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Marathon of aerobic activity

16th annual event aims to reduce stress

By Tyanne Roberts
Daily Staff Writer

With water bottles in hand, students are ready to participate in San Jose State University's 16th annual Aerobicthon to be held Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Spartan Complex room 44.

"I started the Aerobicthon 15 years ago because I wanted to bring large groups of aerobic enthusiasts to one particular event," said Carol Sullivan, event coordinator.

The event gives students a chance to work out and participate in different styles of aerobic activity. This year's program will include styles of aerobics such as cardio hip-hop and kickboxing, Sullivan said.

"I put everything together. I like to give as much variety as I can," Sullivan said. "We always have a warmup, but I like to have a basic hi-lo aerobic, then a different style, such as jazzercise."

The program was originally designed to help students with common interests come together as well as to relieve stress during the end-of-the-semester grind, Sullivan said.

"This time of year is stressful for students because of school, finals and the holiday season," said Nicar Bocalan, a senior majoring in kinesiology. "It's not just school, it's things outside of school and people trying to make plans to go home for the holidays."

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SJSU artists sell original creations for fundraiser

By Stefanie Chase
Daily Staff Writer

From ceramic vases and glass ornaments to "Borat" plates, the 2006 Winter Ceramics and Glass Sale attracts both self-indulgers and Christmas shoppers.

The white tent that houses all of the artists' treasures was set up on Nov. 27 and will be in business until today at 4 p.m. in the Art Quad, located between the Spartan Bookstore and the Art building.

"... It's a fundraiser that happens every semester," said Randy Bricco, a senior majoring in spatial arts. Bricco is one of the artists whose work is featured at the sale.

The sale includes pieces done by students from the art department.

He said although there is no target set for the amount of money the sale brings in, they use what they raise to maintain the art department. This includes things like "new tables, equipment and kiln shelves" to keep the department running, Bricco said.

He added that the money, accepted

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A.S. to issue list of major advisers

By Ryan Berg
Daily Staff Writer

New students and those having trouble finding academic advising at San Jose State University may have some additional help next year.

Benjamin Henderson, direc-

tor of campus advising affairs for Associated Students, recently submitted a resolution to make seeking advising easier for students.

A.S. passed his resolution at a board meeting last week.

"I ended up having to research everything on my own," said Tanya

Smith, a senior majoring in nutrition. "That resolution sounds like it would be a much better idea."

Smith said she had never been directed where to go to find an adviser.

"Students need to know who their advisers are," Henderson

said. "I think this is a simple step towards improving advising."

According to the resolution Henderson submitted, a new campus map will be provided to the General Advising Center, located in the Student Services Center, as well as all major departments.

The new map will highlight locations of on-campus resources such as the Career Center, located near the Student Union, and the Learning Assistance Resource Center, also located in the Student

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Black Panther founder urges student activism

By Diana Diroy
Special to the Daily

With his fist in the air, Bobby Seale said to an overcrowded room full of students, faculty, and attendees Wednesday evening, "Power to the people."

Marking the 40th anniversary since the creation of the Black Panther Party, Seale spoke about the history and the social climate that contributed to its founding.

"Why we even started the Black Panther Party has a lot to do with not just the police brutality in our own African-American black community," Seale said, "but it had a lot to do with the brutality upon peaceful demonstrators here in the United States at the time."

Cesar Serrano, vice president of Global Conversations, the student organization that put together this event, said Boccardo Business Complex room 202 is meant to seat about 120 people, but more than 150 attendees stood and sat on the floors during Seale's hour-and-a-half-long speech.

"It's spectacular," said Cobie Harris, associate professor of political science, when referring to the turnout. "It shows that student activism is alive and active here on campus."

The Black Panther Party, which was

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'Power to the people'



DIANA DIROY/ SPECIAL TO THE DAILY
Bobby Seale autographs posters, books and DVDs after speaking Wednesday evening.



DREW CARLASCIO/ DAILY STAFF
ABOVE: Bobby Seale, co-founder and chairman of the Black Panther political party, had several books and DVD's for sale after his presentation on social justice, on Wednesday. TOP: During Wednesday night's event, Bobby Seale, one of the founders of the Black Panther Party, holds up a photograph taken on May 2, 1967 of he and Bobby Hutton at the state Capitol.

Band shines light on HIV/AIDS awareness

By Matthew Zane
Daily Senior Staff Writer

The wail of electric guitar, pounding of drums and beating of a bass rang out from the Student Union Amphitheater after noon on Wednesday, during one of the events leading up to World AIDS Day at San Jose State University.

The sounds came from the band

Brilliant Red Lights, based out of Sacramento.

"It's always nice to play, but it's always nice to apply it to something good in the real world. That's what music is about anyway," said guitarist and lead vocalist Aaron Davidson.

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JORDAN MCKONE/ DAILY STAFF

From left, Brilliant Red Lights guitarist Aaron Davidson, drummer Noah Clark and bassist Evan Michalski play in the Student Union Amphitheater on Wednesday for the Rock for AIDS Awareness.

Students show off original inventions

Annual entrepreneurial fair promotes creativity

By Tyanne Roberts
Daily Staff Writer

Students gathered with their poster boards and laptops in the Student Union's Barrett Ball room for the third annual Neat Ideas Fair.

The Silicon Valley Neat Ideas Fair 2006 is an event that was put together in order to promote creativity and entrepreneurship within the San Jose State University community by giving students the opportunity to generate and highlight their own business ideas.

"It gives students a chance to show off their ideas, to practice and improve their communication skills and to interact with leading community members," said Anu Basu, the director for the Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship.

Basu said the fair gives students a chance from different disciplines to interact and build entrepreneurial teams and to give them the experience to explain and market their ideas to industry professionals.

"We saw it as a first step in the development of entrepreneurial talent at SJSU," Basu said. "If students came up with a new business idea in the fall semester, they could work on writing a business plan for it in the spring semester and enter the business plan competition."

Some of the students that participated in this year's event focused on ideas that were aimed toward SJSU students.

Kenny Sidhu, a senior majoring in business management, and Trinidad Sanchez, a senior also majoring in business management, pitched the idea of having a valet service for SJSU students.

"We figured that this would be something beneficial for students because parking is so bad," Sidhu said.

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A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.

— George Bernard Shaw

OPPOSING VIEWS

Should the City of San Jose adopt a process of voting out elected officials?

YES The removal of elected officials should be an option if there is wrongdoing.

San Jose should have a process of voting out elected officials. In June 2006, Mayor Ron Gonzales was indicted along with his top aids for the Norcal trash hauling scandal. Gonzales was arrested on felony charges of inappropriately handling public funds and fraud, according to a past Mercury News article from June 27.



