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U.S. Congressman to give commencement

By Erin Keilah Chin
DAILY STAFF WRITER

U.S. Congressman and San Jose State University alumnus Mike Honda will be speaking at SJSU's 149th commencement ceremony on May 27.

Honda received his bachelor's

degrees in biological sciences and Spanish from SJSU in 1968, where he also earned his master's degree in education in 1974.

According to his Web site, he was a science teacher and a principal at two public elementary schools, and he also conducted educational research at Stanford University before he began his career in politics.

Terry Christensen, a political science professor, said Honda has always been involved with the university and has helped SJSU students.

"I think Mike's a perfect speaker," Christensen said. "He's an alum who has stayed connected to SJSU all through his career. It's really appropriate that he is our speaker."

SJSU alumni work for Honda in

Washington, D.C., and Honda also takes on interns who are SJSU students, according to Christensen.

Honda, D-San Jose, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2000.

While he is here, Honda will also be visiting with SJSU nanotechnology students and faculty members on May 30.

Christensen said students should be able to relate to Honda.

"He really should be a role model for our students," Christensen said, "in a sense that he's the first generation (of his family) to go to college. He's got a powerful story."

Jenna Mabalatan, a senior major-



HONDA

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Equipment check



DANIELLE STOLMAN / DAILY STAFF

Ashley Nguyen, left, a senior biochem major, looks through check out slips, while Chris Smith, a senior chemistry major, puts items back in his drawer in the Science Building on Monday afternoon. The students were doing final checkout for their organic chemistry class. As the experiments had concluded for the semester, the students were not required to wear safety goggles.

Center offers cash for business plan

Finalists in contest for \$10,000
to be announced Friday

By Jill Rae Seib
DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship will be holding the fourth annual Silicon Valley Business Plan competition this month.

The finalists will be announced on May 19, with the final round of judging on May 25 at San Jose State University.

According to Anu Basu, director of the Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship, the business plan competition is meant to encourage students who have business ideas to develop those ideas further and present them to a panel of judges who represent leading industry professionals.

Basu said that the competition is open to students, alumni, faculty and staff members.

"This year we have had a record number of registrations," Basu said. "Around 58 registrations and the number of people in a team is usually between three and five

students."

Basu said one reason that may have helped to get people interested is the first prize award of \$10,000.

Wanda Ginner, an alumna of SJSU, donated the funds and increased the amount because she was impressed by the presentations and by the judges.

"One of the things that motivates people is money," Ginner said in a telephone interview. "If we make the prize bigger we will get more attention."

Chris Surdi, former president of the Entrepreneurial Society, is participating in the competition.

"It's a great opportunity and I did it last year too," Surdi said in a telephone interview.

Ginner said she was overwhelmed by the courage of the participants and their willingness to take a chance.

"It is a huge personal risk to make this business plan and stick

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SJSU student arrested on two rape charges

Alleged incident occurred May 3 on campus

By Zeenat Umar
DAILY STAFF WRITER

A San Jose State University student was arrested by University Police Department officers and charged with two felony counts of rape, one felony count of false imprisonment and one felony count of sexual battery on campus, according to a press release.

UPD arrested Carlos Murillo Felix, 21, shortly after receiving a report from a 19-year-old SJSU student of an alleged sexual assault on May 3.

Felix was booked into Santa Clara County Jail, but has been released on bail, according to Sgt. John Laws.

The press release stated that the victim, who had dated Felix in the past, had been invited to his campus room prior to the assault, which occurred early morning of April 30.

"She was invited by Felix, with whom she had a previous dating relationship, to his on-campus room where the alleged sexual assault occurred," the release stated.

Laws said alcohol played a role in the reported assault, which he said was a common factor in such

crimes.

"Alcohol was involved in this incident," Laws said. "When you drink in excess, you are placing your life in the hands of another."

Laws said that the victim is in a state of "standard" trauma and is being helped through university services.

"The university is providing all the necessary services and doing everything it can to help the victim in every possible way," Laws said.

According to the press release, the victim decided to contact UPD after seeking assistance at a local Planned Parenthood office.

Following the report, Felix was interviewed and subsequently arrested.

Felix is not allowed anywhere on campus, including residence halls, indefinitely and has been issued a notice that he may be arrested if he is found in violation of the order, Laws said.

Although a court hearing has been scheduled, the date has not yet been released.

UPD asks anyone with information relating to this crime to call (408) 924 2222. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may call the UPD confidential tip line at (408) 924 2236.

Mayoral candidates to debate affordable housing

By Michael Brady
DAILY STAFF WRITER

San Jose mayoral candidates will meet Wednesday at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library to discuss the state of housing in San Jose.

Janice Edwards of KNTV is scheduled to moderate the two-hour forum that will allow for questions from interested community members and feature a guest speaker, Chris Block, executive director of the Charities Housing Development Corporation.

Rochelle Jackson-Smarr, a political science major and member of the Student Homeless Alliance of SJSU, is scheduled to ask questions of the panel as part of the forum and plans to have "sharp" questions for the candidates.

"Extra low income housing in San Jose has not been increasing fast enough to meet the city's need," Jackson-Smarr said. "It's just getting worse and we, as a city, are only getting better at hiding it."

Jackson-Smarr said that as the downtown area gentrified, the city's response has been to try to move the homeless out of the area instead of housing them.

"Poor-paying jobs and no housing make it tough to live here," Jackson-Smarr said. "And it's only getting worse."

Jeff Janssen, campaign man-

ager for mayoral candidate Chuck Reed, said that Reed felt there would always be a problem with affordable housing in the Bay Area.

"With the median price for a home here more than \$700,000," Janssen said, "it's a constant battle for council members to find ways to keep the people who work here living here."

Janssen said that the City Council continues to work for affordable housing through easing restrictions on developers in exchange for them setting parts of their development for low-income buyers.

"Reed has been working with the council and developers for years to improve housing affordability," Janssen said. "But as housing costs continue to go up more than income, the problem of affordability continues to be an ongoing crisis."

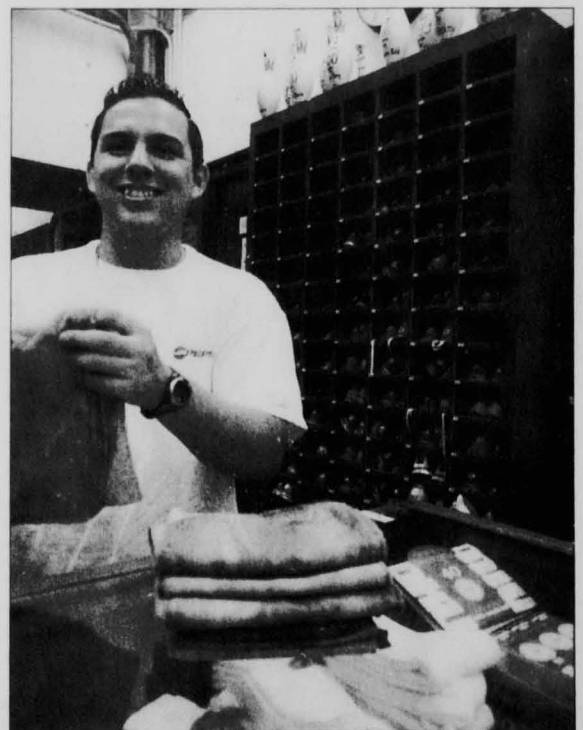
Michael Mulcahy agrees that trade-offs with developers are helpful, but insists that they don't do enough.

"While I strongly support programs like targeted inclusionary housing, I think we are fooling ourselves if we think that's enough," Mulcahy said. "It's a delicate balance of jobs and housing that's critical."

Stephanie Schaff, public ed-

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A folding routine ...



GAVIN MCCHESENEY / DAILY STAFF

Angle Hernandez, a senior majoring in criminology, folds towels for the Student Union Bowling Center. He has been working there for three years. Summer hours for the Bowling Center are from May 30 to August 21 Mon-Thur noon to 11 p.m. closed noon to midnight weekends and July 4.

