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9/11: 5 YEARS LATER

Editor's Note:
Memories of where San Jose State University students were on Sept. 11, 2001, are as diverse as this campus. The following is a sample of some of those experiences answering the question commonly asked when speaking about the terrorist attacks from five years ago: Where were you?

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— C.B.

"I felt that, how could this happen to us? We're America. ... We're the strongest, the brightest country. ... I just kind of watched ... as the events unfolded and prayed, at the time, that everything in the families of the people that were lost would be OK."

— Lee Brooks

"I was getting ready, and my mom came in my room, and I've never seen my mom so scared in my life. ... I remember the whole day was just a really surreal feeling. Everyone at school didn't know what was going on, and in all of our classes, we only watched the TV, and by the end of the day, we just were completely baffled by the situation."

— Hilary Clevenger, psychology

"When I saw the images, I was really shocked that something like that had happened here."

— Alberto Gutierrez, A.S. President

"That's when I saw the second tower go down live, and I was kind of speechless. I didn't know what to think about it."

...

At the time, I just didn't think anything like this was possible in the United States.

— Benjamin Dresher, A.S. director of student resource affairs

"And then I saw this other plane come. It looked like a toy just coming down and it hit the other tower. ... It was unbelievable. I can't tell you how I felt. My stomach was queasy like butterflies and just thinking of who was in there and what was going to happen. It was one of the worst things I've seen before."

— Eduardo Contreras, nursing



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Members of the San Jose Fire Department stand at parade rest in front of Fire Station 1 on Market Street after having marched from St. Joseph's Cathedral Basilica downtown. The fire department memorial service consisted of a full Mass and a march led by a traditional pipe and drum band to Fire Station 1 for the ringing of the fire department bell.

Honoring the fallen

Local firefighters gather in remembrance for morning commemoration service in San Jose

By Tyanne Roberts
Daily Staff Writer

Bagpipes and the sound of drums echoed over the silence of firefighters, police, members of the City Council and friends of the community as they stood in silence inside St. Joseph's Cathedral Basilica in downtown San Jose on Monday, the fifth-year anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001.

"People of ethics, goodwill and creeds must continue to honor those of Sept. 11, 2001," said Rabbi Leslie Alexander, one of the opening speakers of the event.

The Sept. 11 Memorial Mass and the ringing of the bell ceremony held at San Jose Fire Station 1 was conducted to commemorate and remember all those who gave their lives in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, according to information provided by the San Jose Fire Department.

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San Jose Fire Department Deputy Chief Dana Reed listens as the fire department bell is rung four times to signify that those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, have completed their shifts.

SJSU campus officials see few security changes

By Ryan Berg
Daily Staff Writer

Ever since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, one of the major issues on some people's minds has been safety.

"You're always in a confusion. When something happens, a second time is always possible," said Ravjot Dhaliwal, graduate student in civil engineering.

However, distance may make some feel as if certain events will not greatly affect us.

According to University Police Sgt. Mike Santos, nothing was changed in terms of campus security policies or procedures on account of Sept. 11.

Santos said it wasn't likely to change unless something happened at San Jose State University.

According to Santos, so far, SJSU has not had to deal with any kind of real terrorist threat.

"We've occasionally had some bomb threats, but the investigation has never shown a

link to terrorists," Santos said.

And the same goes for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library, which has never had any kind of major security issue, according to Jacob Sung, a security officer for the King Library.

"Once, somebody reported a suspicious box, but it turned out to be nothing," Sung said. "It's good that people take the initiative in reporting these things though."

SJSU Events Operations

Manager Tom McMorro said that since he has been working for the Event Center, there have been no major security issues at their events, such as concerts and basketball games.

"We have an emergency procedure, just as the campus has an emergency procedure, to deal with threats," McMorro said.

According to McMorro,

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Academic Integrity Week aims to combat plagiarism, cheating

By Mary Beth Hislop
Daily Staff Writer

Avid television viewers of "The Simpsons" may recall an episode where Bart manipulated his D report card to read straight A's. Bart wanted to go to Camp Krusty that summer, and D's wouldn't get him there.

Bart's father moaned when he saw the card.

"You must think I'm pretty stupid, boy,"

Homer told Bart. "A D turns into a B so easily. You just got greedy."

This type of cheating is a little unsophisticated for today's tech-savvy student, so students have created new ways to score better grades.

"The Internet makes it easy," Judicial Affairs Chief Debra Griffith said.