TYANNE ROBERTS

The article from the Mercury News stated that Gonzales didn't let the council and the public know about the deals he had made with the Norcal Waste Services. Our mayor should not be able to misuse the city's money and not have any real repercussion from it. If we have the right to vote someone into office, we should have the right to vote someone out of office, especially if that person has been indicted or accused of illegal acts.

On Nov. 21, at the weekly City Council meeting, the topic of having an ordinance to establish the grounds and procedure for removing a member of the council from office was discussed.

According to the agenda, the proposed ordinance would set forth the grounds and procedure for removing a member of the City Council from office.

Just because someone is an elected official does not mean that he or she should be exempt from the same rules, laws and regulations that are set forth for normal citizens.

The proposed ordinance would require the removal only for the most serious, egregious offenses and only as a last resort, according to the agenda.

The agenda also stated that if an investigation were needed, a committee would be selected to carry out the duties and that the person subject to removal has a due process law allowing them to have an unbiased decision-maker.

Of the members of council eligible to participate in the removal hearing, the ordinance would also require a three-fourths vote to remove another member from office, but no less than six affirmative votes, according to the agenda.

Although the mayor obviously has the option to resign, the option to be voted out is not there. Even if he feels that his deal with Norcal was good for the city it doesn't mean that he executed his plan in a professional manner.

When people lie about their taxes to the IRS they get in trouble for fraud and misleading and the same should go for the mayor if he misleads and misuses the cities money.

When I vote for someone I usually have the mind set that this person is accountable and that they are someone that I want to run the city, state or country. If that person, after being elected into office, is suspected of doing something wrong, such as in the Gonzales situation, then I feel that the option to vote them out of office should be there.

I am sure that the Gonzales situation is not the first to come about, and something of this nature has probably happened in other cities throughout the United States.

Currently, our Congress is able to impeach a president, an elected official. Though the people are not the ones voting, the option of impeachment is still there. Having that option within the city government should be the same.

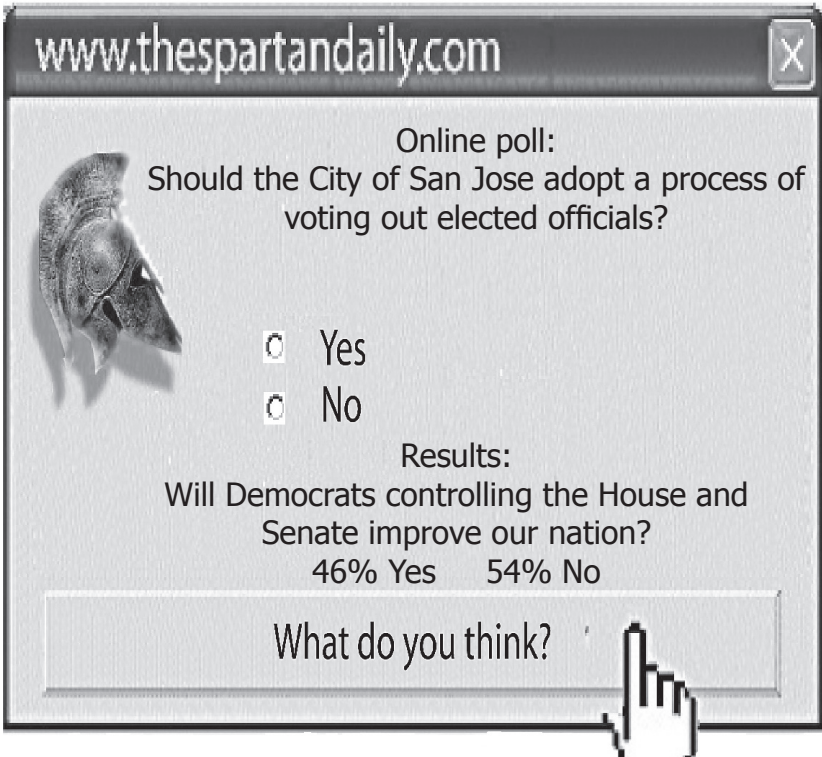
It seems to be assumed that if a mayor is indicted on something that they will or might resign. What if they don't? Shouldn't the other members of the council have the opportunity to vote them out if they feel it is necessary?

Letting the council have an option to remove another member of office is something that should be considered. If it is something that can affect our community and if the other members of council feel that there has been wrongdoing, then the option of removing another member of office should be there.

Tyanne Roberts is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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NO Adopting a process for voting out officials will only be a temporary solution.

As the San Jose State University community has undoubtedly heard, the San Jose City Council approved procedures, by a 9-2 vote at a council meeting last Tuesday, which allow the city to adopt the new process of voting an elected member out of office for "serious and egregious misconduct," according to the meeting's synopsis.

I don't even live in San Jose, so nothing more than my education could even remotely be affected by the decision. However, it doesn't take a staunch politician to see through the abundant flaws of this decision.

Where does one draw the line between unethical and illegal behavior?

I'm not a concealed fanatic of Mayor Ron Gonzales, but I can still examine this situation from a completely objective standpoint. And there are numerous facts indicating that the council made the wrong decision for its city.

Does the proposed process circumvent the legal process? What about the "innocent until proven guilty" standard or, at least in the words of city attorney Rick Doyle, "beyond a reasonable doubt"?

Should the 953,679 (sanjoseca.gov) residents of this city put complete and total faith in 10 council members to justify the ousting of one fellow elected official?

For example, would incoming Mayor Chuck Reed be able to benefit from Gonzales', his superior, removal?

Should the local officials be allowed the absolute power to write new legislation and policies that override the Constitution — and, in this case, the City Charter — knowing that there is no other Californian city that has endorsed such a policy?

To reflect upon the words of Councilwoman Madison Nguyen and Councilman Forrest Williams, the community that elected the official should have the power to remove that official if they have been involved in illegal or unethical behavior.

To help mitigate the cost of a re-call election, the council district could use a pre-existing primary date or November election date simply through a "yes" or "no" vote of confidence.

Censuring and removing committee members from the questioned official could continue to help in the short term as it did with Councilman Terry Gregory and Gonzales.

The City Council's removal of unethical staff would be beneficial only in the short term. The elected official would have the opportunity to first remove advisers and staff from his team that may have negatively influenced council members' decision-making.

Not a single other city in California has gone so far as to remove an elected official — some cities have indeed passed such an ordinance and have had it waiting to be tapped, but none have ever used it.

According to MercuryNews.com, no other California jurisdiction has used a charter provision to remove an elected official and few have charters allowing it.

"We are going a step farther than any other jurisdiction has," Doyle told John Woodland of the Mercury News.

Without establishing a new policy to the city charter, an accused official could organize a lawsuit against the city.

