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Students finish semester, wrap up plans for holiday season

#### By Adam Browne

*Daily Staff Writer* The Fall 2006 semester is about to end at San Jose State University, and some students are looking forward to the holidays for visiting family and friends, while others are going to be working.

Some students have made holiday plans while others have not.

Usman Husaini, a senior majoring in civil engineering, doesn't have any work plans for over the break.

"I'll be hanging around, meeting friends from other schools, and I will go back home to Sunnyvale," he said.

"I'm going to bum out and play video games, rent Netflix movies and seasons of TV shows and watch them in two-day sittings," Husaini said. "Also, I was shooting a movie for the campus movie fest and didn't finish it, so I might do that."

Edward Zhang, a senior majoring in civil engineering, hasn't made any plans for the holidays.

"I don't have any plans yet, but later I'm going to spend a bit of time with my family in San Francisco," Zhang said. "I enjoy the holidays for the atmosphere, however because I'm from a different culture, the holidays mean very little to me."

Christella Vien, a first year graduate student majoring in occupational therapy, said that she would be going home for the holidays.

"I'm going to move home during the break and do some Christmas shopping,

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San Jose State University Spartan freshman defensive end Carl Ihenacho sacks Tom Brandstater, a senior quarterback for the Fresno State Bulldogs. The Spartans won 24-14 over the Bulldogs.

## Rivalry reborn in 1st win over Fresno since 1990





## Officials stage fake bombing

Exercise tests university's emergency response team

By Mary Beth Hislop

Daily Staff Writer Nine people were confirmed dead and 27 injured after an explosion ripped through the San Jose State University Student Union building last Thursday at 9 a.m., where up to 250 students had assembled, many to hear Israeli Foreign Defense Minister Amir Peretz speak. The FBI has confirmed that a suicide bomber was responsible for the attack.

Students wondering what kind of a megahangover caused them to miss all the excitement can rest easy ... the scenario described was a mock situation to test the preparedness of SJSU's emergency response team in case of an actual terrorist attack.

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## Web site uses database to curb cheating

and then hang out with friends and family," Vien said. "I'm going to see people I haven't seen in a while because I've been busy with school and I'm going to enjoy it."

Some of the students who will be working during the holidays have established jobs or seasonal jobs.

Tiana Mendizabal, a senior majoring in psychology, will continue to work at Cisco Systems where she works at the call center.

"I will be working at Cisco and spending time with family and friends," Mendizabal said. "I might also take a class or a second job, and I'm going to eat and sleep."

Ryan Marqueling, a senior majoring in accounting, will be working at the job he has worked at for three years.

"I will be working at the job I've been working at for three and one half years, and I will be working there over the break," Marqueling said. "I work at Target in San Jose, across from Milpitas."

Lala Lassiter, a junior majoring in sociology, will be working on campus during the holidays.

"I'll be working in the Student Union, and then I'm going to Los Angeles and Alabama, and to catch up on sleep, too," Lassiter said. "I'm going to be with a fraternity."

Lassiter said that although she is not in the fraternity, they are like her brothers, so she wants to go to Los Angeles to see them.

Desiree Seusy, a senior majoring in animation, works at the Target store in San Jose near Milpitas also.

"I work at Target where Ryan works in a seasonal position," said Seusy. "I'm hoping I'm not working Christmas Eve so I can visit with my parents and grandparents."

Seusy also said that she was moving to a new place in January and it was going to be harder on her workload.

Rafael Pineda, a junior majoring in sociology is working two jobs.

"I work the night crew at Toys 'R' Us and for UPS riding with the driver, and I hand out toys at local hospitals," Pineda said.

Eric Lin, a junior majoring in computer

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#### **By Greg Lydon** Daily Senior Staff Writer

A rivalry was resurrected on senior day at Spartan Stadium behind an outstanding performance by senior quarterback Adam Tafralis in a 24-14 San Jose State University victory over Fresno State.

The seniors on the team responded to the challenge made by SJSU coach Dick Tomey earlier in the week, when he said they needed to make the game a rivalry again and break a 12game losing streak to Fresno State that dated back to 1990.

"The rivalry is back and it's going to swing the way of the Spartans for the next couple of years," Tafralis said.

Tafralis threw for 206 yards on the day along with three touchdowns passes, but his feet were just as important to the offensive effort as he led the Spartans on the ground with 76 yards rushing in the game.