In an attempt to combat this attitude

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Muslim students cope with 9/11 fallout

By Stefanie Chase
Daily Staff Writer

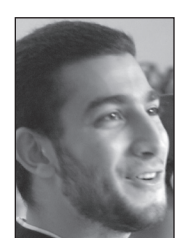
While the events of Sept. 11, 2001, have changed the lives of many Americans, whether they lost a loved one or now have to deal with increased security measures, at least one group has dealt with the tragedy more than others.

Muslims in the United States have been the victims of crimes as the result of anger or suspicion, said Abdul Awadalla, former president of the Muslim Students Association at San Jose State University.

"We're just being watched," Awadalla

said. "Everything we do, how we respond, what we do in the world."

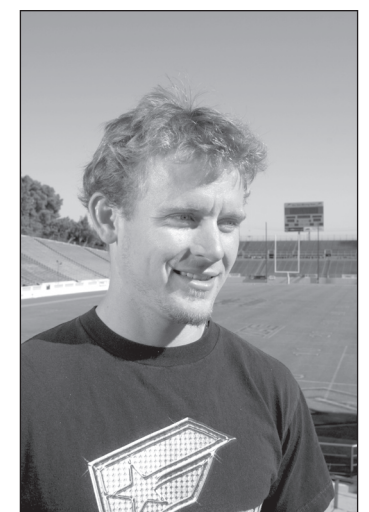
Awadalla added that the women have it harder than the males since they are "usually much easier to spot."



ABDUL AWADALLA

Sameena Usman, the public relations coordinator for the Council on American-Islamic Relations for the Bay Area, said her organization deals with cases

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NEAL WATERS / DAILY SENIOR STAFF

Safety David Sullivan recently completed two tours of duty in Iraq. He is now a sophomore majoring in psychology.

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The only medicine for suffering, crime and all the other woes of mankind,
is wisdom.
— Thomas Huxley

CRUNCH TIME

Personal reactions to the infamous events of September 11

It seemed like a strange movie, watching CNN just after 6 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001. The towers were burning, and video looped of the second plane plunging into the side of the north tower.

My sister had woken me up saying that some one had crashed a plane into one of the World Trade Center towers. It was too absurd to comprehend. I remember telling her that it was probably just a small, private plane — certainly not a commercial 747.

So I turned on my television and was awoken to the horror. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. How in the world could something like this be happening?

When the towers eventually came down, I wasn't sure what to think.

My first reaction, since I had not been to New York City since I was a baby, was that I would never be able to see those monuments to America's economic might.

I felt cheated and saddened that I had not taken a trip to New York earlier.

My second reaction was for revenge.

"War!" I shouted in a whisper, not wanting my sister to hear me. "War!"

Less than one hour after the first plane struck, I was pleading for the United States to wipe some country off the face of the Earth.

My next reaction was a little more personal: My father was in Arizona and I was hearing that all planes in U.S. airspace were being grounded. My sister and I

both wondered how he was going to get home.

Neither of us was certain how long it would be before we would see him again.

But that morning, there were still other things to worry about. We still had to get to school and the rest of our day.



CHEETO BARRERA

The car ride to my high school was quiet. The radio was tuned to the news station, or rather, the station was playing the news, and we sat in silence.

Sept. 11, 2001, left everyone in shock, and it became more apparent when we got to school.

Everyone was abuzz with the latest reports about the attacks. We asked each other questions and

we gave answers that were pure conjecture and only partly true. But then again, accurate information would not come for a few more hours.

How many planes had been hijacked?

Were there four?

Were there six?

Were there more?

No one had a real answer.

Classes were completely disrupted.

The teachers, who themselves were in shock, tuned to the news for the latest updates.

Later in the day, my focus changed. I was the news

editor of the student paper and we had yet to produce our first publication, plans for which now had to be scrapped.

Our focus changed from us being shocked, to documenting students being shocked.

During the week that we had before we went to print, we found students who had some connection to the attacks, or were affected particularly by the terrorists.

We found a girl who was on her way back from Italy and was diverted to Canada, and a boy who had family in New York City, including a police officer.

After the day was over, the reality of the entire situation sunk in.

Thousands of people had been killed in the worst single-day attack since Pearl Harbor, and the largest loss of life because of an attack on the U.S. mainland since the Civil War.

Television stations played round-the-clock coverage of the rescue efforts, which later turned to a grim clean-up operation.

But for all the coverage and realization that things would never be the same, perhaps the weirdest thing during that time was how quiet the skies were.

There were no planes in the air, no helicopters, nothing.

And after flights resumed, the sight and sound of planes in the air was eerie.

Nowhere was this more evident than when I went

to a San Francisco 49ers' game a couple weeks later.

Departing planes from the San Francisco airport had to make an abrupt u-turn adjacent to the stadium.