In the short term, these newly approved procedures may seem to feed the growing political machine of San Jose, but we need to take a step back and look at the big picture. This new procedure represents only an easily attainable and temporary solution.

If we want this city to flourish, we need to settle down and make the distinction between its politics and our own ethics.

Phil Bennett is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

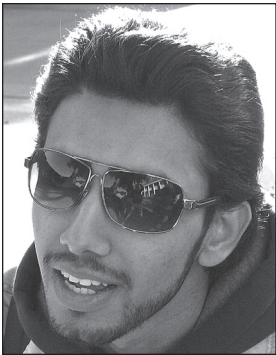
CAMPUS VOICES

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"No. If they are in office already, they shouldn't be able to be voted out."

Kesa Pomee
freshman
nursing



"Yes, but there has to be specific guidelines to vote them out."

Gaurav Saini
senior
business



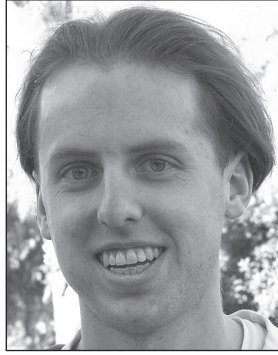
"No. Everyone deserves a chance."

Jennifer Thach
freshman
nursing



"Yes, if that person is not fit for the position."

Mark Cortez
junior
finance



"No. That would be taking power away from the people."

Greg Savage
graduate student
psychology



"Yes, if someone is making a mistake."

Anthony Moussa
freshman
engineering

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OPINION

THE STORY SO FAR

‘Two more hours until today turns away/And it starts all over again’

She was right. But unlike her, I liked the consistencies in my life. And had grown used to them. Just as I had grown used to her.

But like most things in life, you can't control everything, and, although I didn't want to, my obsessive comfort had pushed her away.

Her hand started to shake as she brushed the carpet to pick it up, slowly, slowly, slowly. The picture was outlined in black. It had sporadic bouts of light shining throughout, making the grays an angelic white. Black lines were consistent, looking as though it had been taken in water. Giving just enough shading to this 1-month-old creation, to understand what it was. Or what it wasn't.

Stepping outside the double doors to my work, the cool night breeze offered a tranquil comfort to my yet again monotone day.

Though this night felt different ... somehow.

I don't know if it was the puddle of water I stepped in while zoning out to the flashing traffic lights in the distance. Or maybe it was the little girl with pigtails swinging from her mother and father's hands in the parking lot.

No matter what it was, I drove home feeling indifferent to the life I had become so acquainted to. As if my feelings of comfort and stability had somehow been upturned in a whirlwind of chaos.

Perhaps it was her spontaneity that I missed the most.

Because without living my life, well, her living for both of us, the stars in the sky seemed to fade from a sparkling twinkle to

a lifeless dull.

As if every moment I had once lived for, or at least longed to live for, meant nothing.

And as I stepped inside the confines of my empty apartment, Lucky ran up to me, tongue sticking out,

panting and jumped up on my leg.

It was hard to believe that even Lucky was an indirect cause of knowing her.

Because though we were only friends at the time, she gave me my first job in the grooming department of PETCO.

And though she eventually left her high school job to pursue a degree, even then, I was left with nothing but our memories.

When Lucky's owner left the grooming department and never returned, it was eventually decided that I would become his new owner.

Now, he had not only become a reminder of her, but the life she instilled in me without even knowing it.

It's funny how your life can take a turn based on the decisions you make. Be it something as simplistic as deciding to go to a concert with friends or something as prevalent as caring for your mother on her deathbed. Each day, you make decisions that lead you on a different path.

And I regretted nothing about the path we had taken, even if she was no longer around, besides in

my memory.

I threw my car keys on the white countertop, dirty with remnants of spilled spaghetti and pizza sauce; meals that took no time or creativity to make.

As I bent down to pet Lucky, I turned around and looked at the answering machine.

It flashed a bright red "1." I pressed the play button and the message began in a plethora of sobs.

"I hope you're doing OK," she tried to say calmly. "I didn't want to put you through this Sean. I'm sure you don't want to talk to me. But ... I'm pregnant."

And just like that, as soon as I had begun to forget about her, she was back in my life again with a full, unforgettable force.

I stared at the wall, void of expression, remembering the last day I saw her walk out of my car.

Because, no matter what decision you make in life, each moment sets you up for a different path.

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TODAY

Concert Series

A part of the listening hour celebration titled "Student Showcase," with a pianists showcase from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. For more information, contact Joan Stubbe at (408) 924-4649.

HR 101 Effective Business Writing

A training session focusing on the essential elements of effective business writing from 10:30 to noon in Clark Hall room 547. For more information, contact Lindsay Hamm at (408) 924-2141 or e-mail lindsay.hamm@sjsu.edu.

Neat Ideas Fair

An annual all day forum on creativity and

entrepreneurship at SJSU and the local community from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Barrett Ballroom. For more information, e-mail Anu Basu at basu_a@cob.sjsu.edu.

Spartan Idol

A student-athlete talent show performing talents off the field and off the court from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Spartan Gym of Uchida Hall. For more information, contact Angie McKinnell at (408) 924-1349.

Enter the Matrix

Rec. 97 students and San Carlos Police Department present a self-defense lecture from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Spartan Complex Central room 209. For more information, contact Pamela Tiscareno at (408) 460-3338.

Counseling Services

Counseling Services will host a body affirmative group from 4 to 5:20 p.m. in the Administration building room 201. For more information, contact Ellen Lin or Wei-Chien Lee at (408) 924-5910.

Students for Democracy/Hip Hop Congress/MSA

A Hip Hop for Change event featuring Patriarch, Politik, Cal-e, Hostile and more will be held at noon at the Student Union Amphitheater. For more information, contact Sarah Morris at (408) 469-0383.

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.

Amateur Radio Club

Pixie Morse transceiver kit building session at 2 p.m. at the Engineering building room 376. For more information, contact Jeff Or at (408) 795-5269.

HIV/AIDS Committee

A forum discussing AIDS from a multicultural perspective from noon to 2 p.m. in the Spartan Memorial. For more information, contact Roger Wharton at (408) 605-1687.

FRIDAY

Aerobicthon 2006

The kinesiology department is hosting Aerobicthon 2006 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Spartan Complex Center room 44B. For more information, contact Carol Sullivan at (408) 924-3022.

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‘You’re about as reliable as paper shoes in bad weather/But pain will roll off like water on feather’
– Incubus, ‘Paper Shoes’

‘9’ is the loneliest number

By Julia Cooper
Daily Staff Writer
After listening to the somber first notes of Damien Rice’s sophomore album “9,” listeners may discover they have found the perfect accompaniment for any suicidal tendencies.

