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Annual festival kicks off

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Wednesday night marked the opening of the 17th annual Cinequest Film Festival. The festival kicked off with the premiere of Mira Nair's adapta-

tion of author Jhumpa Lahiri's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "The Namesake." The movie is about the melding of cultures, expectations and family traditions among Eastern Indians in America. Nair's other films include "Mississippi Masala" and "Monsoon

Wedding," which premiered at the Venice Film Festival. "It was fantastic — beautiful, I loved it," said Deila Caballero, a senior majoring in television, radio, film and theatre. Caballero said she has been attending Cinequest since she was a freshman at San Jose State University.

She said this year the company that she works for is sponsoring the event — enabling her to attend the opening night premiere and gala following the movie. Dana Nguyen, a freshman majoring in liberal studies, said she



PHOTO BY MEGAN WOOD / STAFF WRITER
Opening night marquee at the California Theatre.

History at times of war explored

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About 35 people attended a symposium Saturday about the history of San Jose State University at times of war. "We have a long tradition of our students volunteering for military service," said Jonathan Roth, chair of the history department and moderator of the event. "This is a tradition that goes back to the very beginning of our school and continues today — combining military service with education." The history department holds the Charles Burdick Memorial Military History Symposium each spring. This year's event focused on SJSU at war to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the founding of the university. "I am a history student, so this is really neat," said Lindsay Lutman, a sophomore majoring in history. "I am really into American military history. "My first reaction was, 'Wow, I am really small,' because history makes you feel really small, but inside you feel really big because of the history here at San Jose State, it is an honorable history."

The three-hour symposium featured three speakers. Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Hel-



PHOTO BY LAUREN SAGAR / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Hellen speaks at the "SJSU at War" presentation held in the Engineering building on Saturday.

Medal missing from statue

Bronze-colored tile fell off during a campus tour

MARK POWELL
STAFF WRITER

The bronze medal usually affixed to the statue honoring former San Jose State University student-athlete John Carlos was removed by a high school student during a campus tour on Wednesday, Feb. 21, an eyewitness said. Josh Weaver, a junior majoring in journalism, said that he observed students who were participating in a campus tour climbing on the statue dedicated to Carlos and fellow former SJSU student Tommie Smith. One male student reached up and pulled on the bronze-colored tile causing the medal to come off in his hand, Weaver said. "He started messing around and he pulled out the medal," Weaver said. The student looked at the medal, Weaver said, and then attempted to place it back onto the statue. According to Weaver, the medal stayed on the statue for a few seconds before falling onto the concrete platform causing it to break. The students backed away from the statue in shock and the campus tour guide walked over to pick up the broken medal, Weaver said. "I think that it's disrespectful to play around on the statue," said Sharmika Higgins, an SJSU graduate student. "Especially after what those two men went through." The student was part of a group of 11th-grade students visiting from Lodi High School, according to an SJSU tour schedule. Graduate student Maria Ramirez said that it was wrong for the students to be climbing around the statue but said that many younger students don't know the story of Carlos and Smith. "They should have had respect," Ramirez said. "But

