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## Gamers line up for new consoles

Some camp out days early awaiting launch

By Ryan Berg  
Daily Staff Writer

The launch days of Sony's Playstation 3 and Nintendo's Wii gaming consoles have come and gone, and some may be hard pressed to find one for a while.

"We sold out about 20 to 30 minutes into the launches for both systems," said James Han, a sales associate for Fry's Electronics on Hamilton Avenue in Campbell.

Han said the Hamilton Fry's had received 28 Playstation 3's for its Friday launch and 30 Wii's for its launch on Sunday.

The Playstation 3 seemed to have more people anxious over the wait.

"People started lining up three days before the launch," Han said. "Certain people left when we told them how many systems we had, since they knew then they weren't going to get one."

Han said there were about 15 people who started lining up Saturday night right before the Wii launch, when he left that night after the store closed.

The same went for other locations as well.

According to several employees at the San Jose Fry's Electronics on Brokaw Road, there were more than 50 people waiting for both the Playstation 3 and Wii.

A sign set up in their store notified customers that they were sold out as well.

Employees of both Fry's were not able to say when a second shipment of the consoles may be coming in.

The EB Games located just outside San Jose State University on San Carlos Street had no lines of people waiting.

"People didn't show up," said Adam Harris, assistant manager of EB Games. "They knew the ones here were all reserved."

There may be hope on the horizon though, at least for some Nintendo lovers.

"A second shipment for the Wii should be here in about two to three weeks," Harris said. "The PS3? I don't know."

SJSU students were among those at some stores awaiting the launch of the Playstation 3.

Brett Mlinarich, a freshman majoring in business, said he had been waiting in front of Fry's since Wednesday.

"I took a break to go to class," Mlinarich said.

Mlinarich said he was looking forward to the motion-sensing controller, dubbed the "sixaxis," the high picture definition, and the football game Madden 2007.

Mike Doan, a senior majoring in business management, said he is looking forward to the Blu-ray capabilities, the graphics, and the system's wi-fi ability, which is built into the \$599 version, but separate from the \$499 version.

"I don't own an Xbox 360," Doan said. "I'm not really a fan of Xbox,

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## Chemical release forces evacuation

Minor injuries treated at the scene

By Cheeto Barrera  
Daily Executive Editor

Classrooms in the lower section of the Boccardo Business Complex were evacuated Thursday following the release of a pepper spray-like

substance in one of the rooms.

Students, faculty and staff members were forced to leave the tutorial center and surrounding classrooms when people began having coughing fits and complaining of

burning in their throats, said Jim Stunkel, San Jose Fire Department battalion chief.

The call came in at 4:51 p.m. to the University Police Department.

"We responded to a complaint of 20 people coughing and having respiratory distress," Stunkel said.

UPD Sgt. John Laws said the in-

cident is still under investigation.

"An unknown person did release pepper spray or a similar substance into the air," Laws said.

He added that until the police learn more about the incident, UPD is treating it as a criminal investigation.

"We have to, until we know bet-

ter," Laws said.

He said eight people were treated at the scene, but none required further medical attention.

Students and staff members said people were affected quickly with no warning.

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## Vintage dancing



PHOTOS BY DREW CARLASCIO/DAILY STAFF

A contestant in Saturday evening's ballroom dance competition gets some help putting the number on his back outside the Barrett Ballroom.



Members of the San Jose State University Ballroom Dance Club compete in Barrett Ballroom in the Student Union on Saturday.

## Dancers from Western universities compete in Barrett Ballroom

By Mary Beth Hislop  
Daily Staff Writer

Clad in formal evening wear, both amateur and advanced dancers from private studios and school dance clubs kicked up their heels all day Saturday in San Jose State University's Barrett Ballroom to compete in the 10th annual Ballroom Classic.

With supporters on the sides yelling out their favorite team's assigned number, couples danced to vintage music for the waltz, tango, fox trot and quickstep from 10 a.m. until mid-afternoon. The spicier steps came later with competitions in Latin dancing such as the cha-

cha, samba, rumba and salsa — even the hustle.

"Every year, we get a lot more people," said German Serrano, SJSU Ballroom Dance Club president and event organizer.

Students from three private dance studios and eight universities signed up to attend the competition, including dancers from the SJSU Ballroom Dance Club, Stanford University, University of California, Santa Barbara, San Diego State University and Utah State University.

Seventy-eight couples were signed up to compete

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## Boarders skate by regulations

Understaffed UPD patrols lead to lenient code enforcement

By Julia Cooper  
Daily Staff Writer

Despite the ban on skateboarding at San Jose State University, the ubiquitous sights and sounds of rolling wheels on campus suggest that the policy is rarely enforced.

"They're all over," said Natsha Sharma, a graduate student studying speech pathology. "I can hear them coming, so I usually turn my head and then I move out of the way for them."