ERIN OUT THE DETAILS

It all boils down to this: What a semester this has been

Today is one of the weirdest days of my life — it is my last day as a member of the Spartan Daily newspaper, along with finishing up my third year of college.

It is a day filled with a lot of "I-should-haves" and not enough "kid-you-had-a-good-run." The hypercritical part of me keeps picking apart every word that I've written, every mistake and everything that I let fall through.

Do I ever give myself credit for anything, or feel confident? Of course not, I'm a journalist.

As Professor Richard Craig would put it: "anal-retentive with a hyphen."

This semester is almost over, so what have I learned?

I've learned how to buckle down and work under pressure, to not let them see me sweat (though they could probably smell it a mile away).

All the time I spent watching "Cops" as a kid paid off when I got detained by the University Police Department in that whole Beat the Bookstore arrest at the beginning of the semester. Instead of being the arrogant little turd that I usually am, I decided to behave myself this time, and I got off without so much as a mark on my record.

Well, for now anyway.

Watching drunken, toothless trailer trash lie to the cops, then proceed to run away and get pummeled to the ground on TV was humorous entertainment, but also a sobering, valuable lesson. It made me realize that sometimes it pays to keep your mouth shut and to be an angel, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

Above all, though, I learned to never, EVER leave the house again without looking fabulous and sexy for two reasons: 1. The arresting officer could be totally gorgeous (as he was in my case) and 2. You don't want a mug shot that has you looking like Gary Busey when he got popped for DUI.

In all seriousness, though, it was a long semester that ended so quickly. I'm not graduating for a while, but a lot of my Daily colleagues are leaving for bigger and better things this May.

My happiness for them doesn't make the sadness of not being able to see them anymore hurt any less. I'm going to miss walking into the Daily and eating lunch, while I hurry up and pull a last-minute column from my ass. I'm going to miss my colleague Banks teasing me — one time I was wearing these little black gloves (I'm weird like that) and I took them off

to type something.

Banks then opened the window and said, "Erin, put your gloves on — I'm opening the window!" We would bicker like crazy, but at the end of the day, I wouldn't have wanted to work with anyone else. He taught me a lot, and I can only hope that I taught him a few things myself. Thank you, Banks Albach.

The other editors equally taught me, since they were all older than me and had more experience.

Even though they wanted to wring my neck like a wet dishrag more often than not, I wouldn't be where I am today without them.

Cheeto, Jimmy, Erik, Priscilla, Lydia, Ryan and Shaminder — I'm going to miss you all so very much.

My only regret is that we weren't friends, because I now know that you're the exact people I should have had my first drink with when I turned 21.

I've finally started to see the light at the end of a long tunnel in many respects: I'm getting that much closer to graduating college and experiencing that joyous daybreak of hope and well-being for myself.

In a way, this semester is a graduation for me: I'm

ending the darkest chapter of my life, a nine-year mental prison whose bars of madness and despair made me think that nothing was worth living for, that only death would set me free from the pain of living.

Then I realized that I don't want to die — I want to live, because I have too much to do and too much to give to just give in like that.

To the former Spartan Daily staff member who wrote me that letter: When I give my famous speech some day, in front of the Lincoln Memorial on mental illness like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. did on civil rights, your letter will be in my pocket. I already carry it in my purse wherever I go.

If I could've only learned one lesson this semester, it would be this: For every one thing you think is worth dying for, there are 20 things worth living for. And this, being an editor, was definitely one of them. As Edward R. Murrow said to his viewers and listeners at the end of every broadcast: Good night, and good luck.

Erin Caballero is a Spartan Daily co-opinion editor. This is the last appearance of "Erin out the Details."



ERIN CABALLERO

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Termination was called for

Dear editor,

As a former Associated Students board member (1981-1983) and co-author of the model that is still used by the A.S. board, I am shocked and dismayed that Robert Fulton would write a letter to the Spartan Daily whining about his termination.

I disagree with the advice Fulton made in helping Alfonso De Alba develop the complicated system of rules and bylaws done in the late '90s, which are just now being revised by the present A.S. board, was justification enough for his termination.

I have been a frequent critic of Alberto Gutierrez, but in this instance Gutierrez did the right thing and should be commended for putting an end to the poor state of affairs in which De Alba and Fulton left the student government. Fulton, on at least two occasions when I was the vice chair of the board in 1981, gave

us very bad advice which led to several problems relating to the Brown Act.

Fulton was never experienced in educational or government law matters and it was one of the best things Gutierrez and Ramos did this year to put A.S. on a sound legal footing. Both De Alba and Fulton acted as though they owned A.S., and their mistakes over the past decade have demonstrated how badly A.S. was organized.

I have little competition on this campus for the role of critic of Gutierrez, but he should be given our support when he does work for the interests of the association, and in this case, getting rid of bad advisers like De Alba and Fulton.

James Rowen
Graduate Student
Urban Planning

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TODAY

Hip Hop Congress

Hip Hop Congress will hold its general meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Student Union Pacheco Room. For more information, contact Dave Manson at 386-5073.

Every Nation Campus Ministries

"The Source" — Held every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Spartan Memorial. For more information, contact Thai at (510) 773-9392.

Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice

Come learn about thoughtfully fighting prejudice in the Constancio Room of the Student Union from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, e-mail Dwayne Ludwig at dwayneludwig@gmail.com.

Spartan Memorial Chapel

Come worship with Victoria Rue, Roman Catholic Womanpriest. From 1 to 2 p.m. For more information, e-mail victoria@victorianue.com.

WEDNESDAY

Red Pin Plus Bowling

Win free games when you roll a strike on a red-, yellow- or green-headed pin from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Student Union Bowling Center from. For more information, call 924-6400.

Racial Profiling

Hosted by the general collections department a

30-minute documentary about recent racial profiling incidents in the United States from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library, room 229. For more information, call 808-2397.

THURSDAY

Campus Crusade for Christ

Nightlife is a time for praising, hearing God's word and a place to connect with believers. 8 p.m. at the Spartan Memorial. For more information, e-mail sjsucrusade@yahoo.com.

Bible Study

Come read "The Book" with the Asian Baptist Student Koinonia at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Guadalupe Room. For more information, e-mail Diane Kim at jdoon131@comcast.net.

Department of Environmental Studies

The department of environmental studies will be discussing the attitudes and behaviors of San Jose State University students from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library, room 255. For more information, contact Daniel Moran 903-6934.

FRIDAY

Student Union Bowling Center

The Student Union Bowling Center has a "3 for 3" special. Bowl three games for \$3 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 924-6400.

GUEST COLUMN

School can be fun with the right major and hobbies

Before the start of this semester, I was never a big fan of school. School was more like a chore for me and I never looked forward to coming here.

I would do the minimum amount of work I needed to pass a class, and after it was over, I would run to the parking garage to get away from campus as quickly as I could.

Now that I am a staff writer for the Spartan Daily, I have come to appreciate school a little more. I hate to admit this, but I actually look forward to coming to school now.

The reason: School is fun for me now and it's because I finally found something that I am interested in.

Yes, I said it. College can be enjoyable — if you find something you like doing while you are here.

There are three very easy steps bored students should take in order to have a decent college experience.

The first step to making your time here at San Jose State University more enjoyable is to find a major that you like.

Don't pick a major that your parents want you to be in or a major that you think will make tons of money after graduation. No matter what major is on your diploma, the reality is that it is hard to find a job right now.

If you don't believe me, go ask all the computer engineering and business graduates how their job searches are going. I have a friend who had such a hard time finding a job after he graduated that he decided to go back to school just so he could have something to do.

It isn't hard looking for a major that fits you. Just go grab a catalog from the bookstore and read about the many majors offered here.

After three years as a liberal studies major, I decided that I didn't want to be a teacher and I knew that I had to find a major that would make me want to stay in school.

During my fourth year, I looked for a new major that was interesting and had to do with writing. Also, I have always hated math, so I looked for something that didn't require any math classes.

Journalism and mass communications was the first section I saw in the catalog. I immediately liked it because I would be able to take writing classes and I could throw away my calculator.



ANDREW TORREZ

Next is trying to find classes that actually teach you subjects you can use later in life or taking a class that is the total opposite of classes for your major.