My dad, who ended up driving back from Arizona with other people from his work, and I couldn't help but hold our breaths each time a commercial jet flew near us.

Now five years later, memories of that time are fading, but certain images, sounds and feelings remain.

I will never forget watching those towers coming down, knowing full well that thousands of people were in those buildings.

Many things have changed five years later — some for the good, much for the bad.

Sept. 11, 2001, was a national tragedy.

When it occurred, we all said that the world has changed forever, and it has. So on this sad anniversary, let's forget what the day has come to mean and remember those who died — they are the ones the day is truly about.

Cheeto Barrera is the Spartan Daily executive editor. "Crunch Time" appears every Tuesday.

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TODAY

Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development

The Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development will be hosting a student workshop on "How to minimize the risk of plagiarism" from noon to 1 p.m. in the Ohlone room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Elizabeth Ugarte at (408) 924-5985.

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The Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development will be hosting a student workshop on "How to write an academic scholarly paper" from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Ohlone room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Elizabeth Ugarte at (408) 924-5985.

Art of Living Club

The Art of Living Club is holding a yoga breath seminar from noon to 1 p.m. in the Montalvo room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Purvi Gajjar at (510) 386-5704 or e-mail g.purvi@gmail.com.

School of Art and Design

Tuesday night lecture series with guest Patricia Moore "The Inclusive Design Agenda: A Global Challenge" from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Art building, room 133. For more information, contact Jo Farb Hernandez at (408) 924-4328.

School of Art and Design

Student Galleries Art Reception in Galleries 2, 3, 5, 8, Herbert Sanders and Black Gallery viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Art building and Industrial Studies building. For more information, contact gallery office at (408) 924-4330.

Identifying Entrepreneurial Opportunities

Come listen to speakers as they discuss how they came up with their business ideas and became social entrepreneurs from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Dr.

Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. For more information, contact Anu Basu at (408) 924-3593.

WEDNESDAY

Tuesday Night Lecture Series

Attend a lecture presented by Patricia Moore titled "The Inclusive Design Agenda – A Global Challenge" from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Art building, room 133. For more information, contact Jo Farb Hernandez at (408) 924-4328.

Associated Students

The Associated Students Board of Directors encourage students and staff to attend meetings at 3 p.m. in the Ohlone room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Jessica Hernandez at (408) 924-6410 or e-mail jhernandez@as.sjsu.edu.

Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development

The Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development will be hosting Socrates Cafe from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Elizabeth Ugarte at (408) 924-5985.

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The Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development will be hosting a faculty only student information panel at noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Elizabeth Ugarte at (408) 924-5985.

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GUEST COLUMN

History was made five years ago and I was playing video games

My sister woke me up that morning in shock. She began pointing to the television screen in my living room where I had passed out.

She told me what had happened to the World Trade Center towers and we kept watching more and more of the news coverage. Then, during the live coverage of the incident, we both saw another plane fly into one of the towers. I couldn't believe my eyes.

I had never seen anything like that and never thought something like that could be happening. Each tower had a plane crash into it, blowing up instantly.

In my head I was thinking, "Wow, why are they doing this?" At the time my reaction was nonchalant. At that point I figured I'd get up, finally get ready, and head out to school since I had class at noon.

After finally finding parking in one of the garages, I headed out to the Student Union, since I had enough time to grab a meal. As I moved on past the event center, massive amounts of people came walking from different directions of campus.

At the time, the newly renovated Clark Hall was still the library and students came pouring out from there and the Student Union.

A friend explained that classes were being cancelled for the day. He told me that in the Student Union, there was a television out for people to watch what had happened that morning at the World Trade Center towers, until they announced that classes were canceled and everyone headed home instead.

You could hear people talking about what had happened that morning and some people were still wondering what was going on.

I had psychology that day; I barely was a freshman at the time and it was only a couple of weeks into my first semester. I didn't know what to do for the rest of

the day so I stuck around by the Seventh Street garage near Duncan Hall. All the garages were filled with cars leaving from the top to bottom.

It was chaos.

On campus it became quiet, with only a few people walking to the garages or heading off campus. There was a person on the San Salvador Street, where the exit for the Seventh Street garage is, helping cars move along because of all the congestion. It probably took a good half hour for most cars to leave the garage because it was so packed.

At the time, I thought it was cool because it was a free day to relax, but I never realized what kind of day in history it would become. I was being young, naïve and cared more about classes being cancelled for the remainder of the day and wondered if class would be in session the following day.

There was too much congestion in the garages for me to leave campus right away and I didn't feel it was worth the time to leave yet. People were fighting their way out of the garage so I decided to give a cousin, who lived by, a call.