According to SJSU Presidential Directive 90-01, skateboards and similar devices are forbidden from use on campus to reduce the risk of injury to pedestrians and the people riding the vehicles.

The rule, which was established in 1990, also regulates bicycles and unicycles, although it states that these vehicles can be used on certain streets on campus, including Ninth, Seventh and San Carlos streets.

Some students said they did not know the rule existed.

"When was this (implemented)?" asked Tim Tran, a senior majoring in business. "I wasn't aware."

Signs displaying the skateboarding and bicycling rule have been hard to spot, according to some students.

"I live on campus, and I've never seen any signs," Sharma said.

The absence of high-profile signs sends an unclear message to riders, said Shilpa Menon, a graduate student studying speech pathology.

"If there's no sign, how are you supposed to know you can't do it?" Menon said.

Calvin Chow, a sophomore majoring in computer engineering, said he knows that skateboarding is prohibited on campus, but he does it anyway.

"I've been boarding around, even (in front of) the police, and they don't seem to care," Chow said. "I guess it's more of (importance) if people board too fast around crowded areas that (police) don't like it."

University Police Department Sgt. John Laws

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## Bestselling author speaks to students

By Michael Geslani  
Daily Staff Writer

Neil Gaiman, the author of two New York Times bestsellers, a number of children's books and comic series, came to San Jose State University for a conversation last Thursday followed by a Q-and-A with visitors and students.

When asked what he was doing here at SJSU, Gaiman said he wanted to speak to those who want to become writers and make it clear to them that "it's work, but there's nothing magic about it ... and that it's good work, but fun."

The conversation with the Center

of Literary Arts Director Mitch Berman consisted of questions about his novels, movies and his everyday life.

Gaiman spoke about two movies that he has in the works, "Stardust" and "Beowulf."

"Stardust" is a fiction novel adapted into movie about a young man who makes a promise to his love that he will retrieve a fallen star but has to venture a magical realm, according to imdb.com.

"Stardust" has an A-list cast that includes Robert De Niro, Claire Danes and Michelle Pfeiffer.

Berman said that the movie has just finished filming. It is scheduled for release next year, according to stardustmovie.com.

"Beowulf" is another adapted screenplay by Gaiman about a Scandinavian warrior named Beowulf who must fight and defeat Grendel, a monster who terrorizes towns.

The movie "Beowulf" also has an A-list cast, including Ray Winstone as Beowulf and Angelina Jolie as Grendel's mother, according to imdb.

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DREW CARLASCIO/DAILY STAFF

Writer Neil Gaiman listens to a student's question during a Q-and-A session Thursday afternoon in the Faculty Offices building.



There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.  
— Beverly Sills

LIFE ON STANDBY

## Simpson's 'hypothetical' confession in book receives harsh criticism

In the murder-mystery board game Clue, players are guests at Mr. Boddy's mansion, where he is found murdered. As the game continues, each guest becomes a suspect, and the mystery does not end until the suspect, weapon and room where the crime took place are named in the correct combination.

And then the game ends.

However, in reality, once a suspect has been named, a trial begins to prove the suspect's innocence or guilt with more elements than just a weapon and room before a game over.

One example would be the highly publicized trial dubbed the "Trial of the Century," where professional football player and actor O.J. Simpson was charged with murdering ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman in 1994.

Simpson was found not guilty in criminal court in 1995, where a jury must find the accused guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

But a civil trial in 1997, where only a preponderance of evidence is needed to find someone guilty, was brought by the victims' families, resulting in Simpson being liable for the wrongful death of his ex-wife and Goldman.

So, did Simpson commit the murders?

He was found innocent in one trial and guilty in another, so he was guilty, but not guilty enough by criminal court standards.

But what if he was guilty enough?

According to announcement made last Wednesday, a new book written by Simpson addresses this



JANET MARCELO

same question with a hypothetical situation of what he would have done if he had committed the crime, wrote AP National Writer Erin McClam.

What could he possibly write? How he would have chosen a less messy way of committing the crime?

A faster get away car chase in his Ford Bronco?

Or maybe a way to prove his guilt and not be jailed for admission to the crime?

Oh wait, he already did the latter.

Hypothetically, anyway.

The book titled "OJ Simpson: If I Did It, Here's How it Happened" hits bookstores Nov. 30, and the

Fox network will air a special two-part interview session with Simpson and ReganBooks publisher Judith Regan on Nov. 27 and 29.

"O.J. Simpson, in his own words, tells for the first time how he would have committed the murders if he were the one responsible for the crimes," a statement from Fox said. "In the two-part event, Simpson describes how he would have carried out the murders he has vehemently denied committing for over a decade."

McClam wrote that both Fox and ReganBooks have received harsh criticism from other publishers, publishing industries and networks about cashing in on an awful case.

"This is not about being heard. This is about trying to cash in, in a pathetic way, on some notoriety," said Sara Nelson, editor in chief of Publishers Weekly. "That a person keeps wanting to bring this up seems almost nutty to me."