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ZACH BEECHER/ DAILY SENIOR STAFF Christopher Owens, a San Jose State University sophomore cornerback, reacts to a call made by the ref against Fresno State University. ABOVE LEFT: The San Jose State University football players celebrate after their 24-14 victory over rival

Fresno State University on Saturday at Spartan Stadium.

#### Site gains popularity on campus

#### By Kelli Downey

Daily Staff Writer

Every green sheet at San Jose State University includes a portion about cheating and plagiarism to promote academic integrity, as required by the academic integrity policy.

Each school year, there are reported cases of violations to the policy. Some professors on campus utilize Web sites to prevent and detect plagiarism from students' work.

"I think it is good for professors to use (the Internet) because a lot of people plagiarize," said Martha Tran, a senior majoring in finance.

There were 210 reported violations for cheating and plagiarism in the 2005-06 school year, according to the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development at SJSU. Of these reported cases, 139 of them account for plagiarism.

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## SJ Parade celebrates its 25th year

#### **By Stefanie Chase** Daily Staff Writer

Bundled-up members of the local community, along with some of their dogs, lined the sidewalks of downtown San Jose on Sunday for the San Jose Holiday Parade.

San Jose police officers helped direct car and foot traffic as viewers migrated down the sidewalk, some pushing strollers and others with coffee cups in hand, to get a better glimpse of this year's featured floats.

The parade started on Santa Clara Street and Delmas Avenue and continued east down Santa Clara Street and ended on San Carlos Street.

The parade began at 8:30 a.m., ended at 11 a.m. and was broadcast on NBC 11 at 9 a.m.

Some of the balloons included Bullwinkle, Curious George and Casper, and parade characters included Charlie Brown, Snoopy and Woodstock.

The crowd grew bigger as the parade carried on and comments could be heard from children about their favorite floats and balloons.

NBC had a float that included familiar elements from the Bay Area. There were replicas of crops, the Golden Gate Bridge with moving cars passing through, windmills, a ship floating across water and a helicopter misted over with fake fog.

A young passerby was heard telling her chap-

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The dancers of the Santa Clara High School Marching Band danced through the streets of downtown San Jose on Sunday. They were competing in the battle of the bands held in conjunction with the San Jose Holiday Parade.

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### MONDAY **DECEMBER 4, 2006**

# **UPINION**

LIFE ON STANDBY

## Police and community leaders look into the use of excessive force

This past Friday was a bittersweet day for members friend Joseph Guzman, who was in the front seat. Trent of 23-year-old Sean Bell's family as they prepared for his funeral at the same Queens, New York Community Church of Christ where he was to be married in days earlier.

According to CBS 2 New York, Nov. 25 was to be Bell's wedding day, but has now turned into the controversial aftermath of present day pitting citizens and community leaders against the New York City Police Department.

The controversy centers around an undercover operation at the Kalua Cabaret where Bell was celebrating his bachelor party and seven plain clothes officers were investigating reports of prostitution and drug use, reported CBS 2 New York.

According to an Associated Press article in the Boston Herald, officers had witnessed Bell in an argument outside the club and had heard of one of his friends making reference to a gun.

An officer followed Bell and his friends back to their car, and while walking in front of the car, the officer was bumped by Bell who had driven forward before backing up and crashing into an unmarked NYPD minivan, reported the Associated Press.

The attorney for one of the unnamed detectives, Philip Karasyk, said the detective had identified himself as an officer before firing. Four other officers joined in releasing 50 shots at the car.

Twenty-one shots hit the car, at least 11 shots hit Bell's

Benefield, who was in the back seat, was hit three times and other shots hit nearby homes and shattered windows at a train station, reported CBS 2 New York.

According to the Associated Press, during a conference meeting with elected officials and community leaders, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg

said officers appeared to have used "excessive force" toward the

> If the officers had shot 30, 20 or 10 times would there still be

> > How many times can an officer shoot before it becomes termed

defined as "any exceptional force extending beyond that necessary to disable suspects or take them into custody through arrest."

car bumping a pedestrian, an officer, and then crashing into a minivan before it tries to back up again heading towards the officer as an exception to use force.

So, let's say Bell had injured the officer when he NYPD minivan, would the 50 rounds still be consid-

Or if Bell possibly killed the officer when he had backed up and then the remaining four officers fired 50 rounds, then would the situation be different?