I think the reason why most people dread going to school every day is because they feel like their classes are pointless and boring.

Trust me, most classes are pointless. I have taken a lot of classes that made me wonder why I was required to take them.

General education classes are meant to make us well-rounded students, supposedly by teaching us the basics of math, science, English and history.

I never took my G.E. classes serious because I felt that they were in no way related to my major. Well, except for English, because you kind of have to be able to spell and write to be a journalist.

Once you find classes that are fun to go to, you actually might attend them on a regular basis. Crazy theory, huh?

The Spartan Daily is one of the only classes that I have ever enjoyed going to since I have been at SJSU. I like writing for the Daily because the experience has allowed me to interview some interesting people and learn things about SJSU that I never knew about.

Before this semester, I never had a chance to meet or talk to anyone famous. In the last two months, I have interviewed Chuck Norris over the phone and talked to four players from the San Jose Sharks.

I never got to interview someone famous in Biology 21 or cover a Sharks playoff game in History 170.

The third step is an easy one. Just find a hobby around or on campus that will keep you busy. It is also a good way to forget about homework and tests.

This semester I joined the intramural softball league with some of the writers and editors from the paper. It has been fun and has given me a good chance to get to know the Daily staff.

There are many sports, clubs and other organizations on campus that don't take much time or cost much.

When you find a class or major that interests you, school will be a lot easier to go to. Trust me.

Andrew Torrez is a Spartan Daily staff writer. This is the last appearance of guest columns this semester.

Interested in becoming an illustrator?
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Spartans prepare for last series of the season

By Tatiana Getty

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The San Jose State University baseball team heads toward the end of its 2006 season with a 33-21 overall record, two Spartan records broken and the No. 1 defense in the Western Athletic Conference, but it still has one more WAC three-game series left.

BASEBALL TOP OF THE ORDER NOTEBOOK

After dropping a three-game series to WAC opponent Fresno State this past weekend, the Spartans, who were tied with the Bulldogs for second place in the WAC, dropped to third place, as the Bulldogs took first and the University of Hawai'i filled the second-place spot. But the standings are not set in stone, and there's still one weekend left of WAC play.

The Spartans met Fresno State at Pete Beiden Field in Fresno this past Friday, dropping their first whole series to a team this season. The Bulldogs took Friday's opener 10-4, Saturday's game 9-8 and the finale Sunday 9-8 in 12 innings.

"I think the best game we played was the last one," said senior infielder Raul Campos. "We really played good defense, we hit the ball hard. It came down to one pitch, one out, just one swing of the bat changed the game, and it was a tough loss."

But, despite the team's ups and downs, coach Sam Piraro, who will enter his 20th year with the Spartans next season, commends the players for their determination.

"They just came off a series in Fresno where they competed against a team that is considerably better than them in talent," said Piraro. "And they certainly could've won two, but they came out and fought and that is a real testament to their attitude



RYAN BALBUENA / DAILY FILE

Spartan coach Sam Piraro, bottom center, walks toward the mound to talk to junior pitcher Loren Moneypenny during game one of a three-game series at Pete Beiden Field in Fresno.

as a team."

The two teams met earlier in the season for a three-game series, at Municipal Stadium that started April 21.

The Bulldogs also took that series, defeating the Spartans in the first and last game 5-3 and 4-0 and dropping the middle game 7-5.

Last weekend's series boosted Fresno State's overall season record to 36-16 and 15-6 in the WAC, solidifying the Bulldogs' first-place spot, while SJSU fell to 33-21 and 12-9.

With one three-game series against Hawai'i left, the Spartans have already surpassed last season's win-loss record, winning five more games this season. In the 2005 season, the Spartans finished 28-28-1 overall.

"I feel that this team has been a team that's not a highly talented team, but they've been the epitome of a team," Piraro said. "If you look at the statistics, nothing

"One of our strong suits is our defense and our pitching. They've really helped us win a lot of games."

— David Pierson, senior second baseman

is going to really stick out and say, 'Wow, look at this.' But they've made sacrifices, they've been tremendously resilient. This team is a highly competitive team and is

not afraid to compete, they don't quit, and they have tremendous pride in what they do."

SJSU holds the first-place spot in the WAC for defense, with a fielding percentage of .978.

Also, two Spartan records were broken this season, with senior pitcher Matt Winck breaking the record for appearances on the mound and senior second baseman David Pierson breaking the record for sacrifice hits.

"One of our strong suits is our defense and our pitching," Pierson said. "They really helped us win a lot of games. We've also progressed as a team, there are a couple of games that we wish we could get back, but that's just

how it is."

Winck holds the new record for appearances at 88. Jon LaVine, who played for the Spartans from 1991 to 1994, set the previous record at 76. Pierson holds the record for sacrifice hits at 46, one above the record set by Ryan Brucker, who played with the Spartans from 1998 to 2001.

"In our program, being a good defensive team is very important to us and always has been since I've been the coach here," Piraro said. "We spend a lot of time on it, it is a heavy emphasis for us. We're not able to get a lot of great offensive players, so we have to be real good defensively and we have to try to keep opponents from scoring."

The Spartans play their final series this weekend at Municipal Stadium.

"I think if we play good defense, and we execute little things and try not to do too much, we'll have a good chance of beating them," Campos said. "Because they're pretty much the same as us, they're a scrappy team."

This is the second time the two teams will meet this season. The Spartans faced the Rainbows in Honolulu, in a three game series starting March 31, but Hawai'i took the series, dropping the first game to SJSU 5-7 in 12 innings but defeating the Spartans in the final two games 6-5 and 7-3.

SJSU leads the all-time series between the two schools 16-4, and if the Spartans sweep the series, they could take the second place spot in the WAC.

"It's a huge series for us," Pierson said. "We need these games here. It's an important series for the seeding of the WAC tournament."

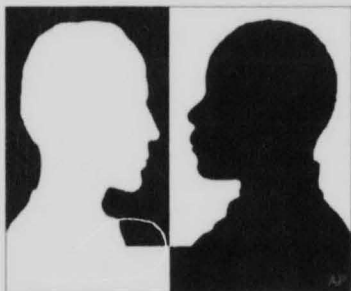
The Spartans, however, have secured one of six spots in the WAC tournament in Fresno that will begin on May 25 and continue through May 28.

The series against the Rainbows is scheduled to start Friday at 6 p.m. and continue with single games on Saturday and Sunday, both games starting at 1 p.m.

"Hawai'i is coming up this weekend and they are a very tough team," Piraro said. "Then after that, we continue on to the WAC tournament. The season's not finished. We still have games to play and there are always things to work on, we're not done yet."

Civil Liberties under Siege:

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STUDENT POPULATION

Three softball players named to all-WAC team

By Greg Lydon
DAILY STAFF WRITER

While the University of Nevada, Reno celebrated its first Western Athletic Conference softball championship in school history, members of the San Jose State University softball team could only wonder what might have been.

SOFTBALL THE WINDUP NOTEBOOK

"Nevada did what everyone wanted to do this weekend," said SJSU senior pitcher Courtney Lewis. "They played their game and went home with the trophy. I'm happy for them."

The fourth-seeded Wolf Pack defeated the University of Hawai'i on Saturday afternoon in the championship game.

The three-day WAC tournament returned this weekend hosted by Fresno State and brought the top six teams from the WAC to Bulldog Diamond in Fresno to face off in a double-elimination tournament.

The Spartans came into the tournament seeded second and hoped to make a run toward the title game and a probable match-up with top seeded Fresno State.

The Spartans opened the tournament Thursday evening against third-seeded Hawai'i, which used some late-inning heroics to score three runs in the seventh to earn the come-from-behind 3-1 victory over SJSU.

"We didn't get going offensively until our second or third time through the batting order," said SJSU coach Dee Dee Enabenter-Omidiji.

The Spartans returned to action Friday afternoon against the fifth-

seeded New Mexico State University in the tournament's first elimination game.

The Aggies jumped out to an early lead that carried them toward the 5-0 upset over the second-seeded Spartans. The elimination from the tournament marked the end for five Spartan seniors careers at SJSU.