Goldman's father, Fred, said he thought it was morally wrong that ReganBooks was publishing the book and Fox was promoting it.

"I know what he did, Kim knows what he did, the vast majority of right-thinking Americans and people

around the world know what he did — he butchered two people and walked out of court a free man."

But what if this is Simpson's confession? A way for him to clear his conscious and get his story out without being completely at fault by sticking the word "hypothetically" and "fiction" at the end of the story.

So, again, did Simpson commit the murders?

If he did it, it wouldn't matter now, because he couldn't be charged with the same crime a second time, which would result in double jeopardy. And Simpson's Fifth Amendment right protects him from this, stating that, "nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb."

If this was a round of Clue, the assumption would come out as, "It was O.J. Simpson, with a knife, in front of Nicole's condominium."

But, this isn't a game of Clue and he didn't commit the crime as the trial results stated.

Or did he?

Janet Marcelo is the Spartan Daily opinion editor. "Life on Standby" appears every Monday.

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### TODAY

#### School of Art and Design

Student Galleries Art Exhibitions in Galleries 2, 3, 5, 8, Herbert Sanders and Black Gallery from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art building and Industrial Studies building. For more information, contact the gallery office at (408) 924-4330.

#### Academic Senate Meeting

The monthly senate meeting is open to the public from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Engineering building rooms 285 and 287. For more information, contact Eva Joyce at (408) 924-2440 or e-mail [eva.joyce@sjsu.edu](mailto:eva.joyce@sjsu.edu).

#### Lecture by Fred Keely

Former state Assemblyman Fred Keely lectures "Can California Be Governed?" from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in the University Room. For more information, contact Terry Christensen at (408) 924-5565 or e-mail at [terrychr@email.sjsu.edu](mailto:terrychr@email.sjsu.edu).

#### Linda Pasta

Author and poet Linda Pasta will read from her most recent collection from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library rooms 225 and 229. For more information, contact Rebecca Feind at (408) 808-2007 or e-mail [Rebecca.feind@sjsu.edu](mailto:Rebecca.feind@sjsu.edu).

#### Counseling Services

Counseling Services will host a meditation and stress-reduction group from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Administration building room 201. For more information, contact Mark Forman at (408) 924-5910.

### TUESDAY

#### School of Art and Design

A part of the Tuesday night lecture series from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Art building room 133. For more information, contact the gallery office at (408) 924-4330.

#### Concert Series

A part of the listening hour celebration titled "Artist Hour: Celebrating Virtuosity and Expression," with Zuill Bailey on cello from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. For more information, contact Joan Stubbe at (408) 924-4649.

#### Interview Workshop

The Career Center will hold an interview workshop providing techniques before, during and after an interview from 3 to 4:15 p.m. in the Career Center Module F. For more information, contact Evelyn Castillo at (408) 924-6031.

### EDITORIAL

## Reed should keep SJSU in mind when executing his reform ideas

Chuck Reed resoundingly defeated Cindy Chavez on Nov. 7 and won the office of mayor for San Jose.

Reed received nearly 60 percent of the votes, despite a pre-election scandal where he was accused of using city money to reimburse him for contributions he made to both political and charitable causes. He agreed to repay \$39,035 in September.

But Reed is moving forward from the incident and must do so, now that he is the San Jose mayor.

With San Jose's City Hall so close to campus, San Jose State University is in a unique position to benefit more from the city. But in order to accomplish this, Reed must be willing to work with us.

When the Spartan Daily editorial board interviewed Reed for a possible endorsement, he emphasized that when the city prospers, so will SJSU.

That may certainly be true.

If we have more businesses in the area willing to utilize our students and facilities, then SJSU will certainly see greater benefits.

If the San Jose economy improves, there will be more money available for possible donations to the university to help with research or other projects.

If downtown gets built up, as is planned, then there will be a greater desire to live on or near campus. If there are more students living around SJSU, then the Spartan community will thrive.

But all of those are ifs. If none of those things happen, how does Reed intend to help SJSU?

He did have other ideas, such as looking into more joint venture opportunities like with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

Reed would be wise to look into such possibilities. And not just for SJSU's benefit.

With the joint library, the city and university collections are available for both the public and students to browse through. Although some materials are only available to students to check out, the general public still has access.

We have a strong political science program that the city could use for interns.

Reed also wants to use SJSU facilities to possibly

bring back a major league soccer team. If he is going to do that, he needs to be willing to work with the university.

Reed does, however, have a list of reforms that he wants to use to help the city prosper.

Most of the reforms are the result of scandals involving Mayor Ron Gonzales, who is under indictment for six felony charges, including bribery, misappropriating funds and falsifying records.

Reed has a pretty ambitious plan to reform the city, which is needed, given the Gonzales allegations.

Among the reforms, Reed includes having a referendum to ask the voters to make it easier to recall the mayor or other council members "for a violation of the Charter of Oath of Office."

