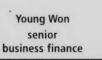
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"Yes. But the government is not investing enough in our research companies to find possible solutions.

Mehrunisa Malik senior economics

"No. Because I haven't even heard about it.



ment could do more, not leaving it up to private companies. There should be more funding.

Joshua Fass sophomore molecular biology



"No. I see them assessing it, but not preparing. We just know how fast we are going to die.

"No. It's just not their priority. They know they're safe and most likely won't be affected by it."

Justin Dickey junior chemistry



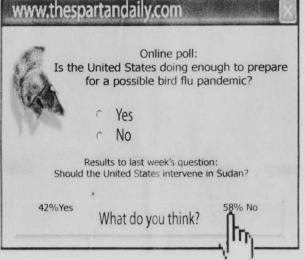
"No. I don't think we're doing enough.'

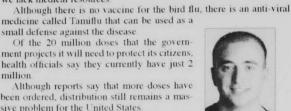
Mike Garcia freshman business

Is the United States doing enough to prepare for a possible bird flu pandemic? NO The billions of dollars meant for the epidemic are being spent elsewhere.

"Birds are causing terror. Terrorists belong behind bars."

Illustration by CJG





Jeremy Barousse

The process of getting the medicine to a per son within 48 hours of their symptoms being realized would be a challenge

It is one of the deadliest diseases in the world and we aren't ready to

The disease is carried by birds, wild and domesticated, and can be

The bird flu, as it is known colloquially, swept through Asia killing

In the event of a full-blown epidemic, the disease could kill five to

These statistics should not be taken lightly by the Bush administra-

Since watching my beloved country fail to respond quickly to the Hurricane Katrina disaster, I am convinced that we don't have the re-

The first reason why we aren't ready to fight the disease is because

fight it: a disease called H5N1, or avian influenza.

65 people since 2003.

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200 million people worldwide

we lack medical resources.

small defense against the disease

sive problem for the United States.

protect every American.

easily transmitted from bird to bird, as well as bird to human

sources, money or leadership to contain another disaster.

Furthermore, it would take three to six months to produce a flu vac cine once a pandemic strain is isolated, and millions of Americans could be infected by this time.

Second, if we had an outbreak somewhere in the United States we would be forced to quarantine that part of the country

And who would be best to effect a quarantine? The U.S. military. However, American military forces have been occupying Iraq and Afghanistan for more than three years and thousands of troops have been transferred there

.S. officials and politicians believe that there wouldn't be enough military personnel to cover a large outbreak. Moreover, the billions of dollars that the U.S. is spending to keep

troops there have created a delay in advanced planning for the epi demic

The government is dumping billions of dollars into national defense from terrorist attacks, but has overlooked a different attack from an enemy we can't see

Congress has given only \$3.3 billion of the \$7.1 billion that President George W. Bush asked Congress to fight the avian flu.

Bush has asked for an additional \$2.65 billion towards the cause in the 2007 fiscal budget year, but approval from Congress looks dismal. Most of Washington D.C. is joining in on the call for more defense

of the flu scare. In a letter sent to the president, 32 senate Democrats warned that the nation was "dangerously unprepared" mainly because the nation's "public health infrastructure is weak."

Instead of depending on the government to defend us, we should look to big businesses on the private sector level. Don't depend on Bush and company for help. We need to get large

corporations involved to fight the bird flu. Lets get something together before it's too late

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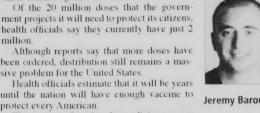
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GUEST COLUMN

Voters provide a productive voice instead of complaining

thing I said would even make a difference. We have heard it from people far more important than me, and we have seen what happens when we don't use it. Yet, despite its monumental importance we consistently decline to participate in it. When I say "we" I am talking about the next gen

eration, those of us who fall in the coveted 18 to 24 year-old demographic, and when I say "it," I am talking about the act of voting. I no longer fall in that particular age group, but I

used to, and I must say that it really bothers me that we" don't vote. It is truly something I just do not understand.