I ended up playing video games the rest of the day because he couldn't receive any stations on his television for us to watch more coverage. I never stopped to realize that it was a day to put in history books and where kids in the future would be learning about it.

Later that day, I passed by to finally get my car and the garages were empty except for people who lived on campus or just happened to leave their cars. I had an empty feeling just being on campus.

It wasn't until days later that I realized what had happened, but I still remember what went on that day on campus and when I left. Now I can tell my future kids that I was playing video games without realizing the pain people were suffering in New York.

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SERVICE- Bells mark anniversary

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"Today is a good time to look back on the events that took place," said San Jose Police Officer Scott Cornfield, who took part in the march.

Members of the community and public safety officers from all over Santa Clara County gathered after the morning Mass to march from St. Joseph's Cathedral to Fire Station One three blocks away.

"The march gives members of the community an opportunity to stop and think a little bit. Even if you're not a public safety officer, the event of Sept. 11 is something that's hard to forget," Cornfield said.

Also in attendance of the memorial Mass and march were Vice Mayor Cindy Chavez and Assemblywoman Rebecca Cohn, D-Saratoga, who partook in the march from the cathedral to the fire station, where the ringing of the bells took place.

"When I look at this bell, I see honor, dedication and bravery. I see the men and women of the San Jose fire and police departments," Chavez said.

At Fire Station One, a bell was sounded to commemorate those who lost their lives on Sept. 11.

"Five years after Sept. 11 and one year after Katrina's lessons have been learned, and heroes were in both," Cohn said.

With the sound of bagpipes playing "Amazing Grace" and the echo of the bells dissipating in the afternoon air, the firefighters, police officers and their family members broke rank after the ceremony to proceed to a reception where all the proceeds went to benefit the San Jose Fire Museum.

SECURITY- Students see few interruptions

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an organization known as the International Association of Assembly Managers has formed communities since Sept. 11 to create guidelines on dealing with terrorist threats at events.

Security and police forces are doing what they can to keep students and civilians safe, but do those people feel safe, five years later?

"No, actually, because of the hype. Everything seems blown up. I don't feel comfort-

able with too much security," said Walter Chan, a sophomore majoring in business administration.

"I feel threatened by the government," said Perry Uzunogha, a junior majoring in animation and illustration. "I don't like the government's restrictions and invasions of privacy."

Communication studies professor Federico Varona feels the same.

"We have generated more threats, more enemies because of the war," Varona said.

Not everyone, however, feels threatened

at the moment.

"Since then, it's been less chaotic, it feels more secure," said Joe Merlitti, a junior majoring in music.

"I think it feels the same even after Sept. 11," said Jimmy Lam, a senior majoring in animation and illustration also. "It didn't really affect me."

Lam said it is important to not let the fear take hold of your life.

"If you worry about it, you're just going to dig a hole for yourself," Lam said.

"I think it feels the same, even after Sept. 11. It didn't really affect me."
—Jimmy Lam, animation and illustration major

WEEK- Several discussion panels, workshops planned

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and educate students, several SJSU departments and clubs are co-sponsoring the Third Annual Academic Integrity Week, Sept. 11 to 14, with scheduled workshops designed to teach students what plagiarism is, how to write a scholarly paper or just discuss if integrity even matters.

"I really feel that the campus community is dealing with the problem," Griffith said. "The University is not taking this lightly anymore."

Cheating and plagiarizing are on the rise at San Jose State University.

According to statistics from the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development, there were 210 reported cases for academic integrity violations for the 2005-06 school year. Seventy-one of those violations were for cheating, 139 for plagiarism.

In 2004-05, the total was 189, and in 2003-04, there were 165 violations

Ten years ago, academic integrity violations totaled 55.

"I've never cheated, never stole,

nothing like that," said SJSU student Courtney Moreland. "The whole point is to challenge yourself and to learn."

Although Moreland said she doesn't cheat, she said she knows people who do.

"I don't get angry or anything, but ... what goes around comes around," Moreland said.

A June 2005 report from the Center for Academic Integrity revealed that 77 percent of students surveyed believe that cut and paste plagiarizing from the Internet is not a significant issue.

Cheating is not just confined to this campus.

The center's report noted that 70 percent of the students at most colleges have admitted to some cheating. Students who admitted to collaborating with other students when expressly forbidden by instructor rose from 11 percent in 1963 to 49 percent in 1993.

The report also said that a school with honor codes has a one-third to one-half lower incidence of cheating compared with schools without an honor code.

In 2001, 48 students were expelled from the University of Virginia for cheating, according to a CNN News report. The university has one of the oldest honor codes in the country.