"I really couldn't make it off the field without crying," Lewis said. "You always know eventually there won't be anymore games to play, but we didn't want it to end like that."

The Spartans were the first team eliminated from the tournament. The upset was a sign of things to come in the tournament with top-seeded Fresno State being eliminated a few hours later by No. 3 seed Hawai'i.

"The WAC tournament is a weekend you have to be on, and this wasn't a weekend we were on," Enabenter-Omidiji said. "I was hoping we could do better for our five seniors, maybe give them a chance to play in the postseason, but it just wasn't our weekend."

SJSU ended the season with a 23-27 overall record, and the team finished second place in the WAC regular season standings with an 11-6 record. The 2006 Spartans broke the school record for home runs in a season with 30.

"I am excited about the direction the program is going," Enabenter-Omidiji said. "This year, we had the best conference finish in school history, so I think we are on an upswing. I am really excited about the players we have coming into the program."

There wasn't all bad news to come out of the weekend in Fresno for SJSU. Wednesday evening, the WAC announced its all-conference teams with three Spartans receiving honors and coach Enabenter-Omidiji being named WAC coach of the year.

Lewis, a senior pitcher, was named to the all-WAC first team;



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San Jose State University outfielder Danielle Eakins, right, leads off first base as New Mexico State University first baseman Mailei Hilva watches the pitch during the WAC Women's Softball Tournament Friday at Fresno State's Bulldog Diamond.

freshman outfielder Mandy Winkley and senior first baseman Charlie Hill were named to the second team.

"I am honored and surprised," Winkley said. "I put in a lot of hard work this season it was nice

to get something to show for it." The Spartans' coach believes she has a strong recruiting class coming in next season, led by junior college softball All-American pitcher Roxanne Bejarano.

SJSU rugby club to continue playing over summer

By Jill Rae Seib
DAILY STAFF WRITER

The game of rugby has been a tradition at San Jose State University for more than 30 years. Since first being offered to students as a class in 1970, the tradition lives on with the SJSU rugby club.

The club has already wrapped up its main season, but it does not expect to slow down anytime soon.

Nima Sharif, president of the men's rugby club, said the team will continue to practice and play smaller games or tournaments during the summer and fall seasons.

"We play all year round, but our main season is in the spring," Sharif said. "This summer, we are playing seven tournaments that are like regular rugby except half the team size."

According to Sharif, the sport is a mixture of soccer and football, except there aren't any pads.

Another difference is that there isn't a quarterback and you throw the ball backwards to pass and kick it forward to try to score.

"The basis is like football and the point scale is the same as football," Sharif said. "A touchdown is called a try."

Two teams of 15 players participate in the game.

A team can score five points if it gets the ball into a goal and after that, the team can attempt to score a two-point conversion by kicking the ball between goalposts.

Sharif said what many people don't understand about the game of rugby is what is known as a "scrum."

A scrum is when eight players, usually the forwards, from each

team combine together and try to get the ball in the beginning of the game.

"They kind of fight for the ball by pushing, it's usually the bigger guys," Sharif said.

Scott Riedl, a senior majoring in communication studies, said it is a fun sport to play despite the reputation it has for being rough.

"People are kind of scared of it. They think it's football with no pads but it's not that," said Riedl, a two-year member of the club. "It's a great way to stay in shape and blow off some steam."

Riedl said rugby is a good way to deal with the frustrations of school and a great way to meet new people.

"There is a huge social aspect involved," Riedl said.

Bobby Bates, a sophomore majoring in criminal justice, said rugby allows him to stay active and be part of a social club.

Bates said he heard about the rugby club while he was in high school and knew he wanted to play in some type of sport when he attended SJSU.

"SJSU can be rather impersonal if you don't get involved," Bates said. "It's a great opportunity to get yourself involved with the school."

Sharif said a big part of the game are the socials that happen after the players leave the field. It is tradition for both teams to go out after the game is over.

"There are even special songs," Sharif said.

Bates said the best way to get involved is to just come to a practice and check it out.

"We are a very open group of guys," Bates said. "We are really accommodating and school does come before sport."

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New editor, advertising director ready to take helm for the fall

By Ryan Sholin
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Every semester, a fresh crop of journalism and advertising students pass through the doorway of the Spartan Daily, just steps behind a new set of editors and managers.

Next semester, Clodoaldo "Cheeto" Barrera will take over as the executive editor of the student-run newspaper of San Jose State University, and Stephanie Marrujo will step up to the position of advertising director.

Marrujo started her college career as a criminal justice major at West Valley College in Saratoga before transferring to Cal State Fullerton, where she "fell in love" with advertising, she said.

Marrujo said she hopes to help SJSU students connect with the Spartan Daily.

"I see a lot of people walking around campus reading it, but I'd like to see more," Marrujo said.

Barrera has served as managing editor this semester, but he got his start at the Daily in the Fall 2005 semester as a staff writer.

Barrera has made a full-time commitment to his role as a journalist — he even dressed up as a reporter for Halloween last year.

"That was kind of a spur of the moment thing," Barrera said. With a pair of suspenders and an old hat of his great-grandfather's, all Barrera had to add to the costume was a necktie and a "Press" card in his hand.

As the managing editor of the Spartan Daily this semester, Barrera has assigned, approved and edited news stories on everything from lawsuits, arrests and resignations to Mardi Gras, spring break and barbecues.

"There's been some hard-hitting stuff in our paper, complemented with the lighter side of news," Barrera said.

Barrera is especially proud of the way the paper covered Black History Month this semester, he said.

"He's a good journalist," said Richard Craig, an associate professor of journalism and an adviser to the newspaper. "But at least as important as that, he's a good



NEAL WATERS / DAILY SENIOR STAFF

Stephanie Marrujo, left, a senior majoring in advertising, will be the new advertising director for the Spartan Daily in the Fall 2006 semester. Clodoaldo Barrera, a senior majoring in journalism, will be the new executive editor.

person."

Craig said Barrera has the management skills necessary to handle a stressed out staff at the end of a long night of production.

"He is as good at relating to all the different diverse personalities in the newsroom as any editor we've ever had," Craig said.

Ryan Balbuena, the current president editor of the Daily, said Barrera has lent him a hand this semester by making some judgment calls and helping write a few headlines.

"When you're working with sports,

you're sort of on your own," Balbuena said. "An extra set of eyes really helps out."

Balbuena was one of three students on the committee that selected Barrera as the new executive editor. The committee also included three journalism faculty members.

Erik Lacayo, the outgoing executive editor of the Daily, said that putting in long hours is one requirement of the position.

"We put in a lot of time here — not just the editors, but everyone," Lacayo said.

Lacayo said Barrera has worked well with this semester's group of writers.

"He's approachable," Lacayo said. "Most people on the staff aren't afraid to talk to him."

Barrera has "common sense," Lacayo said, which should help him manage the editors and staff at the Daily.

"Every day there's a new problem or a new task," Lacayo said. "You have to be on your toes."

Barrera credited current online editor Shaminder Dulai with adding multimedia elements to the Daily's Web site, and he said the editors plan to continue making improvements. Barrera said his top priority next semester will be to improve the

Daily's online presence.

"He really understands media," said Jan Shaw, journalism lecturer and a faculty adviser to the Spartan Daily. "I think Cheeto and his editors have a good handle on what they should be doing online."

Long before being foot in the Spartan Daily newsroom, Barrera was already writing for the Morgan Hill Times. Barrera said he started at the South Valley newspaper the summer after his freshman year at SJSU.

"It was supposed to be a 10-week internship that lasted two years," Barrera said.

Jimmy Durkin, a current copy editor at the Daily, said Barrera's experience as a writer at both a community newspaper and a campus newspaper has helped him adapt to any situation in the newsroom.

"He knows the right time to be serious, and the right time to have fun," Durkin said.

Stephanie Marrujo is making the jump from account executive to advertising director after just one semester at SJSU.

"It's kind of nerve-racking," Marrujo said.

Tim Hendrick, an assistant professor in advertising and an adviser to the paper, said he sees "lots of management potential" in Marrujo.