I for one am tired of hearing teachers complain to classes about our lack of involvement and lawmakers not thinking about our needs when drafting legislation but why should they? We don't vote, so they don't have to cater to us

It really makes us look lazy, spoiled and ungrateful and it embarrasses me

It seems that sometimes we forget that voting is a privilege, and one that we did not always have. Many

people fought very hard to obtain these rights for us and yet we take it for granted.

Everyone has an excuse about why they don't vote want. when they are asked about it after yet an other election where we failed to repre-

sent ourselves: "I don't have the time, 'they don't care what we think." and the best one, "my vote won't make a differ-ence anyway." But if the last two elections showed us anything, it is that one vote does make a difference.

I am tired of hearing us complain about that state of our country - and sometimes we are the most vocal group out there. We bitch and moan about everything, but we don't want to do anything to change it. A vote can change something and here is where the fun part comes in: if you vote, you can complain.

Yes, that's right. I don't like what is happening to this country and I can voice my opinion about that as

often as I want to because I voted.

I don't want to hear it if you couldn't find the time to go make a few marks on a piece of paper or touch

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a screen. Keep your mouth shut. When you actually vote, then you have the right to complain all you

It's funny because the first election I ever voted in should have tainted me for life. I turned 18 in the year 2000 and was a resident of the great state of Florida. I saw firsthand the greatest voting debaucle our country has ever seen.

It was very disheartening to see the police barricades being put up to deter voters and the polling locations closing ahead of the scheduled time

Yes, it left me more than cynical about the voting process in this country and I do question if my vote was actually counted,

but it won't stop me from participating If anything, it showed me that each vote counts more than we know.

So I know this is redundant, but the older I get the more I feel these weird little urges inside me that make me act just like my mother. But hey, it worked for her, I am graduating this month and without her constant,

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Psychiatry is not an exact science

Dear editor.

Defenders of psychiatry are quick to deflect criticism by attacking the messenger. Listen, I don't care if it's Tom Cruise, Barbara Walters or Marvin the Martian who's pointing out that the emperor has no clothes — if it's true, it's true. Look for yourself, people.

College teaches, hopefully, the scientific method. Examine the "science" behind psychiatry and you'll find out what they've so cleverly hidden since the days that Professor William Wundt decided arbitrarily that we were all soulless animals: psychiatry and true sciences are worlds apart.

All psychiatry has is a loose collection of suppositions and theories couched in scientific-sounding

So people, in the next election, no matter how

Let's show them that we are interested in what is

large, small or time-consuming, go out and vote. Let's

show the country that we are so much more than an

happening in this country and in this world and that

we do matter. Don't let them get what they want: us sitting on our couch caring more about voting for the

next American Idol than voting for our own president.

Let's set a good example for the next generation of voters who will look to us for inspiration. If things

continue the way they have been, I'm afraid of what

apathetic youth.

we'll see in the future.

Jill Rae Seib is a Spartan Daily staff writer. Guest Columns usually appear Tuesdays. "Prime and Privileged" will no longer appear this semes-

language. If your doctor told you without verifiable proof that he "felt" you had cancer, wouldn't you

want a little more proof than the doctor's hunch?

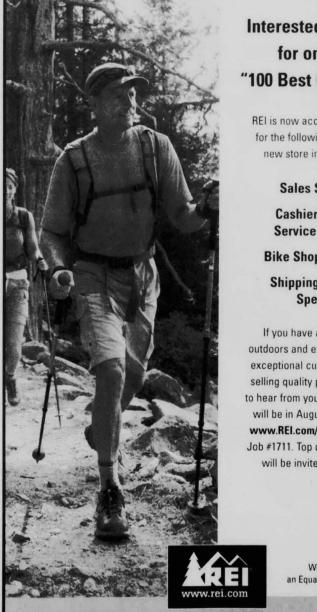
I'm not saying people don't suffer and hurt, be-cause life can be tough. But creating a population of drugged and malleable citizens is not the answer. Do you know that many so-called disorders have conventional biological causes totally unrelated to the brain

True, integrity means looking for yourself and not being afraid to say what you've found. I'm not afraid. Are you?

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The heroes, the characters in-

It's all action from this point on:

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climb the ship.

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Poseidon' stays afloat

By Michael Brady DAILY STAFF WRITER

You would expect a disaster film set at sea and directed by Wolfgang Petersen ('Das Boot') to reek of authenticity ... and it did. The director literally wrote the book on shoving people into metal cans and bouncing them on the ocean.