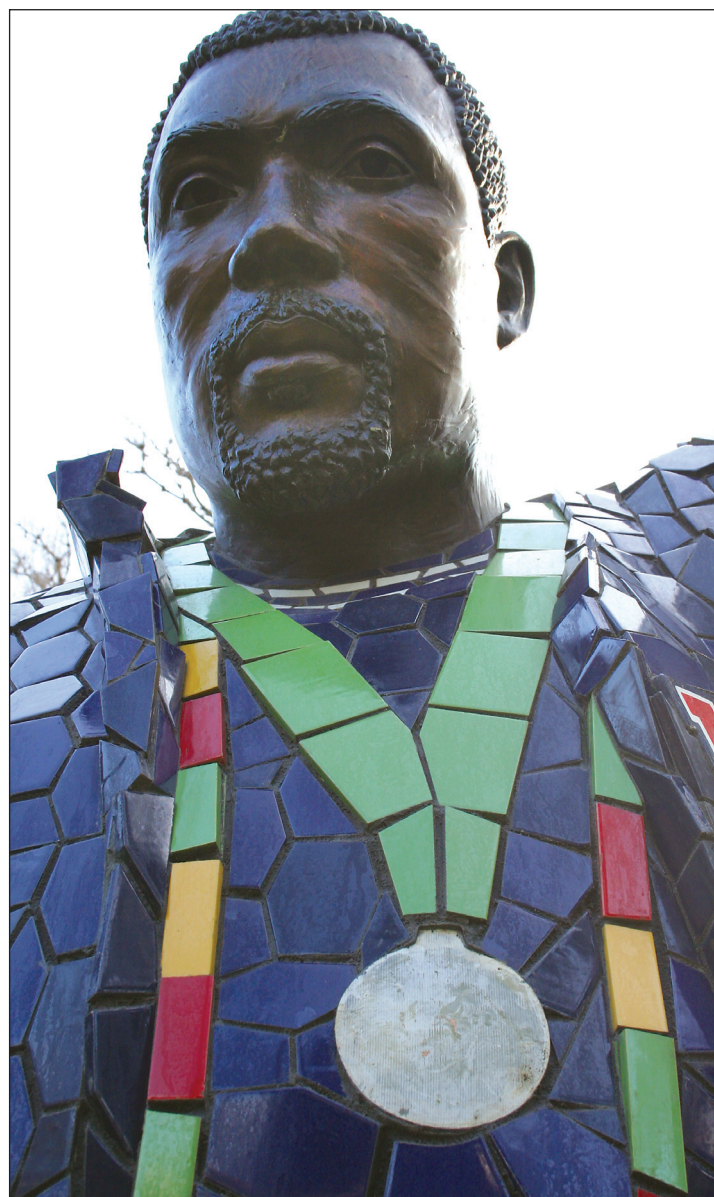


PHOTO BY STEPHANIA BEDNAR / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The medal is missing on the John Carlos statue located in front of the Dwight Bentel Hall.

they didn't know what the statue represented." SJSU student Devika Singh was leading the campus tour at the time and said she felt the high school students weren't doing anything wrong. "They were a really good group," Singh said. "Not doing anything crazy." According to Weaver, Singh and several adults that were with the students did not try to keep the students from "climbing on the statue." Singh said that the statue appeared to wobble while the students climbed on it, just before the medal fell.

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Number of international students grows

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The number of international students on campus increased in Fall 2006, according to the 2006 San Jose State University Internationalization Report, which outlines the international and extended studies' programs. "The programs are good," said Winny Raj, a graduate student in software engineering. "It really helps students with skills and finding jobs." According to the report, SJSU is among 143 United States universities that host more than 1,000 international students each year. Mark Novak, associate vice president of international and extended studies, said there are three main types of programs offered at SJSU for students who want to study abroad. There is a bilateral exchange program, which is for students who have a specific area of focus they intend to study, Novak said. There are also the CSU programs, which were designed to offer more options in academics in other countries. Novak said the faculty-led study abroad program makes it possible for students to study abroad for a shorter amount of time, such as three to six weeks. "These programs are fantastic," Novak said. "This is a global environment we are living in. These are very important skills students should have." Novak also said that students should have the ability to work in a multicultural environment and interact with people in different cultures and societies. "It helps us to let people know that United States and international students both live in the International House," said Leann Cherkasky Makhni, the

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SJ businesses offer student discounts

Movie theaters, restaurants among those lowering prices

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Carrying a San Jose State University student identification card downtown can result in some bargains on movies and food, some students said. Francisco Alvarado, a senior majoring in justice studies, said he goes to Camera 12 Cinemas on Second Street only because of the student discount. The discount reduces a \$9.50 movie ticket to \$7.50 any time except Saturday nights.

