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Family, friends remember student

Justice studies major Kris Claspill killed in wreck

By Lalee Sadighi
Daily Staff Writer

Kristopher Boaz Claspill would have been 22 years old last Monday, but he was killed in a motorcycle accident Sept. 16, reportedly while on his way to meet a friend.



KRIS CLASPILL

Claspill, a San Jose State University student, was six days shy of his birthday. Claspill, a senior majoring in criminal justice, liked to be called Kris, "Kris with a K, because I don't mess around," he wrote on his MySpace Web site.

His mother, Ralfi Claspill, remembers how her son was always energetic.

"He always was a very curious and active child, ever since he was born," Ralfi said. "He just enjoyed life."

The day he died, Claspill was about to meet with his friend Nick Monize, who shared his passion for motorbikes. They had scheduled to go for a ride together, Monize said.

Monize said, "Kris was very unique in his own weird way." Claspill's mother agreed.

"It is a very apt statement," she said. "He liked to make little noises when people would pass next to him, and he would always greet me on the phone with a meow."

Claspill's cousin, Jessica Claspill, said he used to enjoy sports and was active in high school on various teams.

"Kris liked to drive his motorbike," Jessica said. "He liked dirt biking. He liked to snowboard. He liked to play soccer and baseball. He was on the junior varsity and varsity baseball teams at Washington High School until he graduated in 2002."

Claspill just loved life and lived fully, said his best friend, Conor Murchison.

Claspill was described by Murchison as very lively, but also serious and responsible. He worked part time at Best Buy in Union City while going to school full time.

Murchison said Claspill will be remembered at work as "an extremely nice guy, who was always in a good mood and greeted everybody when he would come in."

Murchison added that Claspill was a "very unique, funny and honest friend who would always be there for you."

Claspill leaves behind his parents Tim and Ralfi, his younger brother Tom, his grandmothers Louise Claspill and Frances Leonardo.

In reaction to his death, Claspill's friends have been leaving comments on his MySpace page.

He will be "missed and missed and missed," wrote "Cammi," one of his MySpace friends. Kris was "young, fearless and beautiful and he will always be remembered as such," wrote another MySpace friend, "Serena."

The funeral took place Monday morning at Bridges Community Church in Fremont.

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Speaker supports Skype software

Compromise may keep VoIP users talking on campus

By Stefanie Chase
Daily Staff Writer

Phil Wolff, editor of independent online magazine Skype Journal, shared his expertise on the software and his opinion about the potential banning of Skype on the San Jose State University campus in a discussion on Tuesday.

The discussion was also "Skypecasted," or broadcast through Skype, for those who were un-

able to physically attend the discussion.

Wolff's visit was in response to a policy statement that was released two weeks ago stating that Skype, a voice-over Internet protocol, may be banned from SJSU for various reasons.

The policy was reported to be up for review some time this week.

"(The story) got global coverage," said Steve Sloan, help desk

and information technology support services specialist, to the audience. "It was actually in Malaysia."

According to an e-mail written by Don Baker, interim associate vice president of university computing and telecommunications, there is nothing new to report in regards to the possible banning of Skype.

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PEARLY CHAN/DAILY STAFF

Phil Wolff, editor of Skype Journal, speaks about the history and the popularity of Skype during a talk in Dwight Bentel Hall on Monday. He says Skype is a household brand in every country other than the United States.



PEARLY CHAN/DAILY STAFF

Blowing the wind

Bob Craddock, a San Jose State University alumnus, plays his soprano saxophone outside the San Jose Museum of Art on Wednesday. He said he has been performing at the Circle of Palms for the past 12 years.

By Mary Beth Hislop
Daily Staff Writer

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Moon Festival to celebrate Chinese culture

Event marks eighth year running

By Michael Geslani
Daily Staff Writer

Get ready for moon cakes and live performances, because this Saturday marks Cupertino's eighth annual Moon Festival, which aims to raise awareness of Chinese culture.

The Moon Festival falls on the eighth full moon on the Chinese calendar and is a time when families come together to celebrate and learn about Chinese culture, according to a press release.

"What we want is more non-Chinese people to attend the event and learn about the Chinese culture," said Sermin Ng, who is preparing the event.

The event is being held at Cupertino Memorial Park and will

have booths offering food, information, children's games, arts and crafts, moon cake sampling and free entertainment, according to a press release.

"Entertainment-wise, we have four performance stages," said Jennie Yeung, event manager of the festival.

Each stage will have different performances that will cater to people of different ages.

"We have a main stage, the main stage is mainly for performances like dance or kung-fu," Yeung said. "To attract young people we have a second stage that mainly concentrates on rock, jazz and contemporary music."

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A.S. board insures volunteer workers

Students won't foot the bill for coverage

By Julia Cooper
Daily Staff Writer

The Associated Students Board of Directors passed a resolution Wednesday that will implement worker's compensation insurance for volunteers at A.S. events, marking the first time volunteers are covered by such benefits.

"The resolution is important

so that our students can be safe and secure while furthering the work of Associated Students at San Jose State University," said Ann Grabowski, A.S. director of community affairs.

Shawn Chan, A.S. finance and accounting manager, said the insurance will be offered at no extra cost by AO-COMP, an insurance provider for California State University auxiliary organizations

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San Jose Fire Department, residence halls prepare for prevention week

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During those same years, fires also caused an average of five deaths, 73 injuries and \$29.4 mil-

lion in property damage each year, according to the association.

Carli said students should have an escape plan, which includes two ways to get out of each room in case there is a fire.

Dance major Renae Klein said the Campus Village rooms have evacuation plans on the back of the entrance door. Klein also said students are issued handbooks with safety guidelines in them.

"No candles, I know that," Klein said.

Klein said she is housed in Building B and did not have to evacuate.