Reed also has 18 reforms that deal with a sunshine ordinance to allow more disclosure of the inner workings of the city. According to the list of reforms, Reed wants to make it easier for citizens to know what is going on in the city.

Reed must be willing to stick with these reforms.

His job is not going to be an easy one. San Jose is the 10th-largest city in the United States, bringing with it long list of projects and needs that the mayor and the council must sift through.

Although SJSU is just a piece of the entire puzzle that Reed must put together to make his city function, he should not over look it, nor should he neglect his reform ideas.

SJSU can be a great asset to the city and can help San Jose achieve new goals of prosperity.

All we ask is that Reed be willing to look to his university neighbor and realize what resources are here.

He has an ambitious list of plans for reform. SJSU cannot help with all 34, but it can help with some.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## MySpace guest column one-sided

Dear editor,

I am not a regular reader of the Spartan Daily and only came upon Phil Bennett's recent guest column (Nov. 14) when prompted by a professor. Bennett had the opportunity to promote the numerous advantages of social networking Web sites like MySpace.com. However, Bennett's sexist attitude, lack of clear evidence and poor writing skills proved to be unsuccessful.

Bennett's piece was extremely one-sided, exploring only the ways that MySpace is helpful to him and ignoring the other benefits of the medium. He claims to "know the opposing side of the argument" against the use of MySpace, but he clearly has no credibility on the issue.

The opposition to the site has many levels that Bennett omits. Instead, he cites that "incidents of rape and incest dominate modern media," a fact that

he provides no evidence for.

Perhaps that is all Bennett is interested in viewing. I happen to see many other issues highlighted: politics, the economy, environmental issues, immigration and religion, to name a few.

Bennett blames "18-year-old wannabe sluts" for seducing men and makes no mention of the young girls who are true victims of online predators. The derogatory choice of words and narrow argument speaks volumes of Bennett's view of women.

It is unfortunate that one of my first experiences with the Spartan Daily was with the likes of Bennett. He freely admits that he hates writing reports as a staff writer — maybe he should consider a new career.

Sacha Zotovich  
sophomore  
undeclared

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# DANCING- SJSU wins 2 awards

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in the newcomer category alone, according to the event program schedule.

Newcomers are dancers who have never competed in a dancing contest, Serrano said.

An electrical engineering major at SJSU, Roji Roy, 21, said he began ballroom dancing a couple of months ago because his girlfriend wanted him to. Roy signed up to compete in the newcomer's waltz, but was eliminated after the first round.

"I messed up on a couple of the moves," Roy said. "I like the salsa, I like the swing. I find those dances more interesting."

California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo, architectural engineering major Matt Gilliss, 23, teamed with his fiancée, UCSB zoology major Valerie Phelps, 21. Phelps has been dancing for four years — Gilliss for two.

Gilliss said he joined Phelps on the dance floor after he got tired of watching her dance with other guys.

"I just wanted to learn how to ballroom dance," Phelps said. "It's a lot of fun and good exercise, too."

Five judges were on hand to assess the dancers throughout the day. Dance judge Erin Pick said she has judged this event many times and has watched returning dancers

develop their skills through the years. Pick said she has degrees in both ballroom and Latin dancing, and has studied tap and jazz.

"The first thing you notice is their frame and posture," Pick said. "Next, their footwork and body flight across the floor, as well as their costuming."

**"I really like the discipline that goes with dancing."  
—Alex Chan, disc jockey**

Judge Lesley McIntosh said she also studies couples' posture, but she looks for a relaxed look about them.

"I've not seen a lot of smiling faces," McIntosh said.

McIntosh said dancers would tire easily if they have entered into several competitions and consistently get called back to the dance floor instead of being eliminated.

"You have to pace yourself," McIntosh said.

By 1:30 p.m., the only SJSU couple able to snag any award was Sunny Tai and partner Sharin Shafian, who won fourth place in the standard bronze fox trot category and fifth in the bronze waltz.

Serrano said there are bronze, silver and gold categories for each of the dances, which are divided

into newcomer, intermediate and advanced competitions.

"They usually have coaches that help them decide which level to compete in," Serrano said.

Dance judge Hans Schmitt has been dancing for 15 years. Schmitt said judges do not score each couple but look for the dancers who stand out.

"It's all best impression," Schmitt said. "It's all a comparison to who they're dancing with."

It's also about the music.

Disc jockey Alex Chan said he carries about 4,000 songs in his computer database to accommodate the different styles of dances. Chan said he puts in a lot of hours splicing the scores of music for the best beat, and he also keeps in mind the level of ability for the competitions.

Dancers generally get one and a half minutes to show off their moves on the floor before judges choose who to call back.

Chan himself has been dancing for 16 years.

"I really like the discipline that goes with dancing," Chan said.

Students pay a \$20 entry fee for the competition; nonstudents pay \$25, although there is a discount for organizations that have a large amount of competitors, Serrano said.