If students are caught cheating at SJSU, Griffith said they aren't automatically expelled like they are at the University of Virginia.

"We don't have that," Griffith said. "Otherwise, what would be the point of having this department?"

Counseling major Andy Nguyen admitted that he cheated in elementary school.

"But not here," Nguyen said. "I'd never do it here."

Griffith attributes cheating as learned behavior from the exam-

ples in the media and corporate scandals like Enron.

Griffith described an episode of "Survivor" where one of the contestants lies that his grandfather had died to get sympathy and an edge over the others.

"This is what they're learning," Griffith said.

In his article "A Nation of Cheaters," Santa Clara University ethics professor Kirk O. Hanson said that cheating can be found in all parts of American culture.

"Former Tyco CEO Dennis Kozlowski sends paintings he bought to a New Hampshire address to cheat New York state out of the sales tax," Hanson said. "College-bound students cheat on the SAT

tests. ... Athletes cheat by using performance-enhancing drugs. ... Successful authors cheat by appropriating others' writing as their own."

Moreland said she figures that those who cheat in school could also cheat in their careers.

"It may go on," Moreland said. "They think they can get away with it, so they'll do it again."

Hanson said cheaters need to be punished.

"We need to support efforts to control cheating," Hanson said. "If someone is caught cheating, support strong penalties."

Remember Bart's bad grades and the failed attempt to trick his father? Homer still allowed Bart to go to Camp Krusty.

"I really feel that the campus community is dealing with the problem."

—Debra Griffith, judicial affairs chief

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By Kelli Downey
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The attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, encouraged changes to be made to prevent another act of terrorism. The government created the new Department of Homeland Security and Transportation Security Administration shortly after the attacks.

"They (the department) definitely achieved one extremely important aim which is to re-install confidence in the traveling public," said Doron Pely, vice president publications and editor-in-chief for Homeland Security Research Corporation. "Without that, civilization would have suffered enormous damage."

The Department of Homeland Security was created in November 2002. The three primary missions of the department are to: prevent terrorist attacks in the United States, reduce the United States vulnerability to terrorism and to minimize damage from potential attacks and natural disasters, according to the department's Web site.

During the past three years since the department was created, "Their efficiency improved and they were deployed and operated in record time," Pely said. "That's a significant success."

In addition to the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, the Transportation Security Administration was also formed to help prevent terrorism.

"The biggest impact on our airport and airports nationwide is the start up of the TSA," said Rich Dressler, Mineta San Jose International Airport spokesman. "Because of them, there's been a greater security."

The Transportation Security Administration was created in November 2001. Their mission is to prevent terrorist attacks and protect the U.S. transportation network, according to the agency's Web site.

The agency replaced private security companies with a federal

agency that now screen all baggage. Prior to the agency, checked luggage was not screened for explosives.

"Security has gotten better at all airports," Dressler said. "We have 100 percent screening of all checked baggage."

Changes at airports have increased the time it takes for each person to get through screening. For some travelers, it has become more of a burden since Sept. 11.

"It's real frustrating to stand in line forever," said Reshma Kamath, a San Jose State University senior double majoring in global studies and psychology. "It is a bit of a hassle and inconvenience that you have to go through all of the security."

Another traveler, who travels as much now as she did before, dislikes the hassle with screening.

"It has become more inconvenient and uncomfortable with all of the screening," said Vanessa de los Reyes, an SJSU senior majoring in global studies.

Despite longer lines and heightened security, some travelers have not changed their opinions regarding airplane traveling.

"My feelings haven't changed about traveling," said de los Reyes, who travels two or three times a year. "I think people in general are more paranoid, skeptical, but nothing has affected me personally."

Some travelers have continued to feel safe while flying.

"Usually I feel safe, but there is always that thought that maybe, what if," said Kamath, who recently traveled to India.

According to Dressler, everyone receives the same treatment at all airports. All travelers now are required to take off their shoes and put them through the X-ray because of the liquid bomb plot, in which terrorists planned to mix chemicals with a gel-like substance that could be ignited, last month.

"The biggest benefit for a traveler is predictability," Dressler said.

Speaker to recount WWII internment

By Kelli Downey
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Katsumi Hikido was attending UC Berkeley when he was ordered to relocate, first to an assembly center, then to a Gila, Ariz., internment camp. Hikido was only 17 years old when he was relocated.

Being interned was a difficult experience Hikido said, even though Japanese-Americans were never physically abused at the camps.

"Being uprooted from your home and being confined behind barbed wire is a bad experience," Hikido said. "It was a loss of our freedom and ability to make a living. Most of our ... sufferings were spiritual and mental primarily."