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Work is either fun or drudgery. It depends on your attitude. I like fun.
— Colleen C. Barrett

OPPOSING VIEWS

Will a ban on cell phone use in cars decrease auto accidents?

YES People are too distracted when they're on cell phones to pay attention to the road.

Cell phones should not be used while driving because they are dangerous and people get into accidents while they're distracted with conversations about work, home or various issues.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger wants to put a law on the books by 2008 that will ban the use of cell phones while driving on California highways, according to the Los Angeles Times.



ADAM BROWNE

This is a great idea because too many people are easily distracted talking on their cell phones while driving.

Police would be able to fine people \$20 for a first offense of using their cell phones and \$50 for a second offense, according to the Los Angeles Times.

In 2005, injury accidents involving cell phone users driving went up to 1,092 cases, according to the Sacramento Bee.

For example, here's a scenario that could possibly happen on the highway if three people were talking on cell phones and not paying attention to their driving.

A car swerves in and out of traffic during the rush-hour commute, while a frazzled businessman with his windows rolled down is puffing a cigarette and driving with a cell phone pressed to his shoulder and cheek while telling someone on the other end about where to find the documents he lost the day before.

A second car cuts off two other cars while the driver tries to learn the gossip about the boss who has apparently annoyed her to no end, and she can't wait to tell her friend all about it on the way.

The third driver rockets angrily down the road while heading to work, screaming into his phone that he can't be fired because he's important to the company and how much stock he's worth.

They crash into each other while merging onto Interstate 680, creating a tremendous wreck.

The wreck causes fatalities and damages, all because cell phone users were so distracted while talking on the phone.

People can get so easily distracted in cars that it's not even funny.

They search for something at their feet, like a briefcase or compact disc.

Some motorists preen themselves and even shave in the rearview mirror while driving.

Even so, the most offensive drivers seem to be those using cell phones while stammering on, and they run red lights or they weave in and out of freeway traffic while arguing with someone.

The car has become like a mobile office, counseling center and chat room, where even in busy traffic, people are on their cell phones talking about everything and not paying any attention to the road.

Perhaps they think it's like in the movies, where the drivers and passengers are turning their heads to talk all the time while moving at top speed.

In actuality, this would cause an accident because nobody can turn his or her head and not look at the road to talk to their passengers for any length of time.

Talking on the phone distracts the driver from keeping his or her attention on the road and it's a very bad idea.

People are just going to have to wait to talk on the phone until they've reached where they need to be.

It's just not a good idea to be talking to someone over a phone on the way to and from wherever it is you're going.

The law would at least deter motorists from using their cell phones while driving.

Even using a hands-free phone isn't really helpful, because it's still distracting.

Waiting until you get to where you're going to talk on the phone is even better.

Adam Browne is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

NO There are various other factors that affect a driver's performance and alertness.

As of July 1, 2008, drivers in California will no longer be allowed to drive and talk on cell phones, unless they have hands-free devices.

Arnold Schwarzenegger recently signed SB 1613, a bill that clearly states that using hands-free devices will allow drivers to have both hands on the wheel.

I agree that eliminating the use of a cell phone in the car will help to reduce the long list of possible distractions for drivers, but the ban on cell phone use will not decrease auto accidents, because there are too many factors.

According to the state Senate legislative analysis of the bill, opponents argued that a 2003 study found that the use of cell phones was only the eighth most common distraction. The study by AAA's Foundation for Traffic Safety and the University of North Carolina found that the most prevalent distracting activity is reaching and leaning.

In addition to cell phone usage and reaching and leaning, there are various other factors that affect a driver's performance and alertness.

What happened to people being alert drivers? I know people were once alert and driving properly, especially when they were taking their driving test.

The leading factor in most crashes and near-crashes is driver inattention, according to a recent research report by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Virginia Tech Transportation Institute.

"The 100-Car Naturalistic Driving Study" states that nearly 80 percent of crashes and 65 percent of near-crashes involved some form of driver inattention within three seconds prior to the accident.

The researchers tracked the behavior of 241 drivers in 100 sensor-equipped vehicles for over a year. The vehicles were involved in 82 crashes and 761 near-crashes during the 2 million miles of the study.

There are too many distractions for people when they are driving. The problem we face is that we learned to multitask. People multitask everywhere, especially while driving.

Multitasking while driving is a distraction. Some of the numerous distractions that I can think of off the top of my head include eating or drinking in the car, reading or looking at a map, putting on makeup, using navigation or even changing a compact disc or radio station.

Driving with other passengers also can be a distraction. Parents trying to cater to their crying children in the backseat, friends carrying on a conversation and pets sticking their heads out of the window while sitting in the driver's lap are several other distractions that I commonly witnessed.

I agree that distractions cause accidents, but there are other factors, aside from cell phone use, that are overlooked. People tend to speed, run red lights, not pay attention to their surroundings, follow too closely behind other cars, not check their blind spots, merge too late and drive while under the influence.

The ban on cell phone use, with the exception of a hands-free device, will not eliminate distractions for drivers. To decrease auto accidents, drivers need to change personally. People should not multitask while driving and should become more alert and better defensive drivers.

The ban on cell phone use is a small step toward decreasing multitasking, but it will not make a significant change in auto accidents.