OUOTE OF THE DAY:

They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself.

– Andy Warhol

In both situations would the actions of the officers still be considered "excessive?"

Experts on the use of excessive force suggest the mayor's conclusion has been given too soon and that there is has been too much emphasis on the number of shots that were fired.

"The number of shots fired doesn't mean anything, even though it seems a little shocking," said professor of criminal law at Fordham Law School Jim Cohen in a Nov. 29 article in the Boston Herald. "We simply don't have enough information to draw any conclusions."

Which is true.

All the information is not out yet since all five shooters remain silent as they are on administrative leave while the investigation is taking place. But they are eager to tell their side of the story to a grand jury, reported the Associated Press.

Also, the accounts of Bell's two passengers Guzman and Benefield, who remain hospitalized, have yet to be heard.

ABC News' Tom Hays wrote that as of Wednesday police have been adamantly searching for a fourth man believed to have fled with the gun that was made reference to earlier that morning, other witnesses who may have seen the scene unfold and viewing security cameras in the area.

Congratulations are in order to the San Jose State

The Spartans finish with an 8-4 overall record and

For the first time in 16 years, the Spartans will com-

pete in a bowl game when they take on the University

The last time SJSU attended a bowl game was in

SJSU was close to a bowl berth in 2000, but lost the

final game of the season and were denied the chance.

tament to head coach Dick Tomey who, just last year,

In 2004, the last year of coach Fitz Hill, the Spar-

tans won just two games. And in Tomey's first year

as coach, the SJSU improved by one win to go 3-8 in

But to now go to a bowl game is a remarkable tes-

1990 when the team went up against Central Michigan University and emerged victorious by a score of

of New Mexico in the inaugural New Mexico bowl.

University football team for a remarkable season.

5-3 in Western Athletic Conference play.

took control of a struggling team.

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However, Guzman, Benefield and their lawyer, Sanford Rubenstein, have said, "The claim of a fourth person is a myth."

With the community in uproar and visits from community leaders Rev. Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson, some have questioned whether the shooting was racially motivated.

That if Bell and his passengers were Caucasian instead of black, would officers have unloaded 50 rounds like they had done?

This doesn't seem to be a valid argument since, according to The Citizen Newspaper, the five officers who were involved in the shooting included two were black, two Caucasian and one Hispanic.

There are so many questions about this case, but there is very little information still being given.

Was there a fourth person that had a gun and would turn this case around, giving the officers a reason to act?

Could Bell being black have anything to do with the decision officers made on whether or not to shoot?

Fifty, 40, 30, 20, 10 or simply just one shot, what is excessive force and when is it necessary?

As the evidence and stories from that Saturday event unveils, only time can tell what really happened that night and whether or not the officers were justified in their action, excessive or not.

Janet Marcelo is the Spartan Daily opinion editor. This is the final appearance of "Life on Standby."

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As part of a public lecture series, Brian Schwartz will present Science as Performance at 7 p.m. in the Science building room 164. For more information, contact Lui Lam at (408) 924-5261.

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was when they traveled to Hawaii to take on the Warriors and lost 54-17.

Then again, even PAC-10 teams were having a tough time with the No. 24-ranked University of Hawai'i.

The Warriors were narrowly defeated by Oregon State 35-32 in a game that went down to the final seconds.

But regardless of who they lost to, the Spartans and Spartan fans should be excited that the team is in the position it is in.

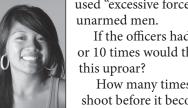
Tomey, in just two seasons, has completely turned the program around.

And the future looks good for the team.

Success has a tendency to linger as much as failure does.

It seems odd that this is the same SJSU football team that just a few years ago, was receiving calls by some to drop the Division I-A status.

It seems odd that this is the same SJSU football team that two years ago won just two games. In fact, the past two years combined do not equal the win total for this year. SJSU President Don Kassing said in a recent press conference that he is surprised how fast the Spartans have turned around saying that Tomey is a year ahead of where he thought he should be. Certainly few would be able to argue with Kassing. Perhaps now, SJSU will be placed on the map as a team that is a contender that is still developing. The coaching staff must be excited to be able to go to high schools and tell recruits that they can have the opportunity to play for a team that just went to a college bowl game. Hats off to Tomey and the Spartans, and good luck on Dec. 23.