Camera 12 also offers a discount card not limited to students that provides 10 movie tickets for \$50. Manuel Servin, a freshman majoring in business and finance, said he also takes advantage of the student discount at Camera 12, but that downtown businesses do not cater to students. He said there is not much to do downtown besides eat for students under 21 because there are not any all-ages or 18-and-over clubs. "It's more for older people I guess," Servin said. "We go

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Downtown San Jose discounts available to SJSU students		
Who	Where	How Much?
Camera 12 Cinemas	201 South Second St.	\$2 off any movie ticket
The Pita Pit	151 South Second St.	Free drink with purchase of a pita
Iguana's Taqueria	330 South Third St.	10 percent off any purchase for students of any school
Tony Soprano's Pizzeria	87 East San Fernando St.	10 percent off any purchase

*Additional discounts inside

Listening Hour hosts award-winning singer

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STAFF WRITER

Three-time Grammy-nominated artist Luciana Souza performed a free concert for nearly 200 students and faculty of San Jose State University in the Concert Hall of the music building on March 1. The one-hour concert sponsored by SJSU School of Music and Dance in partnership with the Cypress String Quartet and San Francisco Performances as part of its Listening Hour concert series featured jazz vocalist Souza and her pianist Daniel Lockert. Rebecca Solomon, a junior majoring in recreation and leisure, said this performance was her favorite of the 10 Listening Hour concerts that she has attended so far this semester. "I want to buy her album now," Solomon said. "She was so passionate about her music. She put on such a good performance and the way that they worked together on stage was really nice."

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We cannot really love anybody with whom we never laugh.
— Agnes Repplier

EDITORIAL:

Former women's basketball coaches termination handled poorly

On Feb. 23 it was announced by the San Jose State University Athletic Department that women's basketball head coach Janice Richard's contract will not be renewed.

Richard was informed of her termination in a letter — delivered to her home by a mail carrier.

Seven seasons, hundreds upon hundreds of practices, 93 wins, one leave of absence to battle breast cancer and a woman's dedication and love for SJSU women's basketball was inundated and disregarded on a sheet paper with an SJSU Athletic Department letterhead.

The actual language of the letter remains personal between Richard and Athletic Director Tom Bowen.

However on behalf of the editorial board of the Spartan Daily, the contents of the letter do not disguise its complete irreverence for Richard and her contribution to SJSU.

Richard brought 13 years of coaching experience to SJSU when she accepted the position of the women's head basketball coach in 1999.

As head coach at Xavier University in New Orleans, Richard boasted a 159-34 record over six seasons. She was touted by the athletic department at the time as someone "who brings structure and discipline" to the program.

In hindsight her first season with the Spartans appeared to be nothing less than a letdown, but in one year under Richard, the team went from a 3-24 record to a nearly even 13-16. The 10-game turnaround was considered one of the greatest in the nation in 2001.

SJSU had not seen a winning women's bas-

ketball season since 1983 before Richard had arrived.

In the successful 2000-01 season, Richard's team won its first Western Athletic Conference tournament game in school history. They won the first away game at the University of Hawai'i in school history. The team went on a five-game winning streak, the first time since the 1982-83 season. Under Richard's vision, 11 school records were either set or tied in the Hoosiers-like

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season.

Everything seemingly was going as planned, the program was being rebuilt under the jurisdiction of Richard and her coaching staff, and in 2005 she was asked to stay on board for two more seasons.

Upon announcement of Richard's contract extension, Bowen said on the official Spartan Web site, "As Janice begins her seventh season, I feel great pride in being able to offer her a new contract and look forward to her continued success in the athletic and academic arenas."

In August of 2006, the ensuing season would be cut short for Richard, as the athletic department granted her a leave of absence to begin chemotherapy

for breast cancer.

Richard believed her job would be here after a year — "You know, I thought that was the way it was going to go," Richard said in a Feb. 26 article in the Spartan Daily. "That I'd be able to take the year off and take care of what I needed to take care of medically and then be ready to return to the team after it was over. And it didn't happen, and I understand that because I've been in the business long enough."