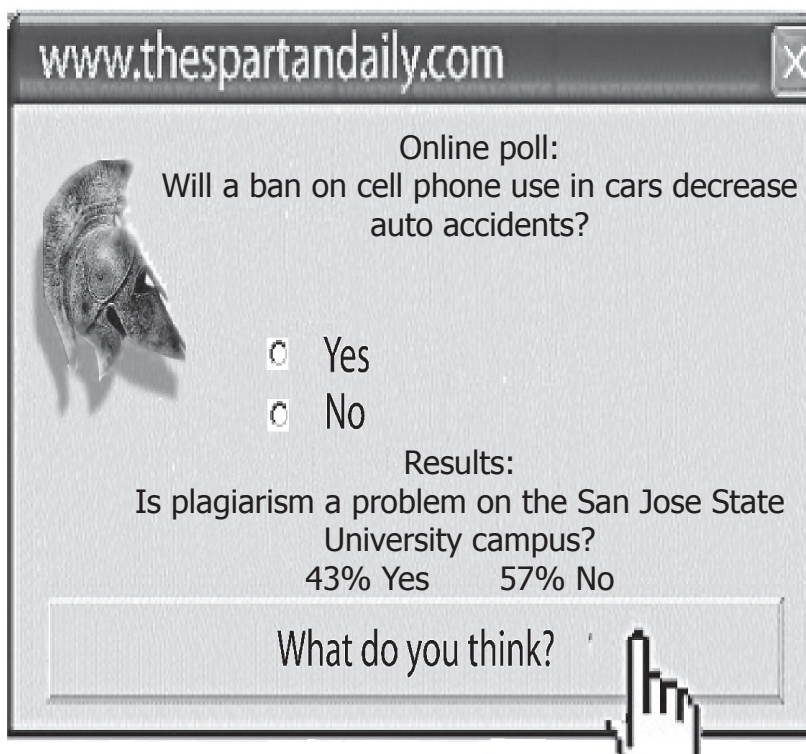
If all drivers decided they needed to talk while driving in July 2008, they can utilize hands-free devices or use cars that are equipped with Bluetooth.

But hands-free devices are just as distracting to drivers as cell phones are, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Web site. On the administration's Web site, the policy and FAQs on Cellular Phone Use While Driving states that whether it is a hands-free or handheld cell phone, the distraction is significant enough to decrease a driver's performance, which can allow the driver to miss cues to avoid an accident.

Kelli Downey is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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"Yes, because people will be more aware of their surroundings."

Bradyn Blower
communicative disorders
sophomore



"No, people will talk anyway."

Rahim Mohamed
civil engineering
junior



"Yes, but only if it's truly implemented."

Anisha Gupta
geography
senior



"No, there are much more pressing issues that cause accidents."

Simon Petruc
computer science
junior



"Yeah, but people will still talk on them."

Kelly Nachazel
marketing
sophomore



"No, even if it's a law, people will still do it, like jaywalking."

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THE STORY SO FAR

'I'd want a million trillion lifetimes that I could spend with you'

As the sun hit the hills, lowering ever so gradually, it eventually disappeared.

He palmed a white seashell in his hand. It was so worn from the ocean, throughout the center and on the side, that it almost looked like a rose.

He pulled out his leather wallet, now indented from credit cards inside and miscellaneous business cards he had collected from other people on the train. For maybe, their paths would cross again. And in work, and in life, it was all about networking. About connecting with other people.

He slowly opened the wallet, flipped the photo insert to the right, past the picture of his now 25-year-old son, Patrick Michael.

Past his 1-year-old granddaughter ... past his first dog Lucky ... and there she was.

The long brown hair that had taken so many years to grow, secured in a ponytail with a silver, beautifully designed floral clip from Anthropologie. The store she always wanted to treat herself to, but always came up with an excuse for not entering: She was too broke; she shouldn't throw her money away; there were a million other things she could buy instead.

Her slightly lazy eye that the rest of the world didn't notice, but she had once admitted she wished it would just disappear. And though they usually came in pairs, just one dimple placed randomly below her left cheek. It seemed to grow to five times its size each time she smiled.

And he loved it.

He wouldn't exchange any of these characteristics ... her strong opinions, her obsession with the

unknown, her random impulses for the chance to be with anybody else ... if even for a day.

She pushed out the passenger door to my Honda as she pulled out a blanket and wine. Leaning from the front to the back seat to grab these items, her right shoulder brushed up against me. She glanced back, for just a second, and I couldn't have been happier.



SHANNON BARRY

She wadded up the blanket in her arms, making it more accessible to move and I unchained Lucky from his dog harness, now attached to the seat belt in the back. I put his choke chain around him and snapped the leash, as his tail wagged back and forth, putting it through my arm

to hold him tight.

We began walking towards the sand. A beach we had come to so many times it was as though it was ours. Our home, our summer beach, our memories.

Her flip-flops pounded against the dirt and passed the bathrooms and the weeds on the ground.

On the edge of the stairs, heading down to the sand, she stopped and kicked off her flip-flops.

Something that had now become so mechanical.

I leaned down and picked up a seashell. It was worn in just the right places — through the center, on the side, that it almost looked like a rose.

I palmed it in my hand and put it in my pocket. She leaned over to pick up her flip-flops as I

rubbed her back, and she placed them on top of the blanket.

We walked down the stairs and through the sand. Each foot seeming to sink more than the other, kicking sand up with each step.

Entering into the crevices between our toes, on the side of our feet, in our toe nails.

I stopped and held out my arms.

The wind brushed against my back, fluttering my shirt, and I exhaled. Closing my eyes, I heard the ocean waves pounding against the rocks.

I imagined the foam making its way up the rocks, more and more with each wave.

I imagined swimming in the ocean, with her. Swimming out past the breakers.

Going over the waves; going up and then dipping back into the ocean.

The continual cycles of life, of love, of every-

thing.

Cycles.

Like the ocean, our love came in waves.

When we first met, me cleaning my car and us later going to the rock show together, it was puppy love. But as we lay sprawled out on the blanket that night, I realized it had become something much deeper.

She laid her head on my chest as we looked up into the starlit sky. Lucky rested his head on her stomach and began to fall asleep as she petted his head.