MOVIE REVIEW

Combine non-stop action and simple, pinpoint character development and the result is an almost Biblical, old-school disaster movie that delivers on all the promises that genre has ever made

"Poseidon," a remake of the 1972 "Poseidon Adventure," follows the same formula as the original: brief vignettes to introduce all the important characters, then the disaster followed by the redemptive trip through a type of hell in which each surviving character learns important character lessons.

Classic stuff: the fall, suffering and redemption, all mixed with random acts of violence and stunning special effects. Very much like the Old

color

The movie opens with a pan-

oramic motion shot of the Poseidon cutting gracefully though the waves

The shot quickly dives into a stateroom where two young lovers are on a sofa kissing, as an older man (Kurt Russell) walks in. The boy is afraid to speak, the

girl just explodes with anger and her father appears as solid as a rock, yet troubled.

This is just one example of how Petersen frames the direction of the movie. By quickly exposing the characters' faults and weaknesses, the movie then uses them as crucial pivots for every piece of action that follows

In 15 minutes, all the main characters are introduced in much the same fashion: Dylan (Josh Lucas), the gambler and ladies' man, meets the divorced mom with a child that attaches to him; the gay, suicidal businessman (Richard Dreyfuss) whose lover has just left; the stowaway with claustrophobia; and the loud obnoxious drunk who calls himself "Lucky Larry.

Shortly after the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, the captain of the ship turns to his first. mate and says, "Can you feel it?" After a few seconds, all hell breaks

A massive rogue wave hits the Testament of the Bible, except in ship, and over an extended few minutes capsizes the Poseidon. As the ship floats upside down,

Britney Spears does it one more time

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The baby bump is for real. Britney Spears told David Letterman Tuesday that she is

pregnant with baby No. 2. "Don't worry Dave, it's not yours," the pop princess quipped The revelation ended weeks of

speculation in entertainment magazines, which have been regular ly publishing pictures of Spears' apparently expanding waistline. Spears, 24, and her husband Kevin Federline, 28, were married in 2004 and have an 8-month-old son, Sean Preston.

Federline also has two children with his former girlfriend, Shar Jackson

Child welfare officials and a sheriff's deputy reportedly visited Spears' home in April after her son

accidentally tumbled from a high chair.

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thing special as well.

genre I've ever seen.

And "Lucky Larry" finds some-

'Poseidon'' is a compact movie

without any significant excesses. It

shapes the characters with minimal

brush strokes and, once engaged,

never slows down, keeping you in

won't leave you pondering the na-

ture of the universe, but it's the

best example in the disaster movie

This is not Shakespeare and it

the picture until the credits role.

In February, authorities visited the home after photographs showed the singer in a car with her son in her lap, rather than in a car seat as required by law

Spears later apologized, saying she held the boy because of a "horrifying, frightful encounter with the paparazzi.

Built to Spill fizzles out with disappointing sixth album

By Evie Smith DAILY STAFF WRITER

Indie rock group Built to Spill released their new album "You in earlier this month after Reverse. leaving listeners dry for five years.

CD REVIEW

"You in Reverse" is the band's fourth release since their inception in 1992. The compact disc has 10 tracks that feature some very laid-

are over five minutes. The first track, "Goin' Against Your Mind," is a lengthy 8 minutes, 42 seconds

to Spill before this album, I was unfamiliar with their sound.

one part Modest Mouse, two is parts Pink Floyd and a dash of The

01'm not sure what their past albums sound like, but rumor has it this one is a little more on the dark

A few of the songs on "You in Reverse," feature long, intermixed instrumentals and solos with some nice vocals

There are some weird sound effects on a few of the tracks, which are somewhat reminiscent of Pink Floyd's "The Wall.

Lead singer and songwriter Doug Martch's voice sounds a little airy at times, but it compliments the music nicely.

The best part about "You in Reverse" is the musical talent the members exude in every song. They have a good flow and balance. No instrument, including Martch's voice, overpowers the songs. It all kind of melts to-



Built to Spill band members are pictured in a drawing done by one of the musicians that was featured inside their sixth release.

gether

My two favorite tracks on the CD were "Traces" and Conventional Wisdom," both displayed good guitar work and had engaging intros.