"I think she's going to do a great job," Hendrick said.

According to Hendrick, Marrujo was one of the top advertising salespeople for the Daily this semester.

Samanata Naik, the outgoing director, said Marrujo's professional attitude is one of the attributes that led to her selection as the new head of the advertising wing of the Daily.

"We thought she would be best for the job," Naik said.

Marrujo admits to being a bit of a workaholic. This semester, she said, an internship at Ariba, a Sunnyvale software company, has kept her busy every morning, while the Daily takes up most of her afternoon. Then, it's off to night classes.

Hendrick said advertising students get hands-on experience at the Daily.

"It's a running operation," Hendrick said. "It's not just a classroom."

Going behind the mask of Sammy the Spartan

By Ryan Sholin
DAILY STAFF WRITER

It's not easy bleeding Spartan blue and gold. Just ask Sammy the Spartan.

A few days before the search for a new Sammy the Spartan began on Wednesday night, the Spartan Daily caught up with the current Sammy. It's not that hard, really. Sammy the Spartan has a cell phone.

Sammy reflected on his tenure under the helmet, recalling the first

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ing in communications, said she thinks the featured speaker at graduation should give advice for the future.

"I would want a speaker that would motivate me to apply my education in the real world, kind of give advice to help prepare myself," Mabalatan said.

Pat Harris, an SJSU media relations officer, said speakers for graduation are chosen because they are good role models for students.

"Mike, in that respect, is a good choice," Harris said. "I think the students may be able to identify with him. He did attend SJSU. He's been through many of the same places that our students have been through and (has) many of the same aspirations. Hopefully students will be able to identify with him and take more than their diploma away with them on (that) Saturday."

His Web site also said, "As a long-time public servant before the birth of Silicon Valley, Mike has also focused his energy on important issues such as education, transportation, the environment and civil rights."

SJSU President Don Kassing said in an SJSU press release that Honda is a positive model for SJSU students.

"Congressman Honda has been a public servant for decades and he is a role model for our students," Kassing said in the press release. "He has been widely recognized for his work on education, transportation, civil rights and the environment, and for his leadership in high-tech issues. We are proud that he is also an alumnus of San Jose State."

Honda was born in California, but he spent time in an internment camp in Colorado during his early childhood.

He served in the Peace Corps in 1965 for two years in El Salvador and returned fluent in Spanish.

Honda was a member of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in 1990 and the California State Assembly from 1996 to 2001, according to Internet encyclopedia Web site Wikipedia. "He also is a member of the Science Committee and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and serves as Regional Whip for Northern California and Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus," according to the Web site.

Panoramic view ...



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A woman looks out at the San Jose State University campus Monday from the Reading Bridge of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library while another woman walks by on a different floor.

CONTEST - Participants must write 30 pages, give 10-minute talk

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your neck out there and risk someone saying you are crazy," Ginner said.

Joel West, a professor in the College of Business, said a business plan has two parts.

"There is a 30-page written document which is the meat of the plan," West said in a telephone interview. "Then there is a 10-minute oral presentation and 10 minutes of questioning by the judges."

Ginner said it frustrates her to see the world criticize business, when a lot of hard work goes into making one.

"When people hear the word business they think of Enron," Ginner said. "People don't understand what it takes to start one and I know what small businesses go through."

According to Basu, there are usually three types of people that participate in the competition. People that are doing the business plan as part of a class project during the semester, people who have presented their idea earlier in the year at

the neat ideas fair, and those who just have a really good idea.

"Some people present at the neat idea fair in December," Basu said. "Some see it as an incentive to get some feedback and see if their idea is feasible or not."

According to Basu, the Neat Ideas Fair is an annual forum hosted by the Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship. They offer students and others a series of workshops and the opportunity to showcase their ideas in a professional setting.

"We also offered two workshops this semester for basically anyone interested in getting help with the business plan," Basu said.

West has eight teams in his class and said he believes that three of them have ideas that will more than likely be businesses that start.

"It is extremely valuable to anyone thinking of starting a business," West said. "Even if you don't make it into the finals, just the discipline of thinking through what the implications are is valuable."

“When people hear the word business they think of Enron. People don't understand what it takes to start one and I know what small businesses go through.”

— Wanda Ginner, SJSU alumna

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Soccer movie scores a 'Goal' for big dreamer

By Jill Rae Seib
DAILY STAFF WRITER

One of the opening scenes in "Goal! The Dream Begins" is eerily reminiscent of a current issue making headlines across the country.

A young boy named Santiago Munez is awakened in the middle of the night by his father and taken with the rest of his family to cross the border through the fence that separates Mexico from the United States.

While scrambling to climb through a hole in the fence,

Santiago drops his one prized possession — a soccer ball. With the border patrol approaching fast, he must leave it behind, but not for long.

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I think this scene does a good job of helping you to understand the love that Santiago has for the game of soccer, even at such a young age.

Fast forward 10 years and Santiago, played by Kuno Becker, is all grown up and working along-

side his father in Los Angeles in a lawn-care business.

To help support the family, Santiago also works nights as a bus boy in a Chinese restaurant but spends any spare time playing soccer in an amateur league.

Becker does an excellent job in conveying the frustrations that Santiago feels at the lack of opportunity in any of his mindless day jobs.

Tony Plana plays his unsupportive father Hernan, to perfection, never letting Santiago forget where he comes from.

One day during a game, a former soccer scout named Glen Foy,

played by Stephen Dillane, notices Santiago and begins to watch him play.

Impressed by his skill, Foy makes a telephone call to the owner of one of England's premier soccer clubs, Newcastle United.

Foy persuades the owner to give Santiago a tryout, but he must first come up with the money to buy a plane ticket to England.

His father disapproves and tries to interfere with this trip any way he can.

However, Santiago's grandmother wants to help and secretly gives him the money to travel to England. This scene is particularly

heartwarming because for once, Santiago gets a break.

The journey is long and hard since Santiago must travel to Mexico before going to England because he is an illegal immigrant.

The picturesque English countryside serves as the backdrop for Santiago's first foray into professional sports.

"Goal! The Dream Begins" has a predictable storyline with Santiago playing the requisite underdog who wants more, but he puts so much strength and courage into the role that he makes it hard to believe he is just an actor and not really a soccer superstar.

His determination and will to go on despite numerous setbacks is refreshing and helps you to cheer him on throughout the movie.

Alessandro Nivola plays the official soccer god of the Newcastle United team, Gavin Harris. He does a good job of portraying the life of an overpaid sports superstar who later befriends Santiago.

Real-life soccer superstar David Beckham makes a small cameo when he meets Santiago in a club. "Goal! The Dream Begins" is a heartwarming story of the will to pursue what seems like an impossible dream and an all around feel-good flick.

'St. Elsewhere' dishes listeners 'Crazy' mixture of sounds

By Evie Smith
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Singer Cee-Lo teams up with beat master Danger Mouse to create Gnarl's Barkley and what could potentially be the summer's hottest release from a new artist.

CD REVIEW

The first single off "St. Elsewhere," "Crazy," is getting radio play from not just the standard top 40 stations, but it has crossed over into the ranks of alternative radio.

"Crazy" is the kind of song that is likeable upon first hearing and gets better every time it's heard.

Cee-Lo's rich, soulful voice dominates the album with clever lyrics and strong beats to back him up.

When I first listened to the compact disc it reminded me of the Gorillaz. There is a reason for this. Danger Mouse was the man behind the beats on that group's past releases.

Everything about "St. Elsewhere" and Gnarl's Barkley is fun.

It's a like a fusion of hip-hop and alternative music, but somehow still remains pretty mellow.

It's so nice to hear something

that sounds new, something that you can't quite place in a genre box.

The first song on the album, "Go-Go Gadget Gospel," is a strong introduction to the CD. Followed by the single "Crazy," it's easy to become sucked into the world of "St. Elsewhere."

Gnarl's Barkley covers the Violent Femmes' song "Gone Daddy Gone" without butchering it.

A new band covering a song by such an iconic group as the Violent Femmes is ballsy to say the least. But the duo pulls off with ease, bringing some new light to an old classic.