The North Star, the Big Dipper. Constellations, the moon, planets. We were part of something deeper, something unknowable, but we were really just little grains of sand in a huge mound of millions of people. She leaned to the left, looked up into my eyes and smiled.

"We are creating memories without even knowing we are creating memories," I said to her. "Years from now, we are going to look back on this and think, 'Do you remember that beach we used to go to?'"

"What if we forget?" she replied.

My head was often up in the clouds, but for her, it was harder.

I considered her a pessimist and she considered herself a realist, but no matter what the categorization, she always had the tendency to bring herself down.

"We can't both forget," I replied, looking into her eyes.

"Just imagine. If you forget, I will just have to tell you our story, again and again and again."

Her eyes began to become watery and she looked away, trying to hold back. I grabbed her chin with my hand, moving her head back.

"That's sad to think about," she said.

I looked at her and hugged her.

"Oh honey. It would be like falling in love, over and over again."

Shannon Barry is the Spartan Daily A&E editor. "The Story So Far" appears every Thursday.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor

I am writing in response to Ryan Berg's article "Woman priest to say Mass" in Wednesday's paper.

Victoria Rue continues to insist that she is a "Roman Catholic Woman priest" even as Monsignor Cilia of the real Roman Catholic Diocese of San Jose makes it very clear that she is not. The Diocese of San Jose even issued a statement last May which reads: "Victoria Rue is not a validity ordained priest of the Roman Catholic Church. Members of the Roman Catholic Church should not participate in celebrations of the sacraments that are conducted by Victoria Rue."

Rue claims that someone "defaced" one of her posters which state that she is a "Roman Catholic Woman

priest" by putting a sticker on it saying "This is an invalid Roman Catholic Mass." But come now, Rue. Is not "corrected" a better word to use in such a case?

The fact is that Rue's posters "deface" the truth by continuing to tell such lies. The fact is that Rue is attempting to "deface" the Catholic faith of San Jose State University students, many of them freshmen, by misrepresenting herself and the nature of her services.

Yet, even worse than all of this is that Monsignor Cilia says that pointing out Rue's lies "is not a Christian way of acting." Some kind of shepherd the Church has there? Sounds like some I read about Ezekiel 34:7-10.

*John Wilhelmsson
graduate student
philosophy*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

I have been informed that cross country notebooks are being replaced by the San Jose State University club ice hockey team.

This is indeed a disappointment and an injustice to the talented, inspirational NCAA SJSU women's cross country team.

Day in and day out, for the past four years, I have witnessed my fellow cross country teammates continuously striving to achieve their ultimate best. It is extremely disappointing that the Spartan Daily has shown such minimal interest in reporting the absolute-

ly phenomenal progress that the SJSU women's cross country team.

Thus, I urge you all to reconsider your replacement of the cross country notebook.

This small amount of publicity means a great deal to 20-plus talented and motivated women of the SJSU cross country team, who consistently strive to perform their best as true, dedicated Spartans.

*Tabitha Guzman
senior
chemistry*

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SKYPE- Policy still under consideration

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"Skype and San Jose State University agreed on a technical solution that is mutually beneficial and as a result, Skype will continue to be used on the campus network," Baker wrote in his e-mail.

"Skype is enormously popular everywhere in the world except the United States," Wolff said.

"I use Skype, basically, on an everyday basis," said Ian Koh, a senior majoring in radio, television and film.

Koh said he uses Skype to talk to his girlfriend and his family who live in Singapore.

"I think right now it's not as prevalent as it could be. ..."
—Chris Caldwell, linguistics major

"(It's) even better than using a cell phone," Koh said in regards to the clarity of the calls.

Koh said the ban would not affect him since he lives off-campus, but he feels bad for the people who live in Spartan Village. Koh added that another advantage of Skype is that the service is cheap.

"(The potential ban) is going to hurt (students') pockets real bad," Koh said.

According to Wolff, Skype can be used to talk to people all over the world. The software is free and using Skype to call another user is free, Wolff said.

Costs incur once a call is made to or received from a non-Skype line, Wolff said. He added that the fees that apply to those calls average approximately 2 cents per minute.

The conflict with Skype being used on SJSU campus is that the funding SJSU receives is for academic purposes, Wolff said to the audience.

Wolff added that the problem lies in using a network dedicated to academics for personal use.

According to Wolff, Skype was founded by the same people who founded Kazaa, a peer-to-peer file-sharing program.

Wolff said Skype is similar to Kazaa in that other people's networks are being used.

"In this case, you're sharing your white page listing (instead of files)," Wolff said to the audience.

Wolff added that these networks are used in order to avoid firewalls and can be used even when users are offline.

Wolff said policy-makers seem to think that SJSU student networks may be accessed by non-SJSU students, therefore sharing SJSU's resources with outsiders.

"It just turns out that (the policy-makers) didn't have their facts right," Wolff said to the audience.

Wolff said as long as students are using the SJSU network, they cannot relay, or use outsiders' networks.

"My guess is (the policy-makers) were saying, 'Is there anything we need to catch up on?'" Wolff said in regards to why the policy is even being considered.

"I think right now it's not as prevalent as it could be. ..." said Chris Caldwell, a junior majoring in linguistics. "It just makes an invaluable research tool. ..."

According to Wolff, Skype is not the first program of its kind. There have been other programs, but they were introduced at the wrong time, Wolff said.

Skype was introduced when better computers, audio capability and bandwidth were able to support the software, Wolff said.

Wolff said that there are three major advantages to allowing Skype on campus: Students can better collaborate with each other, faculty can use Skype as an instructional tool and international students are able to talk to their families.

"I think your university would get by just fine without Skype ...," Wolff said. "It's a (question) of ... can your university be as good as other universities that have it?"