A job that included WAC all-star and SJSU starter Amber Jackson transferring to Indiana University and claims that assistant coach Greg Lockridge was to blame for running Jackson off, a sexual-assault accusation against a men's basketball player and less-than average academic progress by the women, according to a article in December in the San Jose Mercury News. The NCAA dissolved two full scholarships for next season because of poor grades. A 2.0 grade point average is required by all athletes to remain eligible. After Lockridge's own termination, assistant men's basketball coach Derrick Allen stepped up midway through the season to coach the women's basketball team.

With a dismal 4-25 record, what the team needs is Richard. She did it in 1999 and she was ready to return to coaching next season.

Yet, Richard said she will likely return to her home in Louisiana, leaving the disheveled SJSU women's basketball team on their own.

The means of informing Richard is the indiscreet and nonsensical equivalent of ending a relationship via text message.

Richard cared for your team.

She led the team to 13 wins in the 2000-01 season, the most wins SJSU had seen in six years and showed all it was not a fluke season with 17 wins during the 2001-02 season.

She represented SJSU as the WAC Coach of the Year that same season, the fifth time Richard was named Coach of the Year — four times by the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference while at Xavier.

As some players described she was "like a mother." Through winning and losing seasons, Richard was on the sideline on those lonely Thursday night games when half of the stands couldn't beg to be filled.

She was there.

At the women's basketball Senior Night two weeks ago, Richard walked in alone behind the home bench, waving to friends in the stands and stopping to say "hello."

Yet she did not travel very far as players began to stand up from their seats and embrace Richard.

She may have discovered her termination in an unexpected and perhaps lonely way, but Richard gracefully finished atop the ethical mountain of a sordid business decision.

The athletic department deserved to show more compassion for a person — who was not just a coach nor a paycheck nor a business investment — but a woman who led your team to victory and demonstrated the kind of leadership the SJSU women's basketball team once thrived on and could use now.

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Today

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

The SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry will be holding a Daily Mass at 12:10 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry Center. For more information, contact Jose Rubio at (408) 938-1610.

IRB Workshop

An IRB workshop is being held from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Student Services Center, room 603. For more information, contact Alena Filip at Alena.Filip@sjsu.edu.

SAM Club Speaker Series

Empire Equity's Mortgage consultant Judy Johnson reveals valuable knowledge about business from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Student Union, Costanoan room. For more information, e-mail sam.publicity@yahoo.com.

Dear Editor,

Regarding the Feb. 23 article about the Student Initiative to restore a CSU identity at San Jose State University, the CSU restoration movement in San Jose is far from a two-man crusade.

The petition was initiated by a student who is a member of the 295-member CSU Students of San Jose. A second student member of this group spoke up to defend the initiative when SJSU officials tried to suppress it. Both students were represented by an alumnus, acting as their volunteer legal counsel. Members of the school's student MBA Association also signed and support petition and initiative. One hundred and fifty one students in total signed the petition, and about 85 percent of these people said they

Tuesday

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

The SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry will be holding a "Hour of Power — Rosary Prayer Night," at 8 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry Center. For more information, contact Kay Polintan at (408) 938-1610.

The Listening Hour Concert Series

The School of Music and Dance present live music with The 186 Jazz Combo from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall. For more information, contact Joan Stubbe at (408) 924-4649.

would also vote for the Initiative. Also, according to Google, there are at least 26,500 Web pages using the words "California State University, San Jose," most of which are Spartans using that name to market their degrees.

Having a student vote is about trying to "force" anything. On the contrary, it's the ultimate in student democracy. It is improper for SJSU officials like Jennifer Cauble to be campaigning against the Initiative. She and all other SJSU administrators and professors should keep quiet and let the students decide.

Michael Harold
Counsel for the Petitioning Students & Founder
CSU Students of San Jose

WHAT'S THE DEAL:

Interesting, odd and funny news stories that I've come across

After reading the news for hours on-end here in the Spartan Daily newsroom, I've come across quite a few interesting stories that got me thinking: What is going on in the world?

I compiled some of the most odd and interesting stories and I will give my thoughts on them.