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MUSIC REVIEW

With haunting melodies and vocals that sound as if Irish singer and songwriter Rice is on the brink of tears, this album is slit-your-wrists depressing.

Rice and his band open up “9” with “9 Crimes,” a gloomy ballad that sets the tone for the rest of the album. Backed by a quiet piano, breathy vocalist Lisa Hannigan croons about a relationship gone wrong, so wrong that she continues to reference a loaded gun.

Rice chimes in at the second verse of “9 Crimes” with the voice of a cheating lover, but he sings so weakly that his sincerity isn’t convincing. This performance is a rarity for his usually passionate vocals.

“The Animals Were Gone” begins with the same quiet instrumentation as the first track, but instead of a piano, listeners hear the soft strums of an acoustic guitar.

The beautiful melody in the chorus of “The Animals Were Gone” almost redeems silly lyrics such as “I love your depression and I love your double chin,” or “Waking up without you is like drinking from an empty cup.” What Rice intends to be poetic often comes across as nonsensical.

The most musically interesting moment of the entire album, however, happens in the last 20 seconds of “The Animals Were Gone,” when dissonant chants conjure the sounds of an otherworldly place. It doesn’t blend well with the rest of the song, or with the album, but Rice is headed toward a promising musical direction if he continues writing in the same vein.

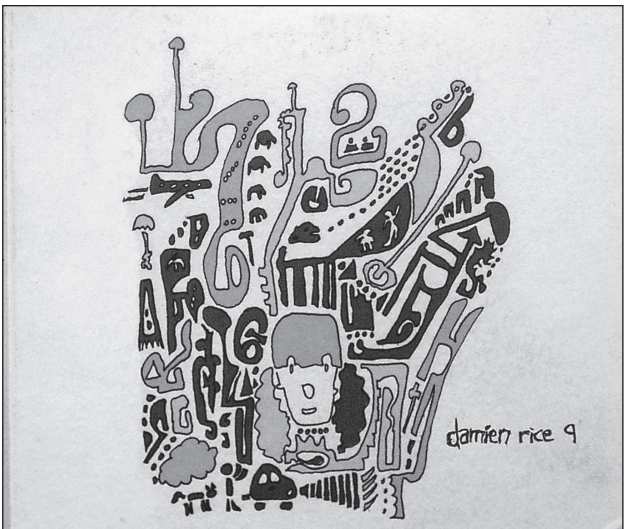


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The superb production of “Elephant” brings the beautiful imperfections of Rice’s voice to the forefront, with vocals layered over a barely audible acoustic guitar. Not only does this song sound like Rice is in your bedroom singing for your own private concert, but “Elephant” also proves that Rice can sing with the sincerity

lacking from the first track. The formulaic nature of “9” makes it overall, a bland listen. Most of the songs follow the same pattern: a single instrument softly begins the song, a breathy voice enters singing and then toward the end, louder vocals and more instruments are brought in to finish the song with a bang.

On this follow-up to 2002’s multi-platinum album “O,” Rice continues proving his knack for producing a decent batch of folksy songs about the sadder side of love. Most of the lyrics involve failed relationships and the loneliness and bitterness that follow, with ubiquitous references to crying.

The 33-year-old Rice, who wrote, produced, recorded and mixed “9,” fails to make musical progress with this album, throwing in lyrics that are mostly reactive rather than telling the stories that permeate the best of folk music.

“Rootless Tree,” for example, relies on a lot of lyrical repetition and confusingly has a chorus of “f--- you/ f--- you,” an out-of-place element thrown into a song that serves as the primary reason for the parental advisory, explicit content sticker on the CD cover.

Although most songs on “9” are predictable and unmoving, “Coconut Skins” stands out because it strays from the formula of the other songs. It begins with a mildly louder acoustic guitar strummed at a faster pace and includes a vocal style reminiscent of Bob Dylan. That’s a good thing.

**All music reviews are based on a five ‘note’ rating system.*

Hop to Tied House for ‘Kermit Juice’

By Allan Quindo
Special to the Daily
Finishing off a “Kermit Juice” at the Tied House was like being hammered in the head with a lead-filled Muppet. This drink has that much hidden kick. Like Secret, I could almost hear the tagline now, “Strong enough for a man, yet, taste balanced for a woman.”

REVIEW: DRINK OF THE WEEK

Balancing time for work, class and dreaded group projects seems to be a monumental effort this time of the year. In low spirits, a friend and I decided to have a few drinks, eat, drink again and unwind at the Tied House.

The Tied House is a warm and rather large restaurant and brewery where ceiling lamps illuminate the amber wood paneling. The establishment is large enough for a corporate function. Darren Gile was our bartender Wednesday night — from Gile, we managed to have him tell us the contents of the melon green “Kermit Juice” — also known as the “KJ.”

The “KJ” is served slim and statuesque; like Miss America wearing a melon green dress asking for world peace. The glass the “KJ” is served in is nearly a foot high with a narrow waist.

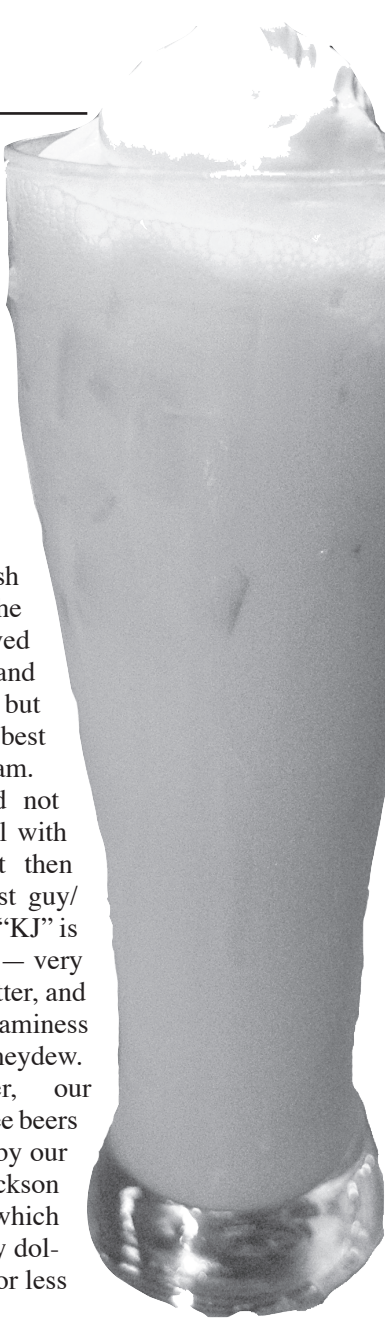
Upon serving, the “KJ” is crowned with whipped cream.