I hate to use the term "hippie rock," to describe this album, but it fits. Maybe that's why the band is labeled as "indie rock.

This is not a CD for hard rock punk fans, but maybe for more of the music connoisseur, or some one looking for some easy-going. chill-out music.

The artwork in the CD jewel case complements the music to a tee. It contains super weird draw ings by artist Mike Scheer.

Scheer's art features odd-look ing creatures and shapes in color and in black and white. Something about them makes me want to say 'acid trip. I almost want to say that for the

whole album.

"You in Reverse" is a really mellow CD that at times is a little psychedelic, but for the most part easy on the ears.

I liked the CD, though my attention swayed during a few of the long instrumentals, but in all "You in Reverse," is pretty good.

Built to Spill will be kicking off a four-month tour, starting in June and running till early October.

The band's Web site has all the dates and locations for the upcoming tour. The site also contains a link to Scheer's Web site, which features even more of his weird artistic creations



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A trip between the walls of the "el-evator of doom," then around the "galley of fire," through the "valley of the staterooms" and over the "pit of the engine room." Many in the audience closed their eyes through these good parts as their neighbors gasped at any sudden movement. What happens on this trip back songs through hell is what has always Over half the tracks on the CD happened in a good disaster flick: characters change. The quiet boy finds the strength to lead, the father the power to sacrifice, the gambler

long Having never listened to Built

The best that I can describe it

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Hip Hop Congress brings b-boy lessons to campus

By Evie Smith DAILY STAFF WRITER

Dancer Arison "Remind" Ripoylas, from the break-dancing group Style Elements Crew, taught a workshop Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. in the Loma Prieta Room located in the Student Union.

The event was co-hosted by Hip Hop Congress and the Urban Arts Club. Wes Kuruhara, the founder and current treasurer of the San Jose State University Chapter of Hip Hop Congress, organized the event.

"Ever since I started Hip Hop Congress I wanted to bring out Remind," Kuruhara said.

According to Kuruhara, Ripoylas had taken a hiatus from dancing to focus on his family.

Kuruhara said that members of the Style Elements Crew have been backup dancers for big name performers such as Christina Aguilera.

According to Kuruhara, Ripoylas, who is from Modesto, has been living on an American Indian reservation in Lamedeer, Montana.

The event cost students \$4 to participate or watch. The cover charge was imposed in the hopes of helping to raise money to send Hip Hop Congress to their organization's national convention in Boulder, Colo.

The workshop drew in a crowd of 25 to 35 people.

When Ripoylas showed up he stood by, nodding while he watched the attendees dance before jumping into the circle and busting out some of his own famous moves, including a "head slide."

To kick off the festivities, AK Modern, a group from the Akbayan Pilipino American Organization of SJSU, preformed a dance routine. Ripoylas emphasized the im-

Ripoylas emphasized the importance of stretching before break dancing, putting the crowd through

a grueling 30-minute warm-up session.

"I've been doing this since I was four," Ripoylas said. He explained that it's important to stretch to avoid injury.

Ripoylas said that a dancer is a representative of the music, and that if the music is negative or degrading, the dancer is only encouraging that.

"Watch what you're dancing to," he said. "Hip-hop (has) gone flip-flop."

Ripoylas told the crowd that yoga and ballet have helped to progress his moves. He said some of his moves he just makes up while he's watching TV in his living room.

"He's one of the best b-boys," said Hip Hop Congress member Mark Savage of Ripoyla. "His moves are flawless."

According to the "Urban Dictionary," a b-boy or a b-girl is a slang term for a person who break dances, although there are many variations on the term.

Ripoylas showed the crowd a routine he was going to teach them. He broke the dance down into eight counts, spending about an hour teaching the routine to the crowd.

"The music is the translator," Ripoylas said. "The reason I'm moving this way is because of the music."

During the clinic some participants left as the routine became gradually more difficult.

When the remaining attendees had it down, Ripoylas split the group in two and orchestrated what he called a "battle."

At the end of the clinic he organized a circle were he and the other participants took turns break dancing.

"When you go out into the circle you want to make a statement," Ripoylas said. "Become the music."