HANNA THRASHER/SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Tales of survival

Holocaust survivor Chayale Ash, a former actress in the Yiddish theater, describes her experiences Wednesday to a class studying press coverage of World War II prison camps.

Officials lukewarm on safety report

By Heather Driscoll
Daily Staff Writer
Trailing behind New York City, San Jose was recently named the second-safest largely populated city in the nation in 2005, according to an FBI report.

While Oakland and Richmond struggle with high homicide rates, according to FBI statistics, San Jose was listed with about one crime per 34.5 residents, followed by Los Angeles with one crime for every 26 residents and San Diego with one crime for every 24 residents.

San Jose Police Sgt. Nick Muyo said that San Jose was named the second-safest big city under the classification of it being a widely populated city, but he said it should still be looked upon as a great accomplishment.

"This is like a testament to officers and residents for doing such a great job at keeping the city safe,"

Muyo said. "The achievement credit should not only go to police officers but the people of San Jose as well."

However, there is a small glitch in the report, according to San Jose officials.

The report ranked the cities by the total number of crimes per resident, but it did not distinguish between violent crimes and property crimes, according to the FBI.

Danny Lugo, a junior majoring in engineering, thinks that it is only a matter of time before San Jose will plummet on the safest city list.

"I don't even understand how San Jose made it on the list," Lugo said. "San Jose has so many gangs, guns and drugs. I mean, on every corner, you can spot a gang member; on any street, you can get a gun if you really wanted one; and half this population is either deal-

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—Nick Muyo, SJPD sergeant

ing coke or smoking coke. Before you know it, we'll be the next Oakland."

For four years, San Jose has ranked at the top of the big city category, but the Big Apple swept the No. 1 spot in 2005, even though San Jose's murder rate is less than half of that in New York, according to FBI data.

"New York may have the lower overall crime rate, but it doesn't necessarily make them the safer city," said Julia Angstoff, a junior majoring in criminal justice. "It

all depends on how you slice and examine the data. New York may have a lower abundance of theft and burglary crimes, but it doesn't mean they have less murderers and rapists."

Although some may argue that San Jose is the safer city, John Canvas, a senior majoring in marketing, thinks that the FBI's findings are correct.

"I think New York is the safer city," Canvas said. "I think, after Sept. 11, city leaders took action and cracked down on crime. Sept. 11 brought the city closer and made them more unified. I'm not surprised at all by the outcome."

Still, Muyo encourages the city to continue on with helping to lower the crime rates.

"We have trust of the San Jose community," Muyo said. "And it continues to trickle down the men and women of this city."

COMP- Board hopes to register 500 voters

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such as A.S.

Chan said the resolution was sparked by the California State University Risk Management Authority, which looks at safety risks on CSU campuses.

The authority referenced California Labor Code Section 3363.6, which states that a private, non-profit organization, such as A.S., could offer worker's compensation insurance to volunteers if it puts such coverage in writing prior to any injuries.

Chan forwarded the authority's recommendation to the A.S. board to draft the resolution.

Worker's compensation for volunteers is a positive step, according to Chan.

"It's great," Chan said. "If they (volunteers) are injured, we know

that we have an insurance company taking care of that."

Chan said volunteers would be covered after the SJSU resolution is forwarded to the California State University Risk Management Authority. According to Chan, 40 auxiliary organizations in the CSU system have already adopted similar resolutions.

A.S. Acting Executive Director Paul Lee said the board would have to formally authorize volunteers before they become eligible for the insurance. The insurance would cover any monetary claims by volunteers who are injured while working at A.S. events, he said.

Lee, who has worked as the A.S. Print Shop manager for 20 years and is a member of the Campus Safety Advisory Committee, said he has never heard about any inju-

ries to A.S. volunteers throughout the entire time he has worked at SJSU.

The most common injuries are results of tripping hazards, Lee said, so it is important that managers emphasize proper safety techniques to volunteers before events.

"One of the normal aspects of training is how to prevent accidents, Lee said.

Duncan Lange, A.S. special events and programming manager, said the number of volunteers each semester varies with the number and size of A.S. events, with large events like the Blues Festival, held in the spring, requiring up to 100 volunteers.

Lange said volunteers are usually asked to perform relatively innocuous actions such as pouring drinks and flipping burgers rather

than "handling chainsaws."

"When it comes to events, it's always a 'safety first' mentality," Lange said. "We don't try to put employees or volunteers in any dangerous situations."

At Wednesday's meeting, the board also passed a resolution that set a goal of registering 500 students to vote during an A.S. sponsored voter registration and education drive beginning Oct. 2. The drive will run through the Oct. 23 voter registration deadline.

The Nov. 7 California general election includes the state's governor and San Jose's mayor races, as well as 13 propositions.

Michael Reyes, A.S. director of legislative affairs, said registering voters before a nonpresidential election may be a challenge.

"The goal is 500, but I would like more than that," Reyes said.

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Campus offers students 30 sports options in intramural competition

By Michael Geslani
Daily Staff Writer

Associated Students is offering 30 different intramural sports over the school year to San Jose State University students, faculty and staff for free with a valid Tower Card and Eco Pass.

"It's going to break down to about 15 in the fall and 15 in the spring," said Rob Patchett, assistant director of intramural sports. "It's a mix of league sports and one time contests. It ranges from the traditional intramural sports like flag football to the 5-on-5 basketball, indoor and outdoor soccer, dodgeball, billiards and table tennis."

Students who are interested in participating in intramural sports can visit the General Services Center in the Student Union main floor for entry form.

Guests can also play by purchasing punch cards from General Services Center that will allow non-SJSU students to play a certain amount of games. Punch cards can

be purchased in 10, five and three game packages.

Ben Nguyen, a computer science major, has said the punch cards have made badminton dwindle down in participation.