Later, our food arrived — blackened catfish with corn cakes. The catfish is served Cajun style, with a thin crust blackened with

pepper and a dash of paprika. The dish was served with sour cream and salsa on the side, but the corn cakes go best with the sour cream.

The “KJ” did not seem to pair well with the dish — but then again so are most guy/girl couples. The “KJ” is a true standalone — very sweet, slightly bitter, and an overall creaminess with a hint of honeydew.

An appetizer, our “KJ,” and the three beers could be bought by our two friends: Jackson and Hamilton (which is to say, a twenty dollar bill and a ten or less than \$30).



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AIDS- 2nd day to focus on diversity

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About 15 people dotted the wooden seats of the amphitheater during the hour-long concert, with a fluctuating crowd of 10 to 25 people perched above.

Representatives from 90.5 KSJS, the Student Health Center, and a variety of other groups were set up behind tables next to the Student Union, passing out fliers and giving out information.

"I wanted to plan an event that would unite all these different organizations towards a common goal," said Vanae Tran, whose community outreach organization Rock Your Awareness helped put together the concert.

Though a lot of students did not know about the concert beforehand, many seemed to appreciate the free music.

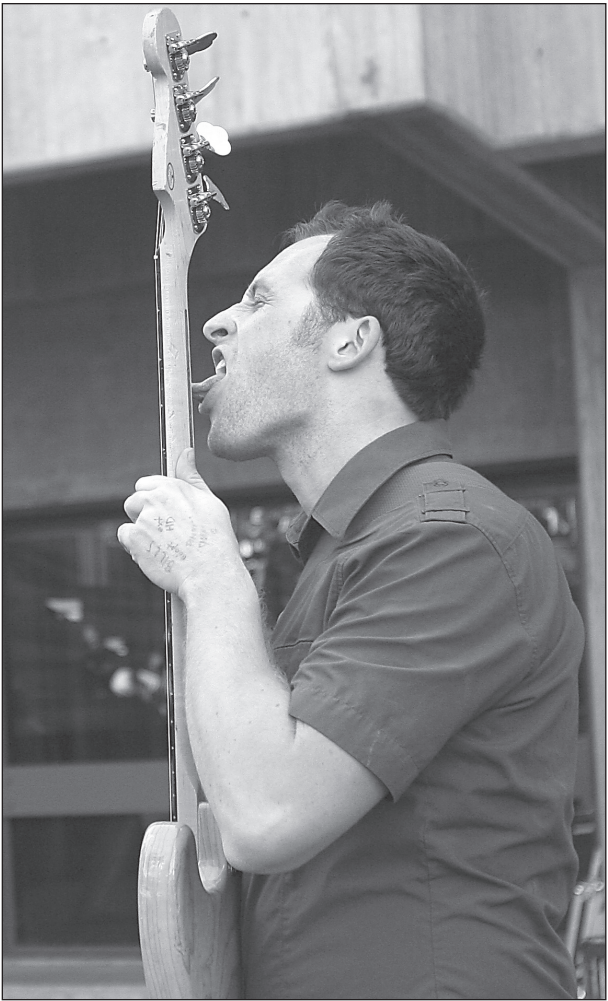
"I think it's a good idea, too bad more kids didn't show up," said Lauren Doty, a senior majoring in accounting who was walking by the Student Union when she heard the band and decided to stop and eat her lunch in the amphitheater.

Brilliant Red Lights drummer Noah Clark said he was not surprised by the turnout.

"This is what I expected," he said. "I've played my share of Nooners. Usually college shows before seven, no one shows up."

Despite the empty spaces in the amphitheater, the band played with unbridled enthusiasm.

Bassist Evan Michalski never stayed in one place, one minute leaning way back as if about to



JORDAN MCKONE/ DAILY STAFF

Evan Michalski "rock licks" his bass on Wednesday.

"I like to play drums the way I like to watch drums being played. Every drummer that I like seems to be having a fun time."
—Noah Clark, drummer

limbo, then going to the tips of his toes the next.

Clark banged the drums with abandon, mouth, as his shaggy, dirty-blond hair shook wildly with his head-banging.

"I like to play drums the way I like to watch drums being played," Clark said. "Every drummer that I like seems to be having a fun time. I don't understand any other way to play."

Tran said she hoped that the event would raise awareness about the Rock For AIDS benefit concert, to be held at the San Jose Skate roller rink on Dec. 9.

"It was a really great promotional event," Tran said. "People were really receptive to the band and the message. Once the music started, people realized there was

a great band on campus and were drawn in."

Tran said that she was motivated to organize Wednesday's concert and the Rock For AIDS event by the lack of groups that target college students.

"I felt there was a need in the South Bay, especially in San Jose, for progressive, innovative outreach," Tran said. "So I combined my greatest passions, music, volunteerism and event planning."

SJSU's World AIDS Day events continue today with the World AIDS Day Symposium from noon to 2 p.m. in the Spartan Memorial where speakers from a wide spectrum of groups will be giving presentations on the topic of AIDS from a multicultural perspective, and will be taking questions afterwards.

AEROBICS- Some SJSU teams participate in workout activities

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Sullivan said students are so busy that they do not have time to do a lot of physical activity on their own. She said she does the Aerobicthon as an added activity for the kinesiology department as well as to let students condition their bodies.

"I've only participated in the PE classes, and it was something that I enjoyed," said Grissel Estrada, a junior majoring in English. "I think that the PE classes I took helped me relieve stress, because

it kept me active."

The Aerobicthon will have refreshments and water for the participating students as well as a raffle that will take place during the break, Sullivan said.

"The refreshments are there to help replenish the students' nutrients during their workout," Sullivan said.

The event, which is not only open to students but people out side of the school as well, costs \$5 per person. Those fees will go toward purchasing aerobic equipment for the department, Sullivan said.

"We buy equipment for the aerobic program and exercise stuff for other classes, including music that we play," Sullivan said.

Some of the sports teams even come and use the event as their workouts for the day, Sullivan said. She said the gymnastics team came as a group and participated in past years event.

"I play rugby for SJSU and even that type of physical activity is good for me," Bocalan said. "It gives me a change of environment and helps get my mind off other things."

SEALE- Autographs books

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founded by Seale and Huey P. Newton in 1966, started with six original members, but by the end of 1969, the organization grew to about 5,000 members.

"He was our age," said Nekeya Murray, a Laney Community College student from Oakland. "And that's inspiring for people in our generation."

Seale, who is described as being one of the last surviving architects of one of the important social movements of history, ended the night by shaking hands with students and autographing books and posters.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see somebody with this kind of mind and this kind of voice and this kind of power," said Robin White, a senior majoring in kinesiology, when describing Seale.