Hip Hop Congress 'Stomp' sweeps audience members

By Annette Andre DAILY STAFF WRITER

The performers of "Stomp" proved during their Tuesday night performance that music can be created with some of the most unsuspected instruments: a kitchen sink, a trash can, a trash bag, a plastic pipe, a basketball and more.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The stage of San Jose's American Music Theatre could hardly be recognized after it was transformed into the set of "Stomp," which was made of metal scrap pieces, chain-link

There never seemed to be a shortage of surprises ...

fences, trashcans, road signs and other items that can be found in a garbage dump. The show began when one

performer came out on stage and started sweeping. Then another performer entered the stage and the two performers soon had a syncopated rhythm going with their brooms.

One by one, a new performer would come on stage with a broom, adding his or her own sweeping beat.

Every now and then one could hear langhter throughout the theater after one of the performers would send a little stage dust into the audience or onto another person on stage.

The broom number got even lighting and th better during solo time. One per-

Another performer played the character of the strong guy who was always eager to show off his talent.

He was competitive with the other performers and rightfully so because he was a master of rhythm. He was also the one who encouraged audience participation, as he would clap a beat and encourage them to imitate him.

Just when one would expect the show to start winding down, another prop was introduced as a new instrument. One number used wood-

one number used wooden poles to create music, but it wasn't just the impressive sounds that sent shivers down the spine, it was the choreography, the lighting and the personalities of the performers.

former began creating rhythms with the ends of two broomsticks and then added stomping beats with his feet. By the end of the second sec-

tion, the performers had already established identifiable character types — all created through body language and facial expression and completely without the use of any spoken words.

One of the performers played the part of the dorky small guy that all the other performers picked on. With each new number he would try to get in his own solo, but someone else would find a way to prevent it. His character soon gained the support of the audience, which could be heard through their sympathetic murmurs.



A "Stomp" performer uses trash can lids as prop in the production that toured San Jose on May 2-7.

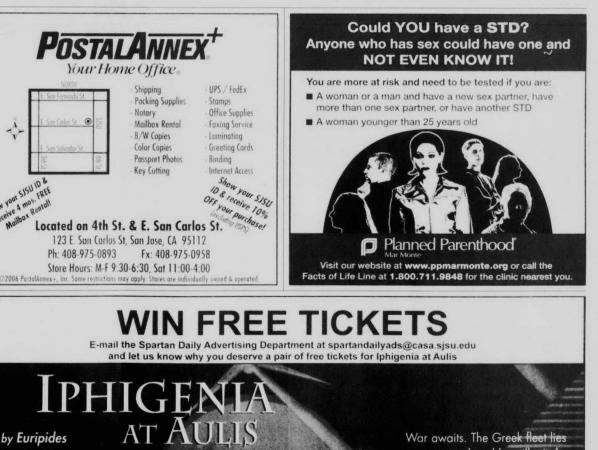
The movements of the performers while they danced around with the wooden poles were often low to the ground. The lighting created tall shadows on the theater walls, giving this particular performance a tribal feel

At one point the lights from the stage all went off. After a minute or so, flashlights began turning on and off from high up on the set.

When the lights turned on, one could see that some of the performers were attached to a rope as they propped themselves against the wall of metal. Soon, they began swinging back and forth as they played the pots and pans that were attached to the set.

While this was going on, other performers were bashing big trashcans to add a little bass to the drumming performance.

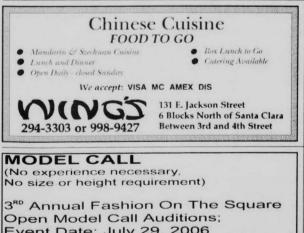
"Amazing" would be the word to describe the entire performance of "Stomp." There never seemed to be a shortage of surprises, and not only was it full of ingenious rhythms, it was hilarious as well.



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A San Jose State University student passes by Cosmopolitan Jewelry. Owners Tricia Hancock and manager Denisse Pombar have provided students for eight years with proceeds which benefit the Student Union and a relief fund for orphans in China.

Spartan squad members look forward to the upcoming semester

By Tatiana Getty DAILY STAFF WRITER

Look around at a San Jose State University sporting event and you'll notice a sea of lond, non-stop cheering yellow.