"excessive?" JANET MARCELO

According to the American

Dictionary of Criminal Justice, excessive force is

Apparently, Bloomberg doesn't consider having a

had driven forward before hitting the unmarked ered excessive if an officer was down?

information in writing to DBH 209.

Future of SJSU football is looking brighter with its successful season

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#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Dear editor,

Thanks for publishing the article "Judge reverses ruling on Bush's terrorist definition," Wednesday Nov. 29. I think this act of the federal judge shows that the United States Department of Justice is still independent from other branches of the government and the judges have total freedom and authority over their jobs.

In addition to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and Partiya Karkeran, there are several other foreign groups that have been considered as terrorist organizations by the United States government without any/enough investigations being done. Unfortunately, both good and bad guys are seen with the same eyes by the U.S., which is not fair.

As far as I know, some of these so-called "terrorist groups" are unarmed, popular and legitimate political organizations that are fighting for freedom and democracy in their countries. The groups are also trying to improve living conditions and expand human rights in their countries.

For example, the National Council of Resistance of Iran, a broad coalition of the Iranian political organizations and persons that has been fighting

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for freedom and democracy in Iran was labeled as a foreign terrorist organization by the United States Department (although no evidence has been found by the United States showing the group was involved with terrorism). If we look at the United Nations list of terrorist organizations, it is different than the United States list.

The fact is that the terrorist label is like an obstacle in the way of the National Council of Resistance of Iran and other groups to take freedom and justice to their countries. The removal of the terrorist tag helps the groups to legitimize their activities in the international level, get humanitarian aid like food and money from the United Nations and non-governmental organizations to improve life condition in their countries.

I want to congratulate the Department of Justice and the federal judge for their victory over injustice. If this effort of the federal judge does not remove the group from the terrorist list, but it at least "calls them into question."

Iman Moridi, sociology

And not only that, but in the final game of this season, the Spartans beat rival Fresno State.

It seems like fate that the last time the Spartans knocked off the Bulldogs, they went on to win a bowl game.

The Spartans this year played a relatively tough schedule that included games against Washington University, University of Hawai'i and Boise State University.

SJSU split the two games against the prestigious Pacific-10 Conference teams, beating its Bay Area rival. The win over Stanford University was the first time

SJSU beat a Pacific-10 Conference team in 11 tries.

And in the games against Washington and Boise State, the Spartans had a legitimate chance at an upset, but both times came up just short.

Of course no team in the nation defeated Boise State, who is currently ranked in the top 10 in the Bowl Championship Series standings.

The only game that got away from the Spartans

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### **MOCK**-Observers 'impressed' by campus response

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In the drill, University President Don Kassing immediately declared a state of emergency and activated SJSU's emergency response team, officially closing the campus as emergency crews evacuated students and faculty to safety.

"Housing staff have evacuated Campus Village," University Police Department Capt. William Coker said. Campus residents were transported by bus to the south campus, where they were provided with food and housing for 72 hours.

University Police Department Lt. Ronald J. Hackenberg said that the terrorist drill was a requirement from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which recently granted the department with \$25,000 to purchase emergency communications equipment.

"All CSUs have an emergency plan and an emergency response team," Hackenberg said. "This was the first one regarding terrorism. These were some very difficult situations to address."

Hackenberg said the mockterrorist drill was a coordinated event that included participation from the 61 members of the university's emergency response team, San Jose Police and Fire departments, the FBI and the UPD.

The 61-member team includes university faculty, administration and police, according to Hackenberg, who said that the team knew in advance that the mock drill would take place Thursday morning.

During regular hours, the emergency communications system will call members' cell phones and desk phones; after hours, the cell and home phone numbers are dialed, Hackenberg said.

Participants managed the fallout of the mock attack from the Emergency Operations Center,

> "We exercise a lot to try and teach everybody to manage an event when something like this happens." -Leslie Martin, **UPD** consultant

located on the second floor of the campus police department, under communications director Sylvia Light.

"San Jose State's prime goal is to make the campus safe," Light said at a 10:30 a.m. mock-news conference, which was set up to put emergency team officials "on the spot" with the news media.

Several writers from the Spartan Daily were on hand to participate, asking officials for more information than they were authorized to give.

Information from the FBI is authorized only through its public information officer, which kept the bureau's special agent Mike Mansuy mum throughout the press conference.

"They kept information close to the vest," Hackenberg said of the officials' response to reporters' questions.