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Executive Order No. 9066 in February 1942. This authorized the evacuation of residents of Japanese descent and other persons away from the West Coast to be placed in internment camps.

Depending on the ages of the Japanese-Americans who were relocated, there may have been different effects on the internees.

"I am sure it affected people in different ways because people went in at different times of their lives," said Alice Hikido, Hikido's wife.

Hikido stayed at the camp for a year while his family stayed there until the war ended. Hikido was

allowed to leave and attend college as long as he found a university that accepted him, Fenn College in Cleveland, Ohio, accepted him.

After nine months in college, Hikido was drafted into the army. Originally, Japanese-Americans were classified as enemy aliens, but their citizenships were later restored. Hikido was glad that he was assigned into the all-Japanese 442nd Regimental Combat Team, because those soldiers were reclassified.

"In a way, I was kind of glad that I was given that opportunity," Hikido said.

During his military expedition, Hikido's legs were shattered, and he spent two and a half years recovering in a hospital.

Despite being wounded, Hikido said he is glad he had the military experience to help bridge his identity. During the war, the Japanese-American soldiers had to choose if they are either Japanese or American.

"I am glad I had the military experience, because it helped me know who I am as a Japanese-American," Hikido said. "When the country makes you choose are you this or that, and you are both, it makes a void. You have to sort of deny a part of who you are. I was glad I was able to restore that void."

Hikido said he appreciates

working at the Japanese-American Museum of San Jose, where he gets to interact with others.

Former internees enjoy discussing their experiences of the camps with others after years have gone by.

"For a long time, I really didn't want to talk about my experiences," Hikido said. "Now I do appreciate the opportunity to share our story."

His wife Alice agrees that over the years, it is easier to inform others about their experiences.

"We never talked about it within the family," said Alice, who was 9 years old when she was relocated. "We wanted to shut the door on that. I think we all wanted to move on with our lives. It seems easier for me to talk about it now."

Hikido hopes that by sharing his personal story and informing others it can help prevent a similar occurrence.

"The public has to be informed," Hikido said. "When push comes to shove and security becomes a primary concern, who knows what will happen?"

Japanese-Americans were citizens that had their rights violated when they were relocated.

"If it becomes a choice of my security versus your freedom, it is probably your freedom that will suffer," Hikido said. "Hopefully we

can maintain our security without violating peoples rights. I hope it never comes to that."

Being relocated and placed in internment camps were unjustified.

"There was no real evidence to justify doing this," Alice said. "I surely hope that would not happen again."

The San Jose State University men's gymnasium, now Yoshihiro Uchida Hall, was a place to register Japanese-Americans in 1942 before they were sent to internment camps.

The registration process at SJSU lasted one week with approximately 500 registrants being taken in each day, according to John Y. Hayakawa, a volunteer translator at SJSU during the registration.

Hayakawa was one of several volunteers that translated English into Japanese for fellow Japanese-Americans.

"With the elimination of the language barrier, everything went fine," Hayakawa said. "I did not want to confuse them. I don't recall of any person refusing registering."

Hikido will be a guest speaker at 10:30 a.m. today in Dwight Bentel Hall room 213, during journalism professor Harvey Gotliffe's class on press coverage of internment and concentration camps during World War II.

MUSLIMS- Organization claims harassment reports have increased

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of discrimination on a daily basis.

Usman said members of the Muslim community call the council to report acts of "harassment, violence and discriminatory treatment."

Usman said after each call is received, members of the council investigate the claims further to find out what happened.

According to the council's Web site, "CAIR's mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding."

"Because of 9/11, that is why I work for CAIR," Usman said.

Since then, Usman said she wanted to be more active in the community.

"I think since 9/11, things have really changed," Usman said. "...

Prior to 9/11, Muslims felt very assimilated in this community."

She added that Muslims have handled the change in one of two ways. Some have "retreated in their own comfort zones," while others think it is more important to show that, "Islam does not condone violence."

Maryam Amir-Ebrahimi, current president of the Muslim Students Association, said she remembers a time when she was harassed because of the scarf she wears on her head.

Amir-Ebrahimi said she was standing outside when some males in a car rolled down the window and yelled "Osama" at her.

"At that moment I realized it doesn't matter how I dress, I'll always be different to them," Amir-Ebrahimi said.

Amir-Ebrahimi said she was born and raised in the United States and considers herself as American.

"I just want people to realize that we are them," Amir-Ebrahimi said.

Usman said that in 2005, there were 1,972 cases of harassment reported to the council, which it has verified, an increase from the 2004 report of 1,522 cases.