This sea of undergraduate and graduate students with Spartan Squad emblazoned on their piercing goldenrod-colored T-shirts is, according to the club's Web site, "the official student athletic booster club of San Jose State University." And with the close of this semester, the squad celebrates its first year as a student organization. Spartan Squad has been extreme

ly successful," said freshman Bradyn Blower, a squad member and a communication disorders major. "I also think that down the road, especially with the support from A.S., we will continue to be a strong organization on campus.

Blower said around 3,000 students signed up for the squad this year, received their free yellow shirts and be come founding members of the club, which upholds and honors SJSU traditions such as rivalries and fight

Blower also said, "Turnouts vary by game. Our biggest turnout has def-

initely been at football games." But the organization supports more than mainstream sports "I see shirts everywhere: gym-nastics, softball, water polo ... and

and of course the big sports. I (also) see them at the non-NCAA sports too, like hockey," said English major and club member Andrew Weiglein.

Weiglein recently attended the Western Athletic Conference Gymnastics Regionals at Stanford University and said, "I thought there might be like five to eight people tops the core group that always shows up to (events) as much as they can. Instead, we almost filled an entire section. We had dozens of people."

Spartan Squad is determined to show support for SJSU athletes while at the same time showing rival schools that our fans are the best, said Mark Powell, a sophomore journalism major and squad leader.

"Spartan Squad is about showing the athletes at SJSU that students are behind them," said Powell, "It's about making the SJSU experience the rival of any school in the state or even the nation. Powell is one of 10 squad leaders

in the organization, and they do just that: lead the squad. They are distinguished by their blue and gold neck-ties, and lead chants and cheers. They

also organize tabling, set up T-shirt distribution and get students pumped up for games

And it works. The squad gets at tention from not just the fans of opposing schools, but also coaches

"We have some positive reactions," Powell said. "Some parents from other teams have told us to keep up the good work. We have also gotten positive responses back from opposing coaches. I believe other schools think we're a bit eccentric and loud, but we're totally cool with that."

But senior Weiglein says the club is about more than just a way for Spartan sports fanatics to gather. The quad creates a sense of community

"It's just a great feeling of com-munity through mutual experience," Weiglein said "Even if you don't say a word, people at sporting events that root for the same team bond at least a little bit. Go to enough games, and you can be friends with people you've never spoken to."

The club, a brainchild of senior business management major Matthew Olivieri and senior business marketing major Brad Villeggiante, seeks to create unity among the student body at sporting and promotional events, provide a social environment for stu dents, up the number of students at events and create a sense of pride for SJSU sports.

The squad achieves those goals, but still needs improvement.

Junior business marketing major Bill Ng says he's aware the club exists but isn't quite sure what it's all about.

"They're a student fan section at San Jose State," said Ng. "I see peo-ple walking around with the T-shirts on at school all the time.

"We need to market Spartan Squad to more students, and sooner," Powell said. "I can't stress the 'sooner' part enough. Students here want to go to games — and do — but I honestly think students are just unaware sometimes of the fun and unity that Spartan

Squad brings to games." Powell added, "Also, we need to make sure we don't alienate some sports like softball and water polo that should attract more fans wearing gold.

Still, despite the club's shortcomings, the squad's first year has been worthwhile one for its founding members.

"Going to games keeps me engaged," Blower said. "My college life hardly has a dull moment anymore. Counting down the last few seconds of a nail-biting basketball game or hockey game can give you enough adrenaline to last a whole weekend."

BIKE - Officials say 16-year-old policy may be outdated and too confusing for students

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was put into affect," Roper said. 'For example, the closure of San Salvador to cars and traffic and the building of the new campus public library. We need a policy that takes these changes, as well as others, into consideration '

The proposed policy states, "The purpose of this policy is to regulate and promote the safe use of non-motorized vehicles on campus grounds. By allowing the use of non-motorized vehicles on campus, the University is encouraging community members to reduce its de pendence on motor vehicles. This reduces traffic congestion, pollution, parking demand and the consumption of fossil fuels."