"Generally only the students are the ones who are participating," Nguyen said. "Couple of years ago it was very competitive but now with the new system with the punch cards, less people have showed up."

Patchett has seen an increase in participation since he's started here.

"It's been increasing ever since we got here," Patchett said. "We were up 82 total teams before the previous year before Dana and I came here."

While the punch cards have been implemented, other sports seem to progress in participation and competitiveness said Randy Santamaria, an English major.

"I think we're progressively getting a lot more students coming out," Santamaria said. "I actually

play in the flag football league and played dodgeball before. The events get pretty competitive."

There will be new additions to intramural sports this school year followed by other sports that have been played previously. Patchett said new sports that will be offered are foosball and a "bowl game pick 'em" in the fall and cricket, chess and floor hockey in the spring.

The "bowl game pick 'em" is where participants assign points to specific teams in NCAA football bowl games in December and the teams chosen who have won will gain those points and tallied at the end, Patchett said.

"We're trying to offer as many things as possible to try an appeal to people that aren't interested in traditional sports but also who are interested in traditional sports too," said Patchett.

Most sports require a fee to play per team, according to a handout and sports are played in men's, women's and co-ed divisions.

MOON- Fairgoers offered cakes

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The third stage, we have Chinese pop and jazz and we invited quite a few people to come like Miss China. For the fourth stage, which is an interesting one, we invited opera singers."

According to a press release, Chinese legend says that in 2170 B.C., there were 10 suns in the sky that scorched the earth. The emperor announced that if anyone could take nine of them down they could marry his beautiful daughter, the princess Chang Er.

An archer named Hou Yi accomplished the mission and married Chang Er. Soon after, Hou Yi

became a tyrannical leader, and Chang Er drank an elixir called the elixir of life, in order to save the people from her husband's tyrannical rule, according to www.chinesefortunecalendar.com.

When she drank the elixir, she and her rabbit, the jade rabbit, both flew to the Moon Palace, according to a handout.

The Moon Festival is a tradition that is followed by the Chinese culture to pay respect to princess Chang Er and the jade rabbit, according to a press release.

The moon cakes are in honor of the victory of Han. Before the demise of the Yuan government, thousands of moon cakes were

baked and distributed in towns before the full moon and each cake had a message that summoned all Han to defeated the Yuan government, according to a press release.

"The moon cakes are really something sweet. If you come around the right time, we are giving around 1,500 moon cakes each day," Yeung said.

Liu promises there will be a little surprise waiting for people who receive the moon cakes.

"They put messages in the moon cakes," said Holly Liu, former SJSU Chinese Culture Club president.

The festival will take place this weekend from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cupertino Memorial Park.

CLASPILL- Department sent flowers to mother

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"It was such a great outpouring of love and sympathy from his friends, and our friends and family," Ralfi said. "I only knew Kris as a mother, but his friends showed us

all kind of different perspectives of him. We received a lot of support from his many friends."

Ralfi explained that the justice studies department at SJSU, where Claspill studied his major, had been very kind, sending flowers

and notes of comfort.

"It really impressed me to receive flowers from Kris' school," she said. "It was very heart-warming and touching, especially since it is such a big college with so many students."

CRIME BLOTTER: ITEMS FROM THE UNIVERSITY POLICE LOG

Compiled by Lindsay Bryant
Daily Staff Writer

Sept. 23, 5:25 p.m. BURGLARY
Location: Fourth Street garage
Summary: A report was taken for an auto burglary.

Sept. 24, 3:41 p.m. FOUND/LOST PROPERTY
Location: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library
Summary: An incident report was taken for a laptop that was emitting smoke.

Sept. 25, 3:18 p.m. TRAFFICKING OBSCENE MATTER
Location: Campus Village Building C
Summary: An investigation of possible child pornography at Campus Village Building C.

Sept. 25, 7:29 p.m. RESISTING ARREST
Location: Botany Garden
Summary: A juvenile was cited and released for resisting arrest.

Sept. 25, 10:59 p.m. DUI
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Summary: Mathew Heskew, 29, was arrested on suspicion of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

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FIRE- 21 injured in 1990 blaze

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wake-up call. "It's real hard to sleep through those things."

Radio, television and film major Shannon Moore said evacuated students had to wait at least an hour in the cold before they could re-enter the building.

Keith Cittar, who is majoring in criminology, said students were evacuated to the front of the Bocardo Business Complex while they waited for an OK to go back in.

"Oh, man, it took a while," Cittar said.

University Police Sgt. John Laws said his department was alerted to a fire alarm from Campus Village at 3:13 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23. Laws said at least two fire engines from the San Jose Fire Department responded to the alarm.

Laws said there was smoke, but he could not elaborate.

"Something is being investigated," Laws said.

This was not the first fire drill for Building C. Gray said students were evacuated the first day of this semester when a student started up his fog machine.

"Somebody brought a fog machine," Gray said, shaking her head. "Now who does that?"

Carli said that it is important for students to take all fire alarms seriously, no matter how many times the alarms turn out to be false.

In 1990, a fire broke out in Moulder Hall (now the Washburn building) that injured 21 students, three critically, and in April 2001, a fire broke out in Joe West Hall. The Spartan Daily reported that more than 100 SJSU students failed to respond to the calls for evacuation in the Joe West Hall fire.

"Students should take every alarm seriously," Carli said. "False alarms are no joke, (but) the issue of alarm apathy is very serious."

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Fire Prevention Week was designated to commemorate the Great Chicago fire of 1871, which started on Oct. 8 and was finally extinguished Oct. 10. The fire killed more than 250 people and left 100,000 homeless, according to National Fire Protection Association spokeswoman Lorraine Carli.

Carli said the fire burned more than 2,000 acres and 17,400 structures. Legend blamed a cow.