The university also staged the drill with help from UPD's emergency management consultant, Leslie Martin.

"We exercise a lot to try and teach everybody to manage an event when something like this happens," Martin said.

Martin said that the mock drills help the emergency team to think on its feet and get a clear picture of the situation to determine an appropriate response.

Although all of the assessments are not in, Hackenberg said that several observers to Thursday's drill had positive comments.

"They saw the team fully engaged in the exercise and fully committed to the situation," Hackenberg said. "They were impressed by that?

There are also alternate members of the response team, in case someone is on vacation or has retired or quit, and an alternate location for the Emergency Operations Center, in case the police department is not available, Hackenberg said. He said the university is looking into a second alternative location.

Hackenberg said that this spring, his department would focus on the campus' individual teams that are responsible for evacuating students

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In a real emergency, UPD Lt. Ronald J. Hackenberg said that the campus building alarms would have alerted students and faculty to immediately evacuate.

Hackenberg said that it is important for everyone to be calm and take direction from those in charge of evacuating each building.

"Students and employees should call their loved ones that they're O.K.," said communications director Sylvia Light at the mock press conference.

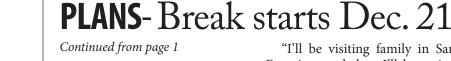
However, the emergency Web site also warns to "refrain from using cellular phones or portable walkie-talkies, as the radio frequency energy transmitted at the antenna could cause the detonation of any other devices in the area."

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science, works in a game store.

"I'm probably going to be working all through the holidays because I work in a game store, the GameStop at Eastridge Mall," Lin said. "I will also be visiting friends and family," Lin said.

Tina Su, a sophomore in business management, isn't working for a company.

"I don't have a job, per se, but I do have an online business and I might have my hands full with that," Su said.

James Montenegro, a sophomore majoring in business, is going to San Francisco for the holidays.

"I'll be visiting family in San Francisco and then I'll be trying to get a job for the break," Montenegro said.

Alex Nguyen, a junior majoring in electrical engineering, will be working at a nursing home.

"I am working at the nursing home over the holidays and going to the Christmas party they have there with the nurses and residents," Nguyen said. "I'm flying back to Las Vegas to be with family too."

Tiffany Chantasy, a freshman majoring in nursing, will continue to work at a sporting goods store.

"This holiday season I'll be working at Champs Sporting Goods in Eastridge and earn a commission, and go to Las Vegas to visit family."







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### **PARADE**-Holiday Parade one of the top 25 in country

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erone, "That's the coolest float ever."

Demetria Machado, special events coordinator, said there have been many changes since the tradition of the Holiday Parade was started 25 years ago.

"It basically has evolved over the years," Machado said.

She said the parade has gone from an evening event to a daytime event and the balloons have grown bigger over time.

"This (year includes) the most (floats) we've ever had," Machado said.

She added that there were more than 20 floats featured this year.

Among the floats were Miss Piggy, which, according to Machado, was one of the biggest, and Smokey the Bear, which had not been featured in the parade since the 90s, she said.

San Jose resident Terri Lampe said she was at the parade to see her son perform in Valley Christian High School's marching band.

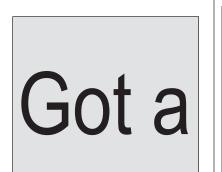
This was her second year attending the parade, Lampe said.

She added that when she attended last year, she thought the parade was "really neat" and said she asked herself, "Why haven't I been down here before?""

The San Jose State University Spartan Marching Band, Wilcox High School and Ida Price Middle School marching bands were a few of the others that also made appearances.

According to Machado, the parade is regarded as one of the top 25 parades in the United States.

Machado said the criteria used by the International Festival and Events Association include the "quality of entertainment," whether the parade is broadcast, the auxiliary event and how the parade engages the community.



Each balloon, float and featured member of the community evoked applause and loud cheers.

Some audience members were dancing to the various types of music being played by the bands or the music that blared out of the cars carrying the individuals featured in the parade.

The parade is just one of a series of events organized to help ring in the holiday season, Machado said.

Inflation Celebration, a free event that included live entertainment and showed how the balloons were inflated, took place on Saturday and kicked off the events, Machado said.

Before the parade began at 8:30 a.m., California Waste Solutions presented "Mrs. Claus' Breakfast Nook," a breakfast buffet that featured Mrs. Claus and some of the characters from the parade, Machado said.