Roper said that SJSU is a community within the larger community of the city of San Jose. She said she hopes the new bicycle policy will help to welcome people in the San Jose community to the SJSU community

"Hopefully, this new policy will help to reflect and encourage

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community," Roper said. With this new bicycle policy, there will be designated dismount areas around the campus. '(Designated dismount areas) are

areas that will be posted letting the bike riders know they need to walk their bike in that area between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday," Roper said "PTTAC recommends the inner area around the student union being a designated dismount area because of the amount of foot traffic between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.'

She said that instead of having a policy that stated specific locations where riding is restricted, the proposed policy states that the restricted areas will be marked so that there is no confusion.

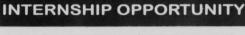
In the proposed policy there are

'common sense" rules that non-motorized vehicle riders should follow They include, "Always yield to pe destrians; maximum speed limit is 5 mph; walk vehicle when there is no clear path ahead, such as when the walkway is too crowded with pedestrians or other obstructions: no trick riding - all wheels must be on the ground at all times; riders will dismount and walk their vehicle where appropriate signs are posted, and walking with any vehicle is permitted throughout the campus grounds.

"The main change the committee is proposing is the allowance of nonmotorized vehicles such as bikes, scooters, roller skates and other similar vehicles," Atzbaha said. "I think as long as students follow the 'com-

mon sense' rules, it will work. Besides being able to ride bicycles, skateboards and scooters on campus, Atzbaha said there are other benefits

(The change) provides an opportunity for those who live on campus or near campus to get around our spread-out campus faster without having to be warned or ticketed by UPD," Atzbaha said. This allows for a clearly specified policy that our campus can abide by. It might also contribute to reducing the parking issue.



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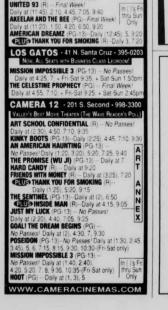
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SALARY - Letters sent to chancellor regarding \$163,000 compensation

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"It is not a contract, and they are not obligated to pay him that kind of money," Taiz said.

Taiz and Travis sent a letter to Chancellor Reed last week demanding answers to why the CSU is going to spend taxpayers' dollars on executive salaries rather than students

Levels of music .

Taiz said this is especially painful because Munitz will be on her campus, where money and enrollment is growing scarce.

"Do you know what we could do with \$163,000? That would pay for three new tenure track faculty members," Taiz said. "We could open 30 40 additional sections that would allow more people to graduate, some of our departments don't even have the money to make photocopies

Travis feels that this is a strange situation and said he is interested in knowing more about what is going on with Munitz's new position.

"We just recently sent a request for more information," Travis said "I have never heard of such a position within the CSU before.

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According to an article published last week by the Los Angeles Times, State Sen. Jackie Speier, D-Hillsborough and an education comand fiscally.

mittee member, joined union leaders for a telephone news conference. Speier said she was mainly con-cerned about what Munitz would be paid in his first year, a salary that is close to 50 percent more than what top CSU professors earn. "Eligible students can't even af-

ford a four-year education," Taiz said. "We just can't afford him; he is too high-priced for us both ethically

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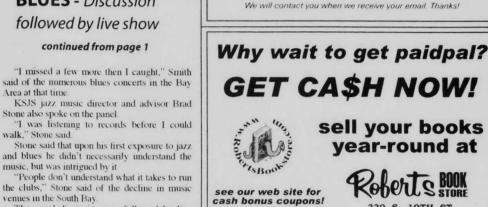
"I missed a few more then I caught " Smith said of the numerous blues concerts in the Bay Area at that time

- KSJS jazz music director and advisor Brad Stone also spoke on the panel.
- walk," Stone said. Stone said that upon his first exposure to jazz

and blues he didn't necessarily understand the music, but was intrigued by it

venues in the South Bay. The panel discussion was followed by live

music preformed by some of the participants of the discussion, including panel honoree Smith.