The only song that took me a while to warm up to was "The Boogie Monster." Something about that song irritated me at first. I'm not sure if it's the cheesy opening with Cee-Lo doing this scary, villain-esque laugh, or just the song itself. It's the only track that seems a little forced, with predictable lyrics and boring background music, and it stands out as the black sheep on a CD filled with quality tracks.

Other than that, every song on the album is a gem, especially "Just a Thought." This song would be a great follow-up release to "Crazy."

"Just a Thought" has the narrator pondering life and mortality.

I doubt any other releases off the album will cause a widespread



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genre crossover as "Crazy" has, but they are all worth listening to. Even if you may consider yourself a strict alternative listener, you should give this album a try.

The CD also comes with extras, fun things that can be downloaded onto the owner's computer. These extras are also accessible in the form of an interactive booklet if the CD is downloaded from iTunes.

Included with the extras is a link to a Web site where the video for "Crazy" can be watched.

The video is really cool. It's a series of interchanging animated inkblots, like the kind used in psychiatry. Which complements the ideology of the single to a T.

With the collaboration of Cee-Lo's voice and Danger Mouse's beats, Gnarl's Barkley breaks out strong with its first release "St. Elsewhere."

MercyMe spiced with religious flavor

By Teresa Hou
DAILY STAFF WRITER

If the world of mainstream music were keen to the sounds of religious rock, then the enlightening lyrics and catchy melodies of Christian group MercyMe's latest album "Coming Up to Breathe" would be a winner. Since that's not the case, the fifth album from MercyMe does its best to produce rock-worthy songs but falls short in matching its mainstream counterparts.

With "Coming Up to Breathe," MercyMe sounds

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like what would happen if a fusion between rock groups Switchfoot and 3 Doors Down were to happen but with an abundance of religious flavor.

Lead singer Bart Millard does a good job in vocally displaying every emotion he feels throughout the 13 tracks on the album and fellow band mates do their job in blending their instruments with Millard's voice.

However, what stops MercyMe from being on the pinnacle of music channels such as MTV is the excessive emphasis of religion that the band displays in its lyrics.

Its tracks like "Bring the Rain" that will leave you wondering if you're in church, with lyrics like, "To turn my back on you, oh Lord My only shelter from the storm. But instead I draw closer through these times. So I pray, bring me joy, bring me peace. Bring the



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chance to be free. Bring me anything that brings You glory. And I know there'll be days when this life brings me pain. But if that's what it takes to praise You. Jesus brings the rain."

In "Something About You" Millard croons, "How... how can I describe. The God of all the universe and make it rhyme. I just wonder if it's worth painting You with so few words. Still there's something about You that keeps me in pursuit of who You are. I will spend

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No holiday with new SoCal rock band

By Evie Smith
DAILY STAFF WRITER

This Holiday Life, the latest band out of San Diego, just released its debut album, "Friction," from a small record label.

It's always hard with a new

CD REVIEW

band to tell if they are really going to make it to stardom, and This Holiday Life is no exception.

The band has a decent sound, but at times adapts a "God-rock" aura in its music.

There are a few tracks on the CD that incorporate the importance of faith and love.

It comes off sounding like Christian rock music, which as a genre is a complete contradiction in my head. Sex, drugs, rock and roll and... God? The ingredients don't mix well.

After doing some research on the band, I couldn't find any religious ties that could be connected to its music. I guess it is just soft.

Which raises the question, what the heck is going on in the San Diego music scene?

I remember when that city produced quality music and musicians. Not this whiney, insipid crap.

"Friction," is 14 tracks of bland music from start to finish. There are a few noteworthy tracks.

"Firefly" and "Digital" show some potential and are probably the only songs worth listening to on the entire CD.

Even then I wouldn't put forth the energy of having to listen to this CD again.

I could see This Holiday Life being more popular with adult contemporary listeners verses the college-rock crowd.

God knows how much crap gets put into that category.

I kept listening to the CD and waiting for something good to happen.

They showed the potential and talent to make good rock music but never delivered.

A few songs have really strong intros, but they just seem to die by the time the chorus starts.

It was like listening to an untalented version of the Goo Goo Dolls, which doesn't say a lot.

I shouldn't say untalented, but there is nothing drawing or unique about the music.

It's very listenable but it's like the equivalent of eating unsalted popcorn. It's OK, but not very gratifying. Why bother?

I listened to this CD about five times before I finally came to the conclusion that I wasn't going to like this band.

I tried to really listen for strong qualities like lyrics or music and came out empty handed.

The music industry is fickle and irregular in determining who gets the golden key and who gets stuck playing gigs for peanuts.

Something about being from Southern California seems to help bands get record contracts signed.

This band isn't worthy of leaving San Diego County, which should say something about its upcoming summer tour.

It's bands like this that are ruining the genre or rock and alternative music. Don't waste your time.



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'Pearl Jam' relives sounds of old grunge days

By Evie Smith
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Pearl Jam released its self-titled album to an eager public early this month. The band's last few releases were weak in comparison to its early work.

CD REVIEW

Albums such as "Ten" and "Vitalogy" really defined Pearl Jam as a band and a musical powerhouse. So when the band started releasing albums with only one or two good tracks, it became disappointing.

This is Pearl Jam's first real release since its weak 2003 album "Lost Dogs."

Since "Lost Dogs," the band has released a live compact disc and a greatest hits compilation. So a new CD with new songs was long overdue.

It was like you could respect what the band was doing, but you were disappointed by the actual results until now.

The band's current self-titled release stays strong

from start to finish.

I'm in love with this CD.

I think it's really cool that such an established band, with over a decade and a half of releases, came out with a self-titled album.

It's almost like it was releasing the album with a bit of modesty.

"Pearl Jam" is the band's strongest release since the 1994 release of "Vitalogy." Every song on "Pearl Jam" is worth listening to; there are no weak plays.

"WorldWideSuicide," the first single to be released off the album, is the best song on rock and alternative radio right now.

Eddie Vedder's voice sounds strong and intense backed up by powerful guitar chords and heart-pounding drums.

The entire CD possesses the Pearl Jam sound that first propelled Seattle into grunge music back in the early '90s.

Passion and talent is what remain Pearl Jam's

strengths as a band, and it shows all the way through on this CD.

The album also has a few slower songs that really show off the quality of the band's ability to write touching, emotional songs led by Vedder's signature throaty voice.

The ninth track on the CD, "Gone," is a prime example of this.

Pearl Jam has always been a band not afraid to speak its mind, especially in the political arena. The 11th track on CD, "Army Reserve," fills that requirement. The song is about the grieving mothers of soldiers killed in the Iraq conflict.

This album is a must-have for any fan of the band or the rock, alternative, grunge genre(s).

It's nice to see an older band such as Pearl Jam release such a strong album. I'm not sure the same could be said of the new Red Hot Chili Peppers CD.

Pearl Jam is the last surviving band from a time when grunge ruled the world. Which is ironic because it was considered one of the definitive bands of that

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time.

Bands such as Soundgarden, Nirvana and Alice in Chains have all met their demise over the years, but with this release, Pearl Jam reigns strong as the last band standing from one of the greatest eras in music.

The band will be heading to the Bay Area to play two dates in San Francisco on July 16 and 18.

'Just my luck' saved by supporting cast

By Matthew Zane
DAILY STAFF WRITER

Let's be clear from the start: "Just My Luck" is a cotton-candy movie aimed at teens and tweens, not a college audience.

MOVIE REVIEW

Disney channel alumna Lindsay Lohan plays Ashley Albright, a New York public relations agent who is blessed with impossibly good luck.

Albright can't help but to catch break after break. When she steps outside, the clouds part and stop raining, and lottery tickets are more like mini-ATMs than games of chance for her.

It is Lohan's supporting cast though, that just barely keeps the movie afloat above the murky depths of typical teenage movie mediocrity.

Chris Pine plays Jake Hardin, the polar opposite of Lohan's character.

Hardin has a horrible janitorial job in a local bowling alley. He's prone to getting soaked by random rainstorms on otherwise sunny days and has the number for the

poison control center hotline memorized by heart.