Sunnyvale resident Dana Rashuk brought her three children to the parade and said this was the first Holiday Parade she attended in San Jose.

"It seems that (my children) like it a lot," Rashuk said.

Two of her children inched their way toward the front of the crowd to get a better look at the parade, while she held her littlest child on her hip.

"She's (been) holding her ears (the entire time)," Rashuk said regarding her younger daughter.

She added that she was not sure if she would return to the parade next year, depending on how the rest of this year's parade went.

The parade ended with the Grand Marshal, or featured celebrity, Noah Gray-Cabey from NBC's heroes making a special appearance along with Miss Teen USA 2006 Katie Blair at Paradefest, the after party, which took place at Christmas in the Park after the parade.



PEARLY CHAN/ DAILY STAFF

The Curious George balloon was one of the many oversized helium balloons that were walked down Santa Clara Street in the San Jose Holiday Parade on Sunday.

### **WEB SITE**- Supports integrity

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Jeffrey Gaines, a management information systems lecturer at SJSU, said he heard about Turnitin.com from other faculty members and thinks it is a good resource to use to support academic integrity.

"I think it is a good educational tool in understanding the varied degrees of plagiarism," Gaines said. "I will use it until there is a better tool."

Turnitin.com is a plagiarism prevention Web site. Professors who use the site require their students to upload papers or essays onto the site. The site then scans the submitted work against previously submitted work along with databases and Internet sites.

A report is generated for each submitted work to identify the percentage of plagiarized work and what was plagiarized.

The site does not treat things that are used in quotes said David Mesher, an English professor at SJSU. Professors need to evaluate what was identified as possible plagiarism.

"It helps students understand about plagiarism," Mesher said.

Once a paper is submitted to Turnitin.com, the site stores the paper for future use to compare it to other papers.

"The issue I know some students are questioning with it is the intellectual property rights," Mesher said.

Students have access to a vast amount of information on the Internet ranging from databases, articles, to previously written papers, said Diane Huynh, a junior majoring in finance.

"I think it is very tempting," Huynh said.

Some students, such as Martha Tran, knew of instances where others have purchased written papers and submitted to their professors. Tran said it is good that professors try to prevent plagiarism by using sites that can detect it.

Several professors that use Turnitin.com have identified students that do not know how to properly cite material they use in their work.

Gaines, who has used the site on and off for about five years, said students are not aware how to use material accurately.

Judith Lessow-Hurley, chair of the Academic Senate at SJSU, said she honestly believes plagiarism can be the result of misunderstanding on the students' part.

"People are not educated on when and how to properly attribute information," Lessow-Hurley said.

Lessow-Hurley said she does not have a need for plagiarism prevention sites for her classes and she wants to help students learn how to cite information properly. She said a good reader could notice plagiarism in the writing.

"I am not trying to play cop, I am trying to educate people," Lessow-Hurley said.

Some professors, such as Mesher, say students should not have to be concerned about uploading their work to Turnitin.com

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#### SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL

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## SPORTS

MONDAY **DECEMBER 4, 2006** 

**SPARTAN DAILY** 

### **RIVALRY**- Spartans defeat Fresno for first time in 16 years

Continued from page 1

"I don't really know how I got so many yards on the ground, I'm not that fast," Tafralis said. "I learned a lot from the Boise State University game about when I need to run the ball."

Before more than 20,000 fans in attendance had a chance to sit down, Tafralis hit wide receiver John Broussard on a post route for an 85-yard touchdown pass on the first play of the game. The pass play was the eighth longest in school history and was set-up by the aggressive play call by the SJSU coaching staff.

"There aren't a lot of people who can run one-on-one with Broussard," Tafralis said. "I saw the safety a little lower than he should have been and knew right then I was going to Broussard deep."

The Bulldogs' rough start would continue on their first play from scrimmage when quarterback Tom Brandstater's deep pass was intercepted at midfield by Spartan cornerback Christopher Owens, who returned the ball to the Bulldog 29-yard line. Only moments later, Tafralis threw his second touchdown pass of the day when he found fullback James T. Callier on the play-action pass giving SJSU a quick 14-0 lead three minutes into the contest.

"We wanted to be aggressive from the first play of the game," Tomey said. "We wanted to go out and start fast and get this thing, and our guys did an outstanding job of executing this afternoon."