"I think there's actually more than that this year," Usman said, comparing the 2005 report to the reports the council will receive by the end of this year.

Usman said various factors contribute to the rise in reported incidents. One of these reasons is the "current political climate and also some (recent) terror plots."

"People have (also) been less apprehensive to report cases," Usman added.

Usman said that one of the cases from 2005 involved a woman wearing Islamic clothing and an elderly woman, who were both at a store. The elderly woman "accosted" the Islamic woman and told her to "go back to her country."

Another case from 2005 involved an East African man who was "attained from his own home."

He said he was forced to sign papers he did not understand and was deported, Usman said.

Usman added that airport officials have singled out people with Middle Eastern sounding names for additional security checks

"My family consistently gets stopped at the airport because of their last name," Usman said.

Awadalla said there have reportedly been instances of harassment at SJSU just this month.

"One brother was spit on," Awadalla said.

He added that a Muslim woman was yelled at and harassed at the university.

Amir-Ebrahimi said Sept. 11 has affected her academic experience at SJSU. She said some of the professors make assumptions about her because she is Muslim.

She also added that she seems to become the center of attention whenever Sept. 11 is brought up in her classes.

"Suddenly, I feel like everyone is looking at me," Amir-Ebrahimi said.

When this happens, she said she

feels like she must put on a show, nod a little more or make a comment about the tragedy to show she is sympathetic so others do not think she agrees with what happened.

"I am Muslim first, but I'm also an American," Amir-Ebrahimi said. Awadalla remembers seeing posters and graffiti that said to kill Muslims in 2001 at City College of San Francisco.

He said it has died down, and he is aware of mostly "isolated incidents."

Awadalla said this could be because Sept. 11 is not the first thing on people's minds anymore and that people were mainly acting from emotions in 2001.

Usman said there are also people who are more interested in the Muslim community since Sept. 11. "Prior to 9/11, we did get some interest, but nowhere near now," Usman said.

Amir-Ebrahimi said she tries to educate people who are curious about the Muslim community and show them why she thinks the religion is so "amazing."

"Especially after Sept. 11, I have found myself striving to become closer to God," Amir-Ebrahimi said.

Awadalla said the Muslim Students Association has a good relationship with many of the on-campus organizations.

"A lot of people are finding out about the truth about Islam through our campaigns," Usman said.

She added that people are realizing the human race has a lot more in common than not.

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Behind the scenes from Dew Action Sports Tour

By Kris Anderson
Daily Staff Writer

The Dew Action Sports Tour rolled through San Jose last weekend, taking over the HP Pavilion for four days, seeing crowds increase in strength and noise toward a climatic skate vert final on Sunday.

Hometown heroes unfortunately couldn't take home gold, but both Chad Kagy of Gilroy and Ryan Nyquist of Los Gatos earned top-three finishes, keeping them close in the overall points race going into the tour's final stop in Orlando, Fla.

Skateboard legend and San Jose native Steve Caballero rolled into the skate park competition as a wild card Friday, showing the young guns his ageless prowess.

"I was stoked to be out there and skate with the young guys, being inspired by them, and just being out there to show the kids that I'm still skating," Caballero said.

The competitors respected Caballero's attendance at the event, and some, like vert rider Anthony Furlong, went out of their way to show him respect by shaking his hand.

"A lot of people think that I've retired, but I'm still out there shooting photos, shooting videos," Caballero said. "I'm showing what skateboarding is all about, and it's all about the progression of the sport on your own level."

Caballero skated the San Jose course with 16-year-old phenom Ryan Sheckler, who took home the gold in the event.

"I can tell that there are go-

ing to be younger guys getting into the sport. They're getting better and better at a younger age," Caballero said.

The tour kicked off with the UCI BMX Supercross event on Thursday night, beginning a process of determining which countries and which riders would qualify for the sport's inaugural run in the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Foreigner Michal Prokop of Czech Republic won the event, foreshadowing dominant performances from competitors hailing from a variety of countries.

Australians took the BMX Dirt course, finishing first through sixth. Riders from Great Britain had first- and third-place finishes in the BMX vert.

Brazilians finished second and third in skate vert. Venezuelan Daniel Dhers placed third in BMX Park.

Such results speak directly to the growing international popularity of so-called action sports.

The competitors also have dropped their rebel images, despite the overwhelming number of tattoos, and hold a tight camaraderie with their tour-mates.

Simon Tabron, the BMX-er who placed third in vert, threw away his second run due to mid-air indecision, choosing instead to pull his bike to his chest, wave his arms a bit and shake his tail.