"We're trying to make this affordable for everyone," Serrano said.

# SKATERS- Some students say warning signs are hard to see



A man rides his skateboard down Paseo de Cesar Chavez on Friday evening.

JORDAN MCKONE/ DAILY STAFF

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said it has been difficult for officers to enforce the rule, because the department has been understaffed.

"We have not had the staffing over the last couple years to be able to do a lot of bicycle and skateboard enforcement," Laws said, "so we've been depending on simply (issuing) warnings and just trying to communicate to people that they're not supposed to be riding their bicycles or skateboards on campus."

Responding to on-campus crime reports and investigating high-profile incidents, such as recent suicide attempts from the 10th Street parking garage and a traffic accident on Fourth Street, have kept the department busy, Laws said.

"That takes up a lot of time, and so we don't have as much time to

engage in the routine patrol activities that we would like to," Laws said.

Ivan Ledesma, a sophomore majoring in civil engineering, said he was caught skateboarding on campus by police once and was issued a warning.

"I got off easy," Ledesma said.

Those who receive citations for riding on campus can expect to pay fines adding up to more than \$100, which includes taxes and fees levied by Santa Clara County, Laws said.

Erick Villa, a former SJSU student who attends San Jose City College, received a \$130 ticket for skateboarding on campus on Nov. 16.

"I don't know why I got in trouble for it," Villa said. "I've seen millions of people skate through here on skateboards."

Villa said he did not know about

the rule.

"I was just riding through," Villa said. "I wasn't trying to break the law or hurt anybody."

Laws said UPD does not keep records of the number of citations given to those who violate the rule, but he speculates that very few fines have been issued in the last few years.

He added that police respond to all complaints about riders violating the policy.

Menon, who is in her first year of graduate studies, said vehicles usually dodge pedestrians effectively, but the possibility of collision exists.

"So far, I haven't seen anyone get hit by a skateboarder or bicyclist," Menon said, "but I know it happens. From past experience, they come really close. You pretty much get run over."

# GAMES- Some plan to sell consoles

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and I'm not getting a Wii — it's not worth it."

Josh Schulenberg, who is enrolled to attend SJSU in Spring 2007 and plans on majoring in psychology, said his main attraction to the console was its price tag.

"So I can sell it," Schulenberg said. "Then I can pay for my books."

According to both Fry's Electronics in the area, the crowds didn't

cause any problems, but some stores in the country weren't so lucky.

According to the Associated Press, two people in Putnam, Conn., robbed a line of people waiting for the Playstation 3 at a Wal-Mart and shot one man who refused to give them his money.

The victim is said to be in good condition.

In another story by the Associated Press, police fired pepper pellets into a crowd of about 200

people who were said to be "rowdy" outside of a Circuit City.

Ken Kutaragi, president of Sony Computer Entertainment Inc., said in a press release that 400,000 Playstation 3 units were shipped for the U.S. launch, and a projected two million units will be shipped by the end of 2006.

According to a press release by Nintendo of America, Nintendo plans to have 4 million Wii units shipped by the end of 2006.

# GAIMAN- Author adapting screenplays

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com. The movie is also directed by Robert Zemeckis, who has directed "Polar Express" and produced "Back to the Future."

After the conversation, students asked questions about Gaiman's writing, and several students said he is an interesting but funny guy.

Hector Fajado, an undeclared freshman, said he went as part of an assignment but came because he was also a huge fan of Gaiman's comic "Sandman." Fajado said he thought it was interesting that Gaiman spoke about his movies.

Other students such as Aaron

Saini, a sophomore majoring in business, said he came because he read two of Gaiman's novels, "Anansi Boys" and "American Gods."

"They're both really good," he said.

But Saini said he was amazed because the event was nicely done and that Gaiman elaborated on all the questions asked.

Later in the day, Gaiman did a book reading at the Barrett Ballroom in the Student Union where he also signed books for visitors.

"His writing is very entertaining, and he is an amazing reader," Berman said.

Berman said that the last time

Gaiman came, the author gave so much of himself to an audience.

"At the evening show, instead of reading for 20 minutes or so, he did closer to an hour and a half," Berman said about Gaiman's last visit three years ago. "And then he signed books for more than three hours afterward."

Gaiman said that when he visited three years ago said that he was sick and had a horrible throat infection at the time when he did his reading and signing.

Berman said that although Gaiman was sick, "(Gaiman) wanted to spend as much time as possible with his fans."

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## Historical park celebrates Founders Day with fandango

By Tyanne Roberts  
Daily Staff Writer

Dust, music and dancing were just some of the things guests encountered at Rancho de Santa Teresa on Saturday.

**"I thought having a Founders Day event would be a good way to bring out the culture and natural history of our city and park."**  
—Jan Shriner, founder

The inaugural Founders Day Fandango that took place was a festive event for families and members of the community, which included performances, demonstrations and activities.