Fresno State coach Pat Hill took the Bulldogs logo off his team's

the final four games of their season. Fresno bit SJSU back in the second quarter when star tailback Dwayne Wright went untouched into the end zone cutting the Spartan lead in half.

The crowd would be silenced minutes later when SJSU running back Patrick Perry was stripped by a Fresno State defender. Linebacker Alan Goodwin picked up the fumble and ran 28 yards for a touchdown tying the game at 14 with six minutes left in the half. A wild sequence ended the first half, after failing to draw Fresno State offsides on a fourth and seven

from mid-field, SJSU punted and downed the ball at the 1-yard line. A Fresno State player was called

#### "We wanted to be aggressive from the first play of the game. ... Our guys did an outstanding job of executing this afternoon." -Dick Tomey, SJSU head coach

for an "offside" penalty when he ran into the kicker, but the Spartans declined the 5-yard penalty because they pinned their opponent deep inside SJSU territory. A Fresno State challenge overturned the spot and resulted in a touchback and SJSU accepted the penalty and looked to try to get its opponent to jump offsides again and then punt. "A wild hair told me let's helmets challenging them to win just for go it," Tomey said.



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San Jose State University sophomore running back Patrick Perry is tackled during the Spartans' 24-14 win over Fresno State University on Saturday at Spartan Stadium.

Tafralis faked a handoff with the Fresno State defense looking to stop the run and went deep finding senior wide receiver James Jones between two defenders for the 42-yard touchdown pass on the play, giving SJSU a 21-14 lead going into the half. "I was surprised when the play came in," Jones said. "I read the coaches lips and saw 'max z go' and knew I was going to get a chance to make a play." Jones said the ball stuck to his bicep as he one-handed

the jump ball eluding the defenders into the end zone. "There was good coverage on

that play," Hill said. "Their guy made a heck of the play on the ball. It was a huge play because we wanted to go into the locker room tied." The defense rose to the occasion again in the second half posting

a shutout and recording a season high four interceptions on the day. "We'd get down deep in their territory and then we throw a pick," Hill said. "Their defense made all the big plays today when they needed them." In the final seven games of the

season, the Spartan defense allowed only 10 points in the second half. "We would get into the locker room and as a collective unit just

decided we weren't going to give up any more points" Owens said. TheBulldogsweredown10points

with less than a minute remaining on the clock., as Brandstater threw his fourth interception of the day when SJSU All-American Dwight Lowery recorded his school record ninth interception of the season to seal the game.

"They were in desperation mode in the end," Lowery said. "I wanted to take a smart chance to end the game right then." Lowery said he was visualizing the interception since Tuesday and wanted to break the record today.

"Our season isn't over," Lowery said. "All of our focus will be on the bowl game."

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San Jose State University senior safety Christopher Vedder, left, and senior defensive tackle Freddy McCutcheon celebrate after a big defensive play.

#### GAME STATISTICS BREAKDOWN

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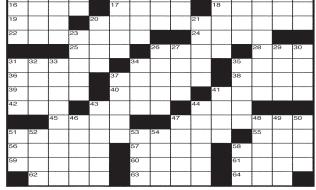
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# SPORTS

## Athletes show-off talent

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a total of 18 acts were shown

from the 16 SJSU athletic teams.

of the football team's four differ-

ent acts, an impersonation of the

Jackson Five, complete with Afros.

"I absolutley enjoyed it. It's

the most fun I've had in

six months."

-Don Kassing,

SJSU president

What sent the 300-plus in atten-

dance into roaring laughter was at

the end of the act when, "Michael,"

played by Spartan linebacker Tra-

vis Jones, was wondering where

The winner of the event was one

Angie McKinnell, the stu-

## All 16 SJSU teams represented in Spartan Idol; \$1,000 grant awarded

#### By Ryan Berg

Daily Staff Writer Music, dance, and quirky acts filled the Spartan Gym Thursday for San Jose State University's inaugural Spartan Idol talent contest.

The event, put on by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee gave some NCAA student-athletes the opportunity to show off their spirit as well as their ability to entertain.

"Iabsolutelyenjoyedit," saidSJSU President Don Kassing, who was one of the judges for the night. "It's the most fun I've had in six months."