"I didn't really have a plan, and I descended into frost," Tabron said. "And I started doing the funny stuff because I knew my friends on the top of the ramp would be laughing."

He also felt that his first-



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Bob Burnquist waves to the crowd Sunday at HP Pavilion after competing in the skate vert finals of the Dew Action Sports Tour. After breaking a toe Thursday and riding on it all weekend, Burnquist placed third.

round score of 92.75 would be more than sufficient to secure second place, but Kagy popped in an identical score on his second run, and because of tie-breaking rules, knocked Tabron off into third.

"When Chad and I tied, I knew exactly what I had done," Tabron said. "But, hey, Chad's an old friend of mine. Anytime you get top-three, it's a blessing."

Jamie Bestwick, who won the event, said afterward he planned on watching the Dirt final, and found himself cheering the double-tailwhips fellow riders pulled over the 10-foot kickers.

Bestwick even wore a concerned look on his face after watching Nyquist fall on his torn ACL and need medical assistance.

Of all the events however, the skate vert final on Sunday capped the action in dramatic style.

The loudest crowd of the event pushed skaters Bob Burnquist, Sandro Dias and Bucky Lasek to pull tricks from their bags they normally keep tucked away.

Burnquist, who suffered a broken left pinky toe in a practice run Thursday night, refused to leave the ramp until landing a 900.

To the crowd's chants of "Bob, Bob, Bob," he continually rolled in from more than 20 feet, only to fall again and again on the coping. In visible pain and frustration, he bowed to his vocal fans, saying he would land the trick on the tour's stop in Orlando.

After the contest, between being mobbed by teeny-boppers and photographers, Lasek found time to reflect on his first professional victory in San Jose.

"The water park contest was my first pro contest win. I won \$500," he said.

SULLIVAN- Back from 2nd tour

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Watching a Memorial Day parade in the spring of 2002, Sullivan went down to the Marine recruiter office and signed up.

"My cousin was in the march to Baghdad, my grandpa was in the Navy — I really wanted to carry out our family's tradition," Sullivan said.

Sullivan put his dream of playing college football on the side. With his hopes of making the team dashed for the moment and his grades not where he wanted them to be, he left and joined the Marines in September 2002.

"I don't think I could have done what he did," said SJSU safety Chris Vedder. "I thank him for what he did for our country."

After a year of training, Sullivan left for Iraq for his first tour of duty.

He was stationed in the mortar section in the Marines, a quick reaction force that's primary duty was to support the main battalion of about 1,000 Marines and react to bombs placed on the roadway.

"The fear was the unknown," Sullivan said. "Complacency kills — you always had to stay alert."

The phrase "complacency kills" was well known throughout the Marine ranks, preached to everyone over and over. The boredom of daylong watch duty would lead Marines to take off their helmets, and then get killed.

"The boredom was the worst part," Sullivan said. "It can drive you crazy, but it also got some men killed."

After a seven-month tour in Iraq, Sullivan returned home for a couple months before heading back for a second tour of duty.

After attending a three-month sniper school in January 2005, Sullivan headed back to Iraq for another eight-month tour of duty.

In his third year of service, Sullivan was a corporal in the marines who was the leader of a four-man sniper unit that was placed in

the middle of the hornet's nest in Fallujah.

"Every night it was like Star Wars in the sky," Sullivan said.

When asked if he worried about the possibility that he wouldn't come back, an emotional Sullivan said, "I knew I had my family, my friends, my church, lots of people back home praying for me. That got me through a lot of nights."

Sullivan and his four-man sniper unit, "Red Cell Four," would be attached to a battalion of Marines but be on its own when assigned missions.

In heat that reached 136 degrees on some days, the sniper unit would watch and wait for enemies placing bombs on roadsides or provide protect for the people in the city during the conflict.

Football was on his mind even during the tough times of war.

"I always told people over there that I was going to come back home and play football," Sullivan said. "There was no doubt in my mind I'd be back playing."

The experience was one that Sullivan is glad is over, but he said he would do again if he were back in the recruiters chair in 2002 all over again.

"I'm not the same person I was before," Sullivan said. "I'm a lot more mature, and because of this, I get to tell this story to people every day that I would have never have met before if I didn't join."

School and football is all business to Sullivan now, he said.

Sullivan is a walk-on defensive back for the Spartans this year, and will most likely redshirt this season, leaving him three years of eligibility left after this season.

"He's come from a life and death situation every day," said SJSU coach Dick Tomey. "He walks around practice during two-a-days and tells the guys this is nothing compared to over there."

Saturday afternoon's game against Stanford was only the start to Sullivan's dream that he hoped would propel him through the rest of his career.



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