- ABOUT BOBBY SEALE**
- Born in 1936.
 - Worked as a jazz musician, a sheet-metal mechanic and a comedian before co-founding the Black Panther Party with Huey Newton in 1966.
 - Arrested in 1968 after Democratic National Convention riots.
 - Indicted on charges of conspiracy to incite riots in Chicago in 1969.
 - Ran for mayor of Oakland in 1973 but lost.
 - Currently works as the director of REACH!, a community youth organization Seale founded in 1992.

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These knee-high ceramic cats are being sold in the art sale outside the Spartan Bookstore on Tuesday. The sale features work from San Jose State University spatial art students of the art department.

ART- Students camp out to protect pieces for sale

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in the form of cash or check, also goes toward the speakers in the art department's featured series.
"It's doing well," Bricco said, as he excused himself to answer an inquiring customer's question.
He said this is his first semester working at the art sale and his first semester at San Jose State University.

**"I saw some beautiful (pieces)."
—Hitomi Tahara, SJSU senior**

"A lot of people are buying Christmas gifts," Bricco said.
Hitomi Tahara, a senior majoring in pictorial art, said this was the first Artists Guild sale that she has attended.
"I'm just browsing," she said, as she reached toward some pottery.
Tahara said she's had some experience making pottery, but she really likes the glass art that is being offered at the sale.
"I saw some beautiful (pieces)," Tahara said.
Bricco has ceramic art for sale, while Gabe Toci, a graduate student in spatial arts, has his "Borat" plates on display for shopper consumption.
"I saw the movie," Toci said. "I liked the movie. I just thought they'd sell."
The plates have a decent-sized picture of Sacha Baron Cohen as his character from the recently released movie "Borat," accompanied by a "Borat"-like saying.
"They're not even his sayings," Toci said.
Toci added that he took Confucius' sayings and added the introduction of "In my country ..." that "Borat" frequently uses as a sen-

tence starter in the movie.
He said he's sold a few so far.
Diana Mihalakis, a senior majoring in art, said she's spent a fair amount of money at the many student art sales she has been to.
"I always try to buy student art," Mihalakis said.
She added that her favorites are the glass pumpkins that are featured at some of the sales. At this time of year, she has focused more on Christmas gifts, Mihalakis said.
Some of the work featured is from previous classes and has been "edited" for selling potential, Bricco said.
With all of the tables of art displayed in an unsecured tent, there is no way to actually lock the doors after closing time.
Bricco said there isn't a way to pack up the tent either, so the people working at the art sale have to get creative to protect the pieces after hours.
"We have people camping out 24 hours (a day)," Bricco said, referring to the workers.
He added that this works out OK because art majors are used to staying up until the early hours of the morning.



ABOVE: San Jose State University students browse through ceramic and glass artwork at the art sale held outside the Spartan Bookstore on Wednesday. Sales are held twice a year, once before Christmas and once before Mother's Day.
LEFT: Danielle Pepi, a freshman majoring in nursing, and Chase Lunt, an undeclared freshman, check out the ceramic and glass artwork at the art sale held outside the Spartan Bookstore on Wednesday.

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FAIR- Entrepreneurs' inventions aimed at improving quality of life on global scale

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The idea was to give students the option of paying \$200 for the semester for the valet services.

Sidhu and Sanchez would then park the student's cars in a local lot downtown, and when the student gets out of class, they would give the valet a call and their car would be brought to them, Sidhu said.

"We surveyed 300 students and found that 90 percent of the students were not happy with the current parking services on campus," Sanchez said.

Though some of the students geared their ideas toward the SJSU community, other students focused on places that were further away.

Ara Acle, a junior majoring in industrial design, along with his fellow team members came up with the idea of focusing on Mali Africa.

They wanted to do something beneficial for a community that struggles a great deal with starvation and time consuming cooking.

Their Bamako Stove that they developed was made to cut down on the fuel usage and the cutting down of the trees in the Mali village.

"The average woman would spend four hours cutting and gathering wood," Acle said. "While with this stove they would cut that time in half and then could spend time gardening and selling the stuff that they grow."

Some of the prizes offered to the winners of the Neat Ideas Fair include a free, three-month incubator space at Software Business Clusters or Environmental Business Clusters, and other raffle prizes according to information provided at the event.

In the past three years, some of the winning teams have had successful business plans turned into actual businesses while others obtain licensed deals.

"One of the winning teams of the first Neat Ideas Fair has licensed their technology for manufacturing their motor scooter to a manufacturer in China," Basu said. "Two of last year's winners are developing their ideas into prototypes."

The 2006 Neat Ideas Fair will continue today.



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ABOVE: Julian, a fifth grader of Barron Park Elementary, peers into a Proximity Pill Dispenser at the Silicon Valley Neat Ideas Fair 2006 in the Barret Ballroom on Wednesday. Last name was not given.

BELOW: The Silicon Valley Neat Ideas Fair 2006 is an annual forum to promote creativity and entrepreneurship at San Jose State University by generating and highlighting neat business ideas.



A.S.- Map could be out in spring

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Services Center.

The Learning Assistance Resource Center provides services such as skills assessment, subject advising and tutoring.

"I was talking to a student about LARC," Henderson said. "They didn't know about it or where it was, and this student had been here a while."

Henderson said he talked to many other students who also lacked knowledge of the available advising resources.

In addition, the resolution says that each department will provide a list of its own advisers' contact information on the back of the new maps.

"When a student declares a major, the department chair will give the student this information when they sign and acknowledge that the student is a part of that major program," Henderson said.

Some students said it would be a good idea, even though they had no problems with advising.

"My major adviser has been good at directing me where to go,"

"There will need to be more collaboration between G.E. and department advisers."
—Elizabeth David,
General Advising Center

said Lynn Castro, a senior majoring in kinesiology. "But that's still a good idea for freshmen and sophomores and undeclareds, too."

Henderson said in his resolution that a 2005 edition of the U.S. News and World Report stated that SJSU's graduation rate is 36 percent.

Henderson said the lack of resource and advising awareness could be contributing to that statistic.

Elizabeth David, a learning skills specialist at the General Advising Center, said advising may become even easier in the future, from a separate proposal.

"There was a new proposal approved for a centralized advising center," David said, "which would help both general education and majors."

David said this proposal has been up in the air for about a year

now, because not all the details have been worked out yet.

"We're going to need a lot of training," David said. "There will need to be more collaboration between G.E. and department advisers, and we'll have to hire more advisers."

For now though, Henderson said that in the best-case scenario, the new adviser- and resource-oriented map from his resolution would be ready for next semester.