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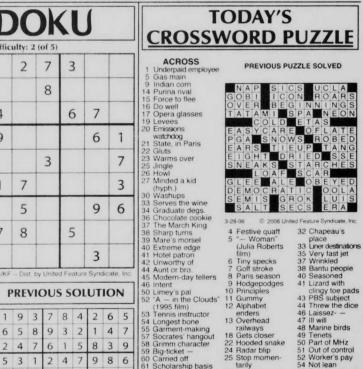
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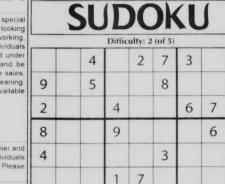
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Physically, senior David Pierson is not the size of an ide-

5 feet 7 inches, 150 pounds, he is

one of the smaller players on the

team, but that hasn't stopped him

from dominating on the San Jose

State University baseball field. "I always wanted to go straight

to a Division I (school)," Pierson

said. "It was a dream of mine, and

SJSU was my first choice. I knew

they did not care about the size of

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Spartan baseball coach Sam

"He's not the most physical

Pierson came straight from

always puts the team in

Bishop Amat High School in La

Puente, Calif., to a 2003 season with the Spartans where he played

front of his own statistics," Piraro said. "He truly believes that the

team is the most important thing."

the team, said roommate and fel-

low infielder Raul Campos, a se-

"David doesn't say much, but he leads from example," Campos

said. "If we need something done,

he'll do what he can for the team

He's a really quiet guy at home and on the field. He handles his busi-

ness, does what he needs to do. He's real laid back."

He's also a respected player on

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SPORTS

THURSDAY · MAY 11, 2006

Bonds goes 0-3, Giants' win streak ends in 8-1 loss to Cubs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) Barry Bonds saw more good pitches than most nights and it didn't make a difference.

The San Francisco slugger remained stuck at 713 home runs and one shy of tying Babe Ruth for second on the career list, and the Chicago Cubs ended their eight-game losing streak behind a two-run homer and four RBIs from Jacque Jones in an 8-1 win over the Giants on Wednesday night.

Bonds went 0-for-3 with a five-pitch walk and a strikeout, and he didn't take a swing until lining out to center on a 1-2 pitch from Carlos Zambrano with one out in the fourth.

In the fifth, Bonds was retired on a called third strike - a 96 mph fastball from Zambrano. He popped out in the eighth. Flashbulbs lit up the ballpark from all angles each time a pitch came his way

Once again, Bonds came to the plate to chants of "Barry! Barry!" and boats were out in force in the bay for the second straight night, hoping for Bonds to splash a souvenir ball into McCovey Cove like he's done 31 times before Even a person dressed in an oversized dog costume stood on one of the crafts.

Bonds didn't come close to 714 a night after Juan Pierre robbed him of a homer with a leaping catch against the wall in center in the fifth inning of San Francisco's 6-1 win.

Zambrano (1-2) won for the first time in eight 2006 starts and improved to 3-0 lifetime against the Giants, keeping San Francisco from its first three-game winning streak of the season

After 208 games with the Spartans, first baseman David Pierson is seven games away from breaking the San Jose State University record for games played.

This season marks Pierson's fourth and final one with the Spartans, and in that time he has broken two records, retained a fielding percentage in the high 900s and played in more than 200 games, including 108 straight

all-time record for sacrifice hits, set at 45 by Ryan Brucker, who played

from 1998 to 2001. Pierson broke

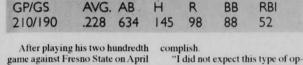
"(The record) means a lot to me," Pierson said. "A record like that means that I was productive and helpful towards my team in trying to win.



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On May 7, Pierson broke SJSU's

the record with 46, after laying down a sacrifice bunt in the eighth inning in the game against New Mexico State University. us



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David Pierson's Career Stats

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game against Fresno State on April 23, Pierson is close to breaking the record for games played.

SJSU's shortest player appears in more

than 200 games, closes in on record

Now at 208 games, Pierson is only seven games away from break ing the record of 214 set by Brucker. With six games left in the season, Pierson could very

well tie it, and if SJSU continues to the Western Athletic Conference tournament he has a good

chance of surpassing it.

Pierson is quick to thank his coaches for giving him the chance to play. "He's one of the finest, if not the finest second baseman I've coached, and possibly on the West Coast," Piraro said. "He's certain-

ly something that will be missed in this program. This season Pierson maintains a

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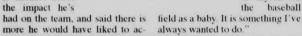
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Pierson



'I've learned so much about said. baseball and about life. Pierson hopes to graduate next year and said he is not sure what he wants to do, but hoped it will be e's one

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