"The idea for this event came to me a couple of months ago," said Jan Shriner, a park interpreter and founder of the program. "I thought having a Founders Day event would be a good way to bring out the culture and natural history of our city and park."

The event was "in celebration of the founding and settling of El Pueblo San Jose and the establishment of Rancho Santa Teresa at Santa Teresa County Park," according to the park's Web site.

The decision to hold the event at Santa Teresa County Park was based on the observation and memory of Jose Joaquin Bernal's teenage years and how he traveled with his family to Rancho de Santa Teresa to build adobes, start an irrigation system and to plant fields and raise cattle.

Santa Teresa County Park is in southern San Jose, near the intersection of Santa Teresa Boulevard and Bernal Road.

Frank Martinez IV was one of the many historians that dressed in costume and talked about the history of San Jose.

"I love the history and everything that it has to offer," Martinez said.

Martinez did a re-enactment of Francisco Carlos Martinez Rojas, a sergeant of the army based in San Francisco in 1776.

The stage had dancers who performed cultural dances and singers that sung in Spanish. The group El Grito de la Cultura, directed by Elena Robles, performed traditional Mexican dancing.

"My daughter performed as one of the dancers as part of community service," said America Aguriie, a San Jose State University alumna.

Shriner said that commemorating the people that settled here and traveled here with their livestock and families is something to remember and

celebrate.

"The Anza expedition brought approximately 200 settlers, 125 of which were under the age of 18," Shriner said. "That means they were unskilled, uneducated, and in a new environment."

Jose Joaquin Bernal came to California from Mexico with Captain Juan Bautista de Anza in what has come to be called the Anza Expedition of 1775-76, according to information provided at the event.

**"This is one of the oldest Latino cities in California."**  
—America Aguriie, SJSU alumna

The event gave people the opportunity to learn about the history of Rancho de Santa Teresa as well as the settlers of San Jose.

"This is one of the oldest Latino cities in California," Aguriie said. "Learning about this history is something that is important to me and my children."

Though the actual Founders Day of San Jose is Nov. 29 and not Nov. 18, Shriner said, the committee hopes that next year they can bring the event back again.

## CHEMICAL- Cause unknown

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"It hit my nose and throat, and they started to burn," said Evan Alanzo, a senior majoring in accounting. "I was just in the tutoring center, and all of a sudden, people started coughing."

Witnesses said the mood was calm, despite experiencing the burning sensations.

"Nobody panicked," said Bruce Kravitz, director of tutoring and advising in the College of Business. "Everyone collected their books and lap tops and got out."

Alanzo said that inside the classroom, it wasn't that bad, but once he entered the hallway, he felt more of the effects.

Paul Mosso, a senior majoring in business with an emphasis in finance, described the sensation as "pouring dirt down my throat."

Stunkel said the incident was isolated to the lower level of the building and that other areas were not evacuated.

He said the cause was undetermined, but that he hoped it was an "accident."

Laws said the classrooms were cleared by the fire department, and university facilities cleaned the affected rooms. They aired out the area and allowed students to return shortly after 6 p.m.

As of Sunday, Laws had no further information.



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Captain Harry Jackson, left, calls in an update outside the Boccardo Business Complex while Firefighters Buck Wargo, center, and S. Jimenez take off their masks while waiting for the building to air out before going in again to test the levels of gas in the air. The firefighters, all members of the San Jose Fire Department's Hazardous Incident Team, responded to a 911 call after students in the building had difficulty breathing.

## House Democrat calls for reinstatement of draft

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans would have to sign up for a new military draft after turning 18 under a bill the incoming chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee says he will introduce next year.

Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., said Sunday he sees his idea as a way to deter politicians from launching wars.

"There's no question in my mind that this president and this administration would never have invaded Iraq, especially on the flimsy evidence that was presented to the Congress, if indeed we had a draft and members of Congress and the administration thought that their kids from their communities would be placed in harm's way," Rangel said.

Rangel, a veteran of the Korean War who has unsuccessfully sponsored legislation on conscription in the past, said he will propose a measure early next year. While he said he is serious about the proposal, there is little evident support among lawmakers for it.

In 2003, Rangel proposed a measure covering people age 18 to 26. This year, he offered a plan to mandate military service for men and women between age 18 and 42; it went nowhere in the Republican-led Congress.

Democrats will control the House and Senate come January

because of their victories in the Nov. 7 election.

At a time when some lawmakers are urging the military to send more troops to Iraq, "I don't see how anyone can support the war and not support the draft," said Rangel, who also proposed a draft in January 2003, before the U.S. invasion of Iraq. "I think to do so is hypocritical."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, a South Carolina Republican who is a colonel in the U.S. Air Force Standby Reserve, said he agreed that the U.S. does not have enough people in the military.

"I think we can do this with an all-voluntary service, all-voluntary Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy. And if we can't, then we'll look for some other option," said Graham, who is assigned as a reserve judge to the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals.