The association encourages college students to follow these safety tips to avoid starting a fire and know what to do if one occurs.

Be Prepared

Know your evacuation plan; participate in all fire drills. Identify and plan for people with disabilities who may require alternative forms of notification and evacuation assistance.

If you have a disability, make sure you are included in all escape plans from housing and classrooms. Know the location of all building exits; you may have to find your way in the dark. Don't disable smoke alarms — they cut your chances of dying in a fire in half.

Smoking

If you must smoke, smoke outside only where permitted. Use deep, wide and sturdy ashtrays. Ashtrays should be

on top of something sturdy and difficult to ignite.

To prevent a cigarette fire, you have to be alert; alcohol, drugs and medications impede this.

Be sure butts and ashes are extinguished before throwing them out.

Check under furniture cushions after a party and any other places people were smoking.

Escape tips

If you have to go through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your exit.

Feel a door before opening one; if it's hot, use your second way out.

Never use an elevator during a fire; stairs only.

If you're trapped, call the fire department and tell them where you are. Seal your door with rags and signal from your window. Open windows slightly at the top and bottom, but close them if smoke rushes in from any direction.

Cooking

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Dog House alternative after night out on town

By Tyanne Roberts
Daily Staff Writer

Who knew that German sausage and processed meat could taste so good?

Located on the bustling one-way streets of downtown at 80 S. First St., Dog House is a place that has every option for a hot dog that you can imagine.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Dog House is nestled between a clothing and music store called The Record Shop and a high-end restaurant The Melting Pot.

It is open for anyone, from people looking for a light meal between stops on the light rail to those seeking a meal after a night on the town drinking.

The pricing at Dog House is moderate or even perhaps a little expensive for what you get.

Everything is ordered separately, excluding any specials the restaurant might be running for the day.

The atmosphere is similar to a classic bar setting, with the red brick walls, hardwood floors and two 50-inch plasma screen TVs on the wall.

Dog House T-shirts line the panel around the top of the walls, and tables are equipped with six-pack Bud-

weiser holders that have been turned into ketchup and mustard bottle holders.

The gourmet hot dogs served are bound to appeal to everyone because of the wide variety.

The Dog House menu ranges from the classic dog, for \$2.95, which you can get steamed or grilled, to other unique hot dogs such as the pit bull, for \$5.75, which is a hot dog covered in nacho cheese and topped with jalapeños and salsa.

The restaurant even has something for the California native, the California dog for \$5.75, which has chicken apple sausage, avocado, tomato, basil and garlic.

I enjoyed the Lone Star for \$5.95, which consisted of a Polish sausage, house-made chili beans, cheddar cheese, diced onion and sour cream.

It was great, and I would recommend it. One of the problems I found was that there seemed to be more bun than actual hot dog.

The buns that Dog House uses are thick buns that are covered in sesame seeds.

Not only does Dog House serve gourmet hot dogs, but it also serves a variety of salads from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for people looking for a hot dog alternative.

French fries, chili cheese fries and onion rings are also available to order for people that want more with

their meal.

The drink selection at Dog House is also well rounded.

The restaurant offers seven beers, three of which are served on tap and the rest by bottle, for \$3.

For those of you with a sweet tooth, Dog House also serves root beer floats and milkshakes for \$3.75.

If you are looking for full service, you will not find it here.

The main menu is located on the wall, and you order before sitting down.

After ordering, your number is called, and you have to get up to retrieve your food.

The atmosphere seems more appealing when watching a big sports event or as an end to a night out drinking before hailing a taxi to go home.

The hours of operation of this unique hot dog paradise are Monday through Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. and Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. The restaurant is closed on Sundays.

RIGHT: Chris Pacifico, a computer engineering junior, chows down on one of the many hot dog specials available at the Dog House. It is located on South First Street in downtown San Jose.



PEARLY CHAN/DAILY STAFF

Taste raises the heat

By Kelli Downey
Daily Staff Writer

If you want to experience a lounge atmosphere and order a tasteful sensation, visit Taste Ultra Lounge in downtown San Jose.

REVIEW: DRINK OF THE WEEK

When entering Taste, you walk past a patio setting and enter the building.

Once you arrive inside one of the several rooms, there are bars both to the left and right with numerous sofas, a few beds, flat screen televisions and Buddha statues.

The other lounge rooms provide a similar setting with the exception of a dance floors.

The Red Dragon at Taste is an alcoholic version of the well-known Jolly Rancher candy.

The combination of watermelon and apple create the sweet taste.

Initially, the candy taste was intense when it hit my tongue, leaving me to wonder what the exact taste could be described as.

With the red punch appearance and satisfying taste, the drink can be easily mistaken for a nonalcoholic beverage.

RED DRAGON INGREDIENTS

1 ounce Absolut Mandarin
½ ounce melon liqueur
½ ounce Apple Pucker
½ ounce watermelon
liqueur
filler — cran
topper — Red Bull
garnish — cherry

*Recipe courtesy of
Taste Ultra Lounge.

But do not let the sweetness and aftertaste fool you — alcohol is present in the drink, even if you cannot taste it.

At \$9, the Red Dragon is well worth the money.

Served in a pint glass, ice cubes appear through the redness of the drink.

The drink is garnished with a cherry on top.

Despite the name of the drink, you will not be breathing flames afterward from the amount of alcohol in the drink.

Although the drink contains Red Bull, I think it is called Red Dragon based on the coloring and not the alcohol content.

It is the kind of drink that you can sit back and relax with, or you can guzzle down the sweetness and order another.

Red Dragon adds to the atmosphere by being an ideal drink to lounge with.

Matt Damon and Leonardo DiCaprio on 'The Departed'

By Heather Driscoll
Daily Staff Writer

You could say it was the highlight of my life; after all, how could interviewing "Titanic" heartthrob Leonardo DiCaprio and Oscar award-winning Matt Damon not be?