Samaire Armstrong (Anna from Fox's "O.C."), shines in her role as Albright's friend Maggie, an aspiring songwriter and all-around adorable girl.

The quirky members of the British pop band McFly steal many of the scenes that they appear in, and actually sound pretty good when they perform on screen.

The first half an hour of the movie is forgettable, devoted to pounding it into the heads of audience members that Albright is indeed lucky and that Hardin is a hopeless mess.

The one thing that Hardin has going for him is that he is the manager of the band McFly, but, of course, because of his luck he can't get any studios to listen to the group's demo CD.

The movie finally starts to pick up when Albright throws a blowout gala for her boss, complete with mysterious Mardis Gras-esque masked dancers in tuxedos and sequined cocktail dresses.

The party is emceed by Damon Phillips (Faizon Love), who dis-

plays the perfect amounts of gusto and ego to make a believable record mogul.

Hardin sneaks into the party by taking the place of a masked dancer that didn't show up and bumbles around the party until he runs into Albright.

The two dance for a bit before sharing an intimate kiss, which is when their fates are suddenly reversed.

Albright breaks a heel, rips her dress and is thrown in jail.

Meanwhile, Hardin's luck begins to change when he secures an audition for McFly after saving Phillips' life.

of a superstar band manager.

The cleaning job is the basis for some genuinely funny physical comedy bits from Lohan, such as when she scrapes old pieces of gum from the bottom of tables, and one falls into her mouth.

After sitting through the first 30 minutes of the movie watching Lohan's character have nothing but good luck, or perhaps because of a bit of real-life jealousy, it's enjoyable to see her being put down a peg or two.

Still, it's impossible to truly root against her, and you always hope that she will eventually rebound back.

It is this delicate balance that makes this movie work.

Sure it's a cotton-candy movie: It's fluffy, lacks a lot of substance, and can sometimes be a bit too sweet to bear.

Just like real cotton candy though, this movie can be enjoyable as long as you're not expecting it to be a real meal.

So if you see "Just My Luck," forget any expectations of seeing the next great cinematic masterpiece, turn off your brain for a little bit, and just go along for the sugary ride.

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BREATHE - CD filled with spiritual lyrics

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my days, finding ways to praise the glory and the grace of who you are."

Spiritual lyrics aren't all that Millard sings.

Songs such as "Coming Up to Breathe" and "So Long Self" tell stories about wanting to break free. "I'm coming up to breathe. Oh I'm coming up to breathe. I've held my breath for all my life but I am breaking free tonight and I'm coming up to breathe," sings Millard.

One song that stands out on "Coming Up to Breathe" is the song "No More No Less," which refreshingly sounds like today's mainstream rock music. Millard belts "I'm not trying to hide anything. I wear it on my sleeve. I wear it on my sleeve."

I'm not trying to be something I'm not. This is all I've got. This is all I've got. I'm not trying to re-invent the wheel. Just trying to be real."

Musically, the members of MercyMe have it down. The amazing mix between vocals and the band is as good as any top rock band, but that's where it ends.

If MercyMe wants to become a household name, it will lose the repetitiveness of religion in its lyrics so listeners won't want to rip their ears off from their heads by the end of the album.

Fans of Christian rock and those who don't listen to groups for their lyrics will love MercyMe's latest album. For everyone else, "Coming Up to Breathe" will have you reminiscing about those boring days spent at church.

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Professors go full circle as they retire

By Jill Rae Seib
DAILY STAFF WRITER

A long time ago, two students debated each other during college in Illinois and developed a friendship that has essentially lasted a lifetime, at least until their retirement. San Jose State University communication studies professors Jo Sprague and Phil Wander are leaving the field of teaching, but not without heavy hearts, they said.

"You get sentimental at this point in your career," said Sprague, who has been teaching at SJSU since 1971. "This is the only university that I have ever worked at."

According to Wander, he and Sprague have known each other since they were 18 years old and met at a friendly debate.

"We have gone through a lot of changes together," Wander said. "It's quite by accident that we ended up at the same university."

The two met as undergraduate students, although not at the same university. Sprague graduated from Northern Illinois University and Wander graduated from Southern Illinois University.

The two began and will end their careers at the same university; something that Wander said is unusual these days.

"Not many people stay in the same place and we even knew each other," Sprague said. Sprague also said that SJSU was the most interesting place she applied to when beginning her career and now it feels like home.

"I was a visiting professor at University of Washington," Sprague said. "But SJSU feels like the kind of university that I

out about both people is their dedication to students above all else.

"They are both extremely committed to students," Jaehne said.

According to Sprague, the centerpiece of her career has been helping new faculty members get accustomed to being teachers.

"That has been one of the most interesting things for me even though it has changed over the

communication lab at the university, where students can go to get help from senior communication studies students.

Wander shares the same passion for teaching students how to debate and participating in teach-ins or conferences.

"The most important things to me I have learned have come from teach-in and things I have done at San Jose State," Wander said.

Wander's wife, Wenshu Lee, also a professor at SJSU, said that Wander often has many students get commended during these conferences.

The professors said their motivations are the students.

"This is one of the most diverse campuses, a working class school with students from all over the world," Wander said.

Sprague said she just likes to be involved in making a difference.

"A lot of our students are first generation college students and I love to see people who might not feel empowered to grow into public speakers," Sprague said.

According to Lee, Wander is just a very low-key kind of guy, who is very interested in the issues.

"He doesn't stride around," Lee said. "He is very issue oriented and very democratic."

This article originally appeared online Friday.

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Dennis Jaehne, communication studies department chair, said that given their status and acclaim in their field, the two could have gone anywhere else to teach but have stayed at SJSU because they love the campus and the people.

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One quality that really stands

years," Sprague said. "It's nice to see the excitement new teachers have and it has always re-invigorated me."

Jaehne said that Sprague is responsible for developing a comprehensive training program for new teachers.

"It socializes people to be a teacher, not just in the classroom," Jaehne said. "She is quite famous for it."

Jaehne also said that Sprague is also well known for starting the

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education and advisory coordinator for EHC LifeBuilders, a company that runs many of the homeless shelters in San Jose, said the company will use this opportunity to focus on the next steps needed in affordable housing — housing for the "very low income household."

Very low income is defined, Schaff said, as any family of four with an income less than \$31,000 a year, and said that this aspect of affordable housing has been underfunded for years.

"Redevelopment funds for this are scheduled to run out this year," Schaff said. "We want to see the

candidates commit to new funding at this forum as well as new strategies."

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Driving Violation

- On May 10, Jonas Arias was cited and released for allegedly driving without a valid driver's license.
- On May 12, Uriel Arzate was cited and released for allegedly driving with a suspended license. The vehicle he was driving was towed.
- On May 12, Mauricio Gonzalez was cited for allegedly driving without a license; the vehicle he was driving was towed.

Lost and Found

- On May 11, Juan Alvarado was cited for allegedly having a forged permit in his vehicle in the Seventh Street Garage.
- On May 11, a report was taken for a lost wallet in the Engineering building.
- On May 12, a report was taken for a metal bar that was found on an impounded bicycle outside the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library's north gate.

Theft

- On May 11, a report was taken for a stolen cell phone.
- On May 11, Jonathon Lopez was cited on suspicion of theft of a pen in the Student Union.
- On May 11, a report was taken for a lost bus pass.
- On May 12, a report was taken for a stolen bicycle near the Industrial Studies building.

- On May 12, a report was taken for a burglary at Hoover Hall.
- On May 12, Miguel Gamboa was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence; the vehicle was impounded.

Cite and release

- On May 11, Olivia Chiu was cited for allegedly endangering a child by leaving her alone while she attended to personal matters.

Vandalism

- On May 11, a report was taken for graffiti markings to a baby changing station at the King Library.

Warrant

- On April 26, Matthew Rochlin was arrested on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant at the King Library.
- On April 28, Alexander Thorne self-surrendered on an outstanding warrant to the University Police Department.