Rangel, the next chairman of the House tax-writing committee, said he worried the military was being strained by its overseas commitments.

"If we're going to challenge Iran and challenge North Korea and then, as some people have asked, to send more troops to Iraq, we can't do that without a draft," Rangel said.

He said having a draft would not necessarily mean everyone called to duty would have to serve. Instead, "young people (would)

commit themselves to a couple of years in service to this great republic, whether it's our seaports, our airports, in schools, in hospitals," with a promise of educational benefits at the end of service.

Graham said he believes the all-voluntary military "represents the country pretty well in terms of ethnic makeup, economic background."

Repeated polls have shown that about seven in 10 Americans oppose reinstatement of the draft and officials say they do not expect to restart conscription.

Outgoing Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told Congress in June 2005 that "there isn't a chance in the world that the draft will be brought back."

Yet the prospect of the long global fight against terrorism and the continuing U.S. commitment to stabilizing Iraq have kept the idea in the public's mind.

The military drafted conscripts during the Civil War, both world wars and between 1948 and 1973. An agency independent of the Defense Department, the Selective Service System, keeps an updated registry of men age 18-25 — now about 16 million — from which to supply untrained draftees that would supplement the professional all-volunteer armed forces.

Rangel and Graham appeared on "Face the Nation" on CBS.

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SJSU SPORTS ROUNDUP

Daily Staff Report

**Football**

The San Jose State University football team was defeated by the University of Hawai'i 54-17 on Saturday in Honolulu.

The Warriors defense held the Spartans to one touchdown in the final two quarters and outscored SJSU 34-7 in the second half of the game.

The Spartans head to Moscow, Idaho, to face the University of Idaho on Saturday. SJSU will hope to end its two-game losing streak.

**Women's basketball**

The San Jose State University women's basketball team lost 66-63 to Cal State Northridge in the Event Center on Friday.

SJSU sophomore guard Natalie White led the Spartans with 21 points in the game on 9-17 shooting.

**Volleyball**

The San Jose State University volleyball team split its final two games of the season during weekend play, and the Spartans are now headed to the Western Athletic Conference tournament on Wednesday.

# SJSU Ice Hockey Club wins both SDSU games

By Julia Cooper  
Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University Ice Hockey Club overcame numerous penalties and questionable opponent hijinks to sweep the San Diego State University Aztecs 7-5 on Friday and 6-1 on Saturday at Logitech Ice at San Jose.

Tensions were high in the games, with both Spartans and Aztecs crowding the penalty box, and a scuffle almost breaking out during Saturday's post-game handshake.

Spartan junior forward Kelly Spain said the Aztecs attempted to provoke Spartan players with classless tactics in Saturday's game, such as refusing to take off their helmets during the pre-game National Anthem and changing their jerseys before the third period.

"They were just really trying to get under our skin," Spain said.

Spain said Aztec players attempted to pick a fight after Saturday's game, which prompted him to react and resulted in him taking a major penalty for spearing and getting disqualified from the Spartans' next game.

"They wouldn't get off our ice and made rude gestures to our crowd," Spain said, "so I was making it pretty clear to them that they needed to get off our ice. I tried to fight a couple of them, and the ref saw (that)."

Junior left wing Sean Scarbrough said the Aztecs seemed bitter because they were losing and resorted to antics that "were making a mockery of the whole game."

"They knew that they couldn't compete at some point in the game, and they just kind of gave up and decided to just try to win the fights and (put forth) all the cheap stuff that went on," Scarbrough said.

In Friday's game, the Spartans were barely able to hold on to a 7-5 win in a battle against the Aztecs.

After a dominating first and second period for the Spartans, the Aztecs put together a four-goal third period comeback that threatened the Spartans' undefeated home rink record.

Spartans head coach Ron Glasgow said the Spartan players made many mistakes in the third period.

"We just lost our composure," Glasgow said. "We took some stupid penalties. We had some guys that were undisciplined and just dug us a hole. You can't do that."

Scarbrough, who leads the team with 20 goals, scored a hat trick, including two shorthanded goals in the second period and an insurance goal with two minutes left in the game that put an end to the Aztecs' third-period comeback.

"That was probably the sweetest goal I've ever scored in my life," Scarbrough said.



San Jose State University hockey wing Adam Smith-Toomey takes a shot on goal against San Diego State University goalie Corey Jackson on Friday night at Logitech Ice at San Jose.

The Spartans got the scoring started in Friday's game with a five-on-three power play goal scored by Spain at 7:42 in the first period.

The club continued its offensive domination in the second period, when senior center Adam Smith-Toomey put one past the

Aztecs' goaltender at 3:44, and not a minute later, sophomore forward Alex Redmond scored another goal for a 3-0 Spartan lead.

The Spartans continued their controlling offense, and the game appeared all but over until the Az-

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tecs started chipping away at the Spartans' lead in the third period, with San Diego scoring four goals.