"It's possible," Henderson said. "But is it likely? I'm not 100 percent sure."

Even though the resolution has been passed by A.S., Henderson said he plans to it to the Academic Senate and the Division of Student Affairs to get their input, and hopefully their support.

Henderson said he thinks a universal map distributed throughout campus will relieve a lot of tension from finding advising and learning resources.

"It'll be the same across the board," Henderson said. "The only thing that will be different will be the number of advisers, as that is up to each department."



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Lowery named All-American

Spartans to face Bulldogs in regular season finale before bowl appearance

By Greg Lydon
Daily Senior Staff Writer
Fresno State University is currently on a three-game winning streak, turning things around in Western Athletic Conference play after a dismal 1-7 start to the season.

But the Bulldogs will have to adjust their offense to a newly appointed All-American playing on the other side of the field on Saturday.

San Jose State University cornerback Dwight Lowery will be named as a first-team, All-American by the American Football Coaches Association when it announces the 2006 team on Thursday, according to the San Jose

Mercury News.

Lowery recorded seven interceptions in his first four games as a Spartan, including a three-interception day against Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and an amazing recovery to step in front of Stanford University quarterback Trent Edwards' pass to keep SJSU's eventual upset alive against Stanford.

Tomey said after the Stanford game, "That was as good a play I ever saw," speaking about the Lowery interception in the end zone.

In a press conference after the Cal Poly game, Tomey talked about the amazing start Lowery had to his career at SJSU.

"The best part about Dwight is that he's dead serious about being a good football player," Tomey said. "There's no shortcuts, he just works hard, and his work ethic has rubbed off on this young defense."

According to the SJSU Sports Information Department, it's the first time in 35 years SJSU has had an All-American.

Before the season began there was only one game on the 12-game, 2006 schedule that players and coaches said was a personal team goal, beat Fresno State and make it a rival again.

The SJSU football team hasn't beaten Fresno State since 1990, the last year SJSU played in a bowl game.

"It's not a rivalry unless it's competitive where both teams have a chance to win every year," SJSU coach Dick Tomey said. "Fresno has dominated SJSU for years now and our players need to fight back on Saturday to renew this rivalry."

This is their seniors' last game, and this is their opportunity to leave the season feeling good about themselves, Tomey said.

Senior defensive tackle Freddy McCutcheon said the seniors made this specific game a goal before the season because of the disappointing efforts against Fresno State the last couple of seasons.

"Fresno looks to embarrass us every time they play us," McCutcheon said. "We know this is their bowl game, and they want to end their season feeling good beating us."

The Spartans were defeated 45-7 last year in Fresno, and players said that the bowl talk isn't distracting them from this weekend's contest.

"Fresno is the only game on our mind," SJSU wide receiver James Jones said. "Seniors aren't joking around this week because we're going to a bowl game."

"The younger players can see that this game is huge and the bowl talk can wait till next week."

Tomey said he's impressed with Fresno State running back Dwayne Wright, and he said slowing down the star tailback will be key to SJSU's success this Saturday.

"He's 220 pounds, he can run inside, outside and he can make



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Senior safety Marquis Spurgeon attempts to haul down San Jose State University sophomore running back Patrick Perry by his jersey during the Spartans' 44-10 victory over Louisiana Tech University on Oct. 28 at Spartan Stadium.

you miss," Tomey said.

According to a Bulldog football press release, Wright had the best rushing performance in the 84-year history of the Fresno State program when he ran for 295 yards, leading his team to a 34-27 against Louisiana Tech University this past weekend.

"We just need to feel the same sense of urgency, and greater, to get ourselves back in this game," Tomey said. "Because we all were

standing on the sidelines last year when they demolished us. It wasn't even close. It wasn't close from the beginning."

Bringing a 7-4 record into this weekend's contest, the Spartans will earn a third-place finish in conference with a win Saturday.

"Seven wins, we put together more wins than in the three years I've been here," said SJSU running back Patrick Perry. "It's great to see it materialize, it's something special."

Kickoff for Saturday's regular season finale is set for 1 p.m. at Spartan Stadium.

Sharks tame Wild in 2-1 win

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Wins on the road are usually hard to come by for NHL teams. On Wednesday night, a road win happened by accident for the San Jose Sharks.

Steve Bernier's fluke goal was the winner as the Sharks beat the Minnesota Wild 2-1 for their fourth straight victory.

Bernier missed a pass from Christian Ehrhoff only to have the puck bounce off his right leg and into the Minnesota net in the second period.

Minnesota, which lost at home for only the third time this season, had a season-low 16 shots on goal and lost for the third time in its last four outings. For defense-loving Minnesota coach Jacques Lemaire, it was a case of getting beat at his own game.

Rookie forward Joe Pavelski tied it for the Sharks on a first-period power play, tipping Matt Carle's shot past Manny Fernandez. Pavelski, a star on Wisconsin's NCAA championship team last season, has scored in consecutive games and has three goals in four NHL games.

"I don't know if goals ever really come easy, but they're coming right now, and that's important," said Pavelski.

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The course investigates World War II media coverage of the Holocaust and concentration camps in Europe and the relocation and internment camps in the United States for Japanese Americans. Survivors from both groups speak to the class.

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Tennis club started at SJSU

Men's team became official at beginning of fall semester

By Adam Browne
Daily Staff Writer

Until last year, San Jose State University didn't have a men's tennis team for about 12 years, but then some students got together and started a tennis club this semester.

On Wednesday, the club had a booth out by the Central Classroom building promoting the club.

The club got started this year when several students who play tennis decided it would be great to have a club of their own, since the university didn't have one.

Chris Duarte, a senior majoring in computer engineering, is also the club president.

"It's a pretty good startup on the Web, with over 90 people who signed up for accounts on the site," Duarte said. "Even so, we've only had 30 students interested in playing in our club who have signed the paperwork to be in it. Those that haven't signed the paperwork can't play."

Duarte runs the Web site sjsutennis.com, which informs students how to sign up and get involved in the new club. Students can find all the information they need for schedules, games and events.

Jamie Sullivan, a junior majoring in nursing, is a team member

in the club.

"I'm there to be in the matches, to practice and play some tennis," Sullivan said.

The club struggled to get recognized over the past semester, dealing with paperwork and trying to become official, and this semester, club leaders still have paperwork and are trying to get time to use the tennis courts.

Ronald Roque, a freshman majoring in nursing, said the club helps students meet other students and play.

"The tennis club started last year unofficially and was made official this year," Roque said. "It's good to have a team to meet people with the same interests and to network and be on a team."

Kenny Man, a sophomore majoring in biology, said the event was a fundraiser for the club.