Possession of Controlled Substance

- On May 11, Gabriel Pizzarofflores was arrested on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance, being under the influence and carrying graffiti tools.
- On May 12, David Holt was cited on suspicion of possessing drug paraphernalia.

Drunk in Public

- On May 11, Steven Bright was arrested on suspicion of being drunk in public.

Impound

- On May 12, a report was taken for a bicycle impound at Fourth and San Fernando streets.

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SAMMY - Mascot considers Hulk Hogan an inspiration

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day he took the field at Spartan Stadium, Nov. 1, 2003, at a football game that matched San Jose State University against its trans-Pacific rival, the University of Hawaii.

"The weather wasn't bad, but it was a little warm inside the suit," Sammy said. "I took a lot of breaks."

The Spartans lost to the Warriors 13-10 that day, but Sammy didn't let the score bring him down.

"Everyone has to start somewhere," he said.

Unlike the Stanford University Tree, who was tackled at Spartan Stadium by an SJSU sophomore in 2001, Sammy said he's never been attacked by opposing players or fans.

Sammy said he does enjoy interacting with the opposing team's mascot.

During a Rivalry Series basketball game at Santa Clara University, Sammy said SCU was kind enough to let the Spartan dance team perform during a time out.

"I just did a generic little dance," Sammy said.

But SCU's mascot, Bucky the Bronco, came up behind Sammy and gave him a playful little shove.

"I don't believe in showing up the other mascot in his or her building," Sammy said.

Sammy said he kept dancing, but Bucky started to copy his steps. After trading moves a few times, Sammy decided it was time to break out the big guns.

"I dropped down and did the worm," Sammy said. "He just kind of walked off."

Max Mann, a sophomore kinesiology major, said Sammy reminds him of similar helmet-and-sword mascots from Michigan State University and the University

of Southern California.

"He's pretty cool," Mann said. "I don't think he's as cool as the USC mascot."

At USC football games, a horse named Traveler and his Trojan-costumed rider parade around the field.

"We had a mascot here once upon a time that was kind of a guy in an outfit," said Bill Penrod, the assistant athletic director for marketing at SJSU. "That mascot kind of faded away."

Penrod said the current incarnation of the Spartan mascot is near and dear to his heart.

The fuzzier, furrer Spartan mascot was envisioned as a "fan-friendly" character geared toward kids and families, Penrod said.

"We wanted Sammy to be more of a superhero type guy," he said. Sammy said he tries to embody those ideals on the field.

"Sammy's a muscle-bound Spartan," Sammy said. "I do a lot of flexing."

Sammy said he counted Hulk Hogan as one of the inspirations for his posing routine.

"I'm a big wrestling fan," Sammy said.

Brad Harper, a senior majoring in kinesiology, said he's seen the Spartan mascot at football games.

"Sammy's awesome," Harper said.

Professional cheerleader and SJSU alumnus Krazy George might be louder, Harper said, but that's not Sammy's fault.

"Sammy can't really talk," Harper said.

This isn't a job for just anyone, according to Sammy.

"You're representing San Jose State University, the oldest (public) university in California," Sammy said. "This is not a job that you can do unless you have fun. You really have to want to do it."

Although the Spartan suit can make Sammy feel warm and cozy in the fall chill of San Jose, warmer days and away games can make

things a little uncomfortable.

"The general consensus is that it gets about 30 degrees warmer inside the suit than outside," Sammy said.

Penrod said Sammy's suit was built by Street Characters, a firm founded by the original Harvey the Hound of the National Hockey League's Calgary Flames. Street Characters also created S.J. Sharkie for the San Jose Sharks.

Sammy said he has a great working relationship with Sharkie.

"He's my Yoda," Sammy said.

The current Sammy got his start in the mascot business as Sharkie's assistant, but it wasn't long before he found himself strapping on the helmet and sandals at SJSU.

Sammy said the job wasn't the culmination of any lifelong dream.

"I never went to Disneyland, looked at Mickey Mouse and said 'That's what I want to do,'" he said.

Sammy is a bit of a mystery to some students.

"I've never seen him around anywhere," said Nicole Marlin, a junior majoring in psychology.

Marlin said she didn't attend any football or basketball games this year.

"It always interferes with work and school," Marlin said.

When Sammy the Spartan suits up for fall sports next semester, a new SJSU student might be under the helmet, but all Spartans should feel like they are a part of Sammy.

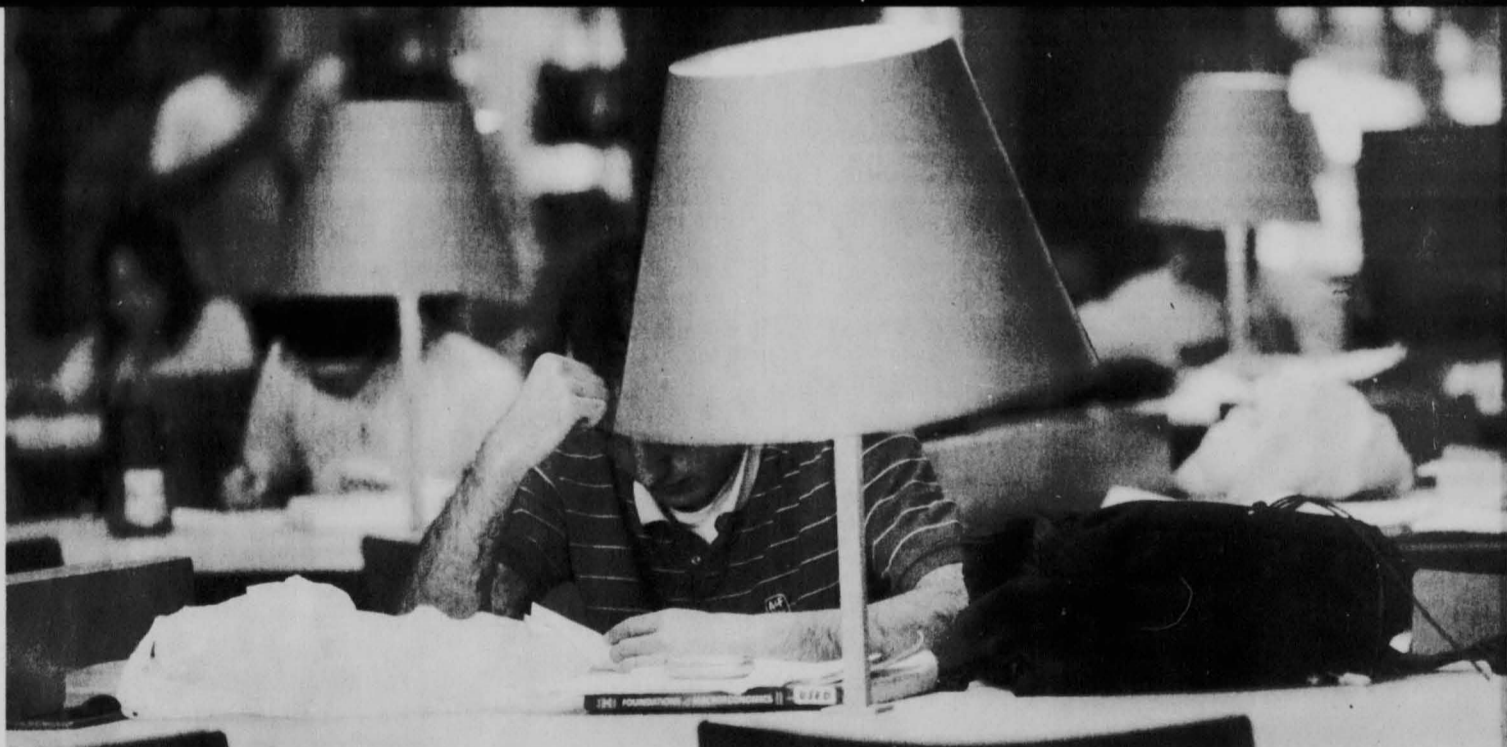
"Sammy's there to put a smile on everyone's face," Sammy said.

What sage advice does Sammy have for the next Spartan to suit up on game day?

"Have fun," Sammy said. "You get to be like a 10-year-old again."

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