The club will face Fresno State University in the Gold Rush Tournament at 7:45 p.m. on Dec. 1 and at 7 p.m. on Dec. 2 at Logitech Ice at San Jose.

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# Lacrosse Club open to students

By Tyanne Roberts  
Daily Staff Writer

If you were to mix hockey and soccer — you'd end up with a sport called lacrosse.

San Jose State University's lacrosse team is a sports club team, which is open to anyone interested in the game.

"We have a lot of first-years on the team this year," said club vice president Rob Hunt.

The Lacrosse Club originally got started in the '80s, but then stopped because of lack of interest from students, Hunt said.

The club, which consists of all SJSU students, has recently become a part of the Western Collegiate Lacrosse League.

"It's the first year that we have been able to be an actual member of the league," Hunt said.

The lacrosse team practices Tuesdays and Thursdays at south campus and Fridays and Saturdays at William Street Park. The team welcomes beginners as well as people who are experienced.

"This is my second year on the team," said Ismael Mendez, a soph-

omore majoring in theatre arts.

The team, which is part of the club sports system, gets its money from the school as well as dues and fundraising.

"The school gives us money based on a points system, which is earned from doing services," Hunt said. "One point is \$15."

Lacrosse, which is a game played on a field the size of a soccer field, is a mix between soccer and hockey. The game consists of 10 players on the field at a time — three attackers, three midfielders, three defenders and one goalie.

"Lacrosse is a really intense game and usually results in a high-scoring game with points in the 10 to 17 range," Hunt said.

Members of the lacrosse team are also instructed to sign a waiver saying that they will not sue the school, the state and a few other organizations because of injuries.

"Injuries happen, and it's a part of the game," Hunt said. "I shattered my hand and had to have seven screws put in it."

Just like any of the other clubs on campus, the Lacrosse Club is



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Andy Chu, a San Jose State University sophomore majoring in business, gets ready to catch the ball in a game of lacrosse at William Street Park on Saturday.

something to get involved in.

"At the beginning of the semester we participate in Club Sports Day," said Chris Collins, president of the club. "We put a table outside of the Event Center and people that are interested can stop by if they want."

The lacrosse team is open to anyone who is interested, even if you don't know much about the game.

"We are always looking for new people," Collins said.

The lacrosse team's home games are played at South Campus.

CROSS COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

# Spartan men's and women's teams end 2006 seasons

## Four members from each SJSU squad graduating

By Michael Geslani  
Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University men's and women's cross country teams finished their seasons at the NCAA Regionals in Portland, Ore., on Nov. 11.

The men's team finished 24th overall in the race, and the women's team placed 15th.

Samuel Wambugu finished as the top Spartan in 90th place with a time of 32:58.96 in the 10K race.

In Wambugu's first season with SJSU, he became a 2006 All-WAC second team selection and had the top Spartans' finish in the past four races. Wambugu is looking forward to next season since he is returning to the team.

"Next season I expect Sam to compete for the Western Athletic Conference title," said assistant coach Jeff Argabright in an e-mail interview.

Following Wambugu was Sean Dundon, David Haelele and Jonathan Gragert, who finished 140th, 155th and 156th, respectively.

"John and David can make all-Western Athletic Conference if they continue to develop," Jeff said.

Haelele and Gragert are also both in their first season at SJSU and will be returning next season.

The women's team was led by Tiffany Hall who placed 29th with a time of 22:17.16 in the 6K race.

Following her was Erica Sahli and Marlene Elizalde who placed 76th and 88th, respectively.

With their 15th place finish, head coach Augie Argabright said on the sjsuspartans.com that "... it's the best we have ever done in the regional meet and was the top performance of our season."

With the season over, one might ask what's next for the SJSU men's and women's cross country team?

For the student-athletes who aren't graduating, they'll be running three local track and road races in spring as their preseason to next year's season, Augie said.

The men's team has four student-athletes who will be finishing up their degrees in the next year.

"Josh Courtney and Ismail Jorio will be graduating and joining the rest of us in the work force," Jeff said. "Jose Burrola-Diaz and Mobin Ghoury will be finishing up their degrees next fall."

Jeff thinks Ghoury may join the men's cross country team next fall as a volunteer assistant coach.

"All four of those guys are outstanding individuals," Jeff said. "We will miss their leadership and hard work."

Wambugu, who is returning next year, said he thought the overall season was great and he looks forward to next season.

"I have big plans for my senior year," said the junior majoring in health science. "This season taught me a lot about competition at the NCAA level. My goal is to use what I have experienced to help achieve my goals next season."

As for the women's team, four members will be graduating: Valerie Weilert, Tabitha Guzman, Laura Fairley and Hall.

Augie explained that this is the best team he has ever seen at SJSU and that these girls all put 100 percent into all the races they ran in.

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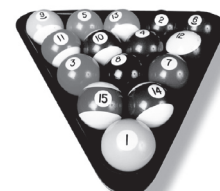
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