Kassing said the event clearly showed that SJSU has many studentathletes who have a stage presence. "It really shows how multidimensional our studentathletes are," Kassing said. Among the acts put on were a hula dance by the women's tennis team, a re-enactment of a popular Saturday Night Live skit from the gymnastics team and a Tiger Woods inspired golf ball bouncing demonstration by Nick

Podesta of the men's golf team. "The team volunteered me," said Podesta, a freshman majoring in international busi-

### Tiger Woods inspired golf ballhis pet monkey was, when a frienduncing demonstration by Nickran out and jumped into his arms.

eam. Justin Paysinger, a senior majorme," ing in child development and a cenma- ter for the Spartan football team, was also part of the winning act.

#### SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Spartans lost both of their games in the Contra Costa Times Classic this weekend in Berkeley. On Saturday, San Jose State lost to Arkansas State 90-71. Freshman Brittany Helm led the team with 14 points. SJSU lost its second game of the weekend on Sunday to Harvard University 83-62. Helm earned All-Tournament Honors and reached double figures for the eighth straight game to lead SJSU with a team-high 17

"It was a good event," Paysinger said. "We had been practicing that act for a couple of weeks." Coming in second place was the women's volleyball team with their 1980s style dance routine. In third place was men's basketball with their assorted dance routines involving the Macarena, music by the Village People, George Clinton and a giant dancing penguin.

The winning team will receive VIP treatment at the upcoming SAMMYs award show, which, McKinnell said, is much like the ESPYs award banquet, but for college students. "This event is a good chance to

get to know the student-athletes on a different level," McKinnell said.

Also during event was a check presentation for \$1,000 to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee from the event's sponsor, Target. Chris Soderlund, a senior majoring in business management, came to support his neighbor, who is on the women's volleyball team. "It was funny," Soderlund said.

"It was a pretty entertaining event." Marcus Harper, a senior majoring in sociology, said he enjoyed coming out as well.

"It was a cool event and everything," Harper said. "The athletes coming together, putting on a show for the people, especially with the athletics going well."



Menelik Barbary, a senior majoring in sociology and a member of the San Jose State University men's basketball team, awaits his turn to perform during Spartan Idol on Thursday in the Spartan Gym.



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FCS	104	019	Nutrition	09:00	12:25	B106	3.00	39724
FCS	106	070	Child Develoent	01:00	04:25	B206	3.00	39725
GUIDE	101	010	Transfer Success	01:15	02:20	B203	1.00	39750

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HIST	103	001	Survey of American History	01:00	04:25	B209	3.00	39726
HIST	109	017A	History of the United States	09:00	12:25	B204	3.00	39727
HIST	110	017B	History of the United States	06:00	09:25	B209	3.00	39728
HUMNT	105	001	Intro to Visual and Perf Arts	01:00	04:25	B207	3.00	39729
MATH	101	011R	Review of Introductory Algebra	09:00	12:25	GE121	3.00	39755
MATH	105	061	Finite Mathematics	09:00	12:25	B202	3.00	39757
MATH	113	063	Elementary Statistics	09:00	12:25	B208	3.00	39758
MATH	114	063	Elementary Statistics	06:00	09:25	S123	3.00	39760
METEO	102	010	Weather and Climate	09:00	12:25	S122	3.00	39761
PED	101	011	Baseball Fundamentals	01:30	04:55	CAGE	1.00	39730
PED	106	039	Hatha Yoga	09:00	12:25	211D	1.00	39731
PED	108	055	Aerobics with Music	09:00	12:25	MULTI	1.00	39732
PED	117	056	Weight Training	09:00	12:25	308	1.00	39733
PHIL	103	010	Intro Phil: Metaphys/Epst/Eth	09:00	12:25	B207	3.00	39737
PHIL	108	060	Logic and Critical Thinking	01:00	04:25	B202	3.00	39738
POLSC	105	001	Politics and Govt in America	05:00	08:25	B204	3.00	39739
PSYCH	107	010	General Psychology	09:00	12:25	GE119	3.00	39740
PSYCH	108	010	General Psychology	06:00	09:25	B102	3.00	39741
PSYCH	105	092	Develoental Psychology	01:00	04:25	GE121	3.00	39742
PSYCH	103	100	Human Sexuality	06:00	09:25	B106	3.00	39743
SL	107	001A	Intro to American Sign Lang	09:00	12:25	B203	3.00	39744
SOC	104	010	Introduction to Sociology	01:00	04:25	B204	3.00	39746
SSCI	103	030	Mexican American Culture	09:00	12:25	B206	3.00	39747