"Basically we're trying to do a fundraiser because the school doesn't give us much money to use the courts and to buy balls and equipment for home games," Man said. "Next year, we should have official status and better funds."

Duarte said the team has played Stanford University, University of California, Berkeley and St. Mary's

College in matches this year.

"We lost the three matches, but it was a good learning experience," Duarte said.

Man said the club was a good way for him to have new hitting partners and to gain new experience while meeting new members. Hitting partners are players to play against in matches, he said.

"The club is also a good opportunity for us to bring in new members," Duarte said. "We need to establish this club and membership."

Sullivan was disappointed when he first came to SJSU and there was no men's tennis team, so he got involved in the new club when it started.

"This year is the first time everything started to fall into place," Sullivan said. "Last year, we were unofficial, but now we have a club team."

Duarte put on a tennis ball costume to promote the event as it began.

"Hopefully, people will see this event and will want to join our club," Duarte said.

Duarte said the club replaces the men's tennis team, which was closed down about 12 years ago. His office wasn't sure of the date when he asked.

Athletes to participate in talent show in Spartan Gym

By Tyanne Roberts
Daily Staff Writer

Some athletes at San Jose State University will be dancing, singing and performing their way to the spotlight in the inaugural Spartan Idol.

Spartan Idol, a talent show that was put together by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee to give the student athletes something fun to participate in outside of their sport, will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at the Spartan Gym.

"It gives the students the opportunity to show off some of their talents that they have outside of the sport that they play," said Angie McKinnell, student services coordinator.

Representatives from each sports team will be able to perform in front of the judges and the audience.

"We are doing a skit from the MTV show 'Next,'" said Melissa Logan, a swim team member and a junior majoring in kinesiology. McKinnell said the judges for

the talent show are SJSU President Don Kassing, Director of Athletics Tom Bowen, Vice President of Administration and Finance Rose Lee and Mark Powell, a member of Spartan Squad. They will be scoring the teams on five different categories such as creativity and crowd response.

"It lets us show a different side of ourselves. We can embarrass ourselves and have fun and also get hyped before the Fresno game."
—Melissa Logan, SJSU swimmer

The winners of the talent show will receive VIP treatment at the athletic department's award ceremony, like the ESPY awards ceremony, which is an event recognizing excellence in sports.

"We are limited as to what type of prize we can give them for winning because of the NCAA regulations," McKinnell said.

Even an event that doesn't focus on the sport that they play doesn't mean the competitiveness of the student athletes are gone.

"The men's basketball team is going to win," said Justonn Smith, a men's basketball team member and a sophomore majoring in criminal justice. "We're going to make people laugh by using our secret weapon."

Having the opportunity to show off their talent outside of their sport is something some students believe is a good idea.

"It lets us show a different side of ourselves," Logan said. "We can embarrass ourselves and have fun and also get hyped before the Fresno game."

Admission for the event is free for all students with their tower card and for the general public \$7 per person or \$10 for a couple. Tickets can be bought at Ticketmaster.

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ATHLETE PROFILE

The ‘Parakeet’ between the pipes for SJSU

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Who would have thought that one of the most aggressive players on the San Jose State University Ice Hockey Club would be nicknamed “Parakeet”?

But that is exactly what Spartan players started calling senior goaltender Ryan Lowe two years ago after former team captain Ray Kellam witnessed Lowe’s intense play in practice, Lowe said.

“Someone did something in practice one time, and I was just yelling and being angry,” Lowe said, “and Ray looked over and said, ‘Stop squawking, Parakeet.’ It kind of just stuck from there.”

As one of the most competitive players for the Spartan club hockey team, Lowe has the track record to back up his zealous personality. After being selected for the American Collegiate Hockey Association First Team All-West Region the past two years, Lowe was recognized on a national level when he was selected for the ACHA First Team All-American last season.

“It’s definitely the greatest honor of my life,” Lowe said. “Nothing has ever come close to that.”

As a child growing up in Redondo Beach, Lowe played numerous sports, but it was playing softball that first inspired his interest in hockey.

“I really wanted to be the catcher, because I liked all of the cool armor and pads that they got to wear,” Lowe said. “I saw a goalie when I was 6 years old and saw that



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ABOVE: San Jose State University goalie Ryan Lowe has been with the team for four years. RIGHT: This season, Lowe has 10 wins, a .913 save percentage and 411 saves out of 450 shots on goal.

they got to wear even more. I just kind of fell in love (with hockey) from there.”

While playing roller hockey in recreational leagues throughout elementary school and high school, Lowe developed a passion for the sport’s nonstop action and team play.

“Hockey really relies on reacting and your instincts as a player and knowing where your teammates will be and them knowing where you will be,” Lowe said, “and the kind of mental connection you develop with your teammates.”

Spartans head coach Ron Glasow said Lowe is “naturally gifted,” possessing an acrobatic physicality that has made him into a hard-to-beat goaltender.

He added that Lowe has brought

leadership and confidence to the Spartans.

“You know you’re going to get a great effort every game,” Glasow said. “You know you are not going to be beat by bad goals against you. He makes the team better, because he pushes (players) to do as well as he does.”

Lowe, who has been with the Spartans for four years, said he chose to attend SJSU for the opportunity to play on the ice hockey club, but he also wanted to pursue a degree in the university’s aviation program.

Lowe said he took flying lessons in high school, logging 20 hours of flying time in Cessnas and smaller planes.

Although Lowe changed his major to business after the aviation



industry’s downturn post-Sept. 11, 2001, he still plans on flying some day.

“I’ve always loved planes,” Lowe

said. “I definitely want to get my license later in life.”

With plans to graduate in Spring 2007, Lowe said he would like to

continue playing hockey abroad at a semiprofessional level, as previous teammates have done.

“I’d like to go travel and see different parts of the world, and what better way to do that than get paid to play hockey?” Lowe said.

Despite his success, Lowe said his competitive nature has often been misunderstood by those who don’t know him.

“I think a lot of people sometimes see me playing or see how I am in athletics or sports, and they kind of just assume that I’m going to be this arrogant, jock-type person off the ice, and that’s totally not how I am,” Lowe said.

Mason Nave, senior center for the Spartans and a friend of Lowe’s for the past five years, said many do not get to view Lowe’s laidback side.

“If (people) only saw him at hockey games, they probably don’t realize that he isn’t always angry and fired up like he is at games,” Nave said.

Since he is probably playing his last season with the Spartans, Lowe said he wants to spend more time with his teammates and devote less time to pre-game rituals.

“I just really want to try to enjoy the whole experience more,” Lowe said. “(I want to) try to enjoy being in the locker room with the guys before the game, listen to the music, listen to the guys tell jokes, everything that goes on in the locker room ... memories I know I’m going to have the rest of my life.”

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