Lets start off with the Agent France-Press, which reported that six powers will discuss a new U.N. resolution on Iran. One of the powers just happens to be the United States.

In a perfect world, maybe we can get six super powers who consist of Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, The Flash, Green Lantern and Aquaman — let's call them the Justice League and they can come up with a new resolu-

tion.

The next story involves steroids, since they have been running rampant in the news lately, especially since most news outlets have been reporting that former heavyweight-boxing champion Evander Holyfield has now been linked to it.

He is denying the claims saying he isn't linked to any steroids and questions reporters saying, "Enhance me to do what?"

The 45-year-old former champ is looking to get back into boxing, it's no surprise since another former heavyweight champion, George Foreman, was able to capture the title at that age.

I think Holyfield doesn't want an ear-full of anything that has to do with steroids. If that doesn't work, he should get into the infomercial business, I don't know, maybe selling Urine Gone? It's nothing like selling George Foreman Grills, but it's a hot item — plus you get a scientific black light.

Next up is Mr. Prerogative himself, bad boy Bobby Brown.

The Associated Press reported that Hot 99.5

FM, a radio station that broadcasts in Washington D.C., posted bail for the R&B star, where he was locked up for late-child support payments. He will be working with the station for a week discussing what he did wrong and how he can turn his life

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around.

Good job bad boy Brown. I think the Spartan Daily should pay for his bail the next time he gets locked up. For us, he will perform "Every Little Step I Take" in the middle of the newsroom for a week straight.

Anyone of that time-era should come up and watch him; we'll even make fake letters of the name of the song for him to dance around.

The next pop star hitting the news is Michael Jackson, who will be hosting a VIP party in Tokyo, Japan, where he is charging guests \$3,500 for 30 seconds to one minute to mingle with him, according to the Associated Press.

There is no way I'd pay a ridiculous amount like that and if I had to pay to see the king of pop, then he has to do a performance with a really bright shirt like in his "Rock With You" video.

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New writing center officially opens doors

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The official opening of San Jose State University's new writing center took place on March 1 in Room 126 of Clark Hall — the location of the center that has been assisting students since Feb. 5.

About 25 to 30 people gathered at the event, mainly professors, faculty-in-residence, librarians and staff members that worked on the funding for the new center.

"This is the effort of the writing requirement committee. One of our goals is to enhance academic quality," said Carmen Sigler, the provost of the university who is the main figure behind the center's creation.

"Without her we could not have the writing center because she allocated the funds," said Linda C. Mitchell, director of the writing center and professor of English.

"The university planning board was the group that approved the money," said Nancie Fimbel, professor of business and faculty-in-residence of the writing center.

Mitchell spoke about the persons to be recognized at the event and an honor was

given to Provost Sigler, who received a collection of work done by students that were helped at the center

The library is another center where students can go for help said Harry C. Meserve, reference and instruction librarian for medical information.

"We're trying to build a partnership (with the center) because when students write, they have to write about something," said Meserve. "The tutors can help them with writing skills and we can help them with how to find the information."

Meserve said that the library has its own workshops but networking with the other services on campus would be best for the students.

"We work with anybody who's interested in helping students figure out how to do their academic work," Meserve said.

Roselli Domenic, a senior majoring in business, said he'll use the writing center for help with his workshop assignments.

Michelle Perry, one of the writing center's tutors said, "It's nice to be able to feel that we're all helping people help themselves and do better in their studies — get the education that they come here for."

Study- CA hosts largest number of foreign students in U.S.

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director of the International House.

Makhni also added that SJSU offers a program called Studies in American Languages, which is separate from the international programs.

Studies in American Languages is directed to students who need help learning the English language.

"It's very helpful to improve my English," said Hiro Inamori, a senior exchange student from Japan majoring in business.

Ghazi Alanzi, a freshman at SJSU from Saudi Arabia, who is also in the Studies in American Languages program, said the program has been really helpful.

According to SJSU's 2006 Internationalization Report, California is the