INTERVIEW

Damon and DiCaprio's upcoming and highly anticipated movie "The Departed" was the buzzing topic of last Friday's teleconference.

It featured intriguing questions posed by myself and seven other college journalists.

"The Departed" features an all-star cast including Jack Nicholson, Damon, DiCaprio, Mark Wahlberg and Alec Baldwin and is directed by Martin Scorsese, best known for his Academy Award-winning biopic "The Aviator."

Scorsese's new crime drama, "The Departed," follows the story of two Boston police officers.

One is a member of the Irish mafia (Damon) who has infiltrated the ranks of the police.

The other is a bona fide cop played by DiCaprio who is sent on an undercover mission to join the Irish Mafia, according to www.thedeparted.com.

"The Departed" is set to make its theater debut on Friday.

Q: You have both been in movies that have received a lot of Oscar buzz. How do you feel about that

in regards to "The Departed"?

Damon: I always laugh whenever I hear Oscar buzz because there is Oscar buzz on pretty much everything. It's the whole marketing machine behind all the movies. But (when making a movie) that's not what we shoot for and that is not where our drive comes from.

Q: Both of you have taken roles that challenge the idea of identity, reality and fiction. How do you play roles like that, that blend the line so well?

DiCaprio: You're presented a challenge as an actor. You're going through your own personal, traumatic experiences and you don't want to relay that to the audience, but at the same time, you want to get them involved. Especially my role in this movie as an undercover cop ... not revealing myself to all these people in the movie that wanted to shoot me in the head but also trying to demote that attention to the audience and get them involved with the experience.

Q: There was an original movie made in Hong Kong called "Infernal Affairs." Have you guys seen it, and if so, what were your impressions, and how do you compare both films?

Damon: Well, I asked (Martin Scorsese) to cast the original actor in Leo's role and have me play my role, but we found out that he couldn't speak English, so we knew that was going to be a problem.

DiCaprio: The stories are extremely similar and the structure is much the same, but Martin Scors-

ese wanted to make it his own film, which he very well did.

Q: What kind of preparation did you guys do for your roles?

Damon: Well, Leo was at a distinct disadvantage from me and Mark (Wahlberg), because we're both from Boston, and we already had the accent down, which I think is the hardest accent to do and the most often screwed up by great actors. So in terms of preparation, Leo had this whole amount of work to do that me and Mark got to skip. But Leo did a great job with the accent and he is one of the very few actors to make it on the short list.

DiCaprio: Thank you, sir.

Q: Matt, how was your experience at Harvard and what were some of your great memories there?

Damon: I do have a lot of great memories even though I did drop out because I got pulled out for a movie, but I was there for over four years and I think I took enough classes to get a degree. But a great experience was when I took a playwright class at Harvard because that's when I got started on "Good Will Hunting."

Q: Leo, in your great Boston immersion, did you become a Red Sox fan?

DiCaprio: It was my first time spending any time in Boston, and it was really like walking around in a museum. But as far as becoming a Boston Red Sox fan, I've given up on all professional sports after the Lakers disappointed everyone.

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TODAY

Pre-Medical Club

The Pre-Medical Club will be holding a meeting discussing its upcoming UCLA trip, events and forming committees at 2:30 p.m. in Duncan Hall room 505. For more information, e-mail Pre-Medical Club at sjsu_premed_club@yahoo.com.

Asian Baptist Student Koinonia

The Asian Baptist Student Koinonia will hold its weekly Bible study at 7 p.m. in the Guadalupe room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Justin Foon at (415) 786-9873 or e-mail jfoon1@yahoo.com.

The Environmental Club

The Environmental Club will hold a meeting from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Ohlone room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Kilen Gilpin at (408) 423-9787.

Annual Staff and Management Service Awards Recognition Luncheon

The 39th Annual Service Awards Luncheon to

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Resume 101

The Career Center is providing "Resume 101" for those wanting to learn about the basic resume formats and how to prepare yourself to get that interview from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. in the Career Center Modular Unit F. For more information, contact Evelyn Castillo at (408) 924-6031.

Silicon Valley Leaders Symposium

James Bagley, Lam Research's CEO from 1997 to June 2005, will be presenting technology, goals and missions when recruiting students from noon to 1 p.m. in the Engineering building room 189. For more information, e-mail Ahmed Hambaba at hambaba@sjsu.edu.

Concert Series

A part of the listening hour celebration titled "Celebrating the Music Honor Fraternity" with music

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Campus Crusade for Christ

Nightlife is a time for fellowship, worship and hearing from the word of God at 8 p.m. at Spartan Memorial. For more information, contact Mark Depold at (408) 421-9281.

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Jewish Student Union

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MONDAY

Pride of the Pacific Islands

The Pride of the Pacific Islands will hold dance

practice from 9 to 10 p.m. in the aerobics room of the Spartan Complex Center. For more information, call Pride of the Pacific Islands at (408) 924-2221 or e-mail ppi_sjsu@yahoo.com.

Intercultural Interaction Modules

Associate Professor Rona T. Halualani hosts a workshop focused on verbal and nonverbal communication patterns from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Instructional Resources Center room 101. For more information, contact Alissa Levey at (408) 924-2303 or e-mail cfd@sjsu.edu.

Entrepreneurship Eminent Speaker Series

Raj Abhyankar, U.S. patent attorney, speaks about protecting intellectual property at 6 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library room 225. For more information, contact Sofia Moede at (408) 924-3394.

Counseling Services

The counseling services will hold an international students discussion group from 3 to 4:20 p.m. in the Administration building room 201. For more information, contact Lynda Yoshikawa or Tsuey-Jing Fan at (408) 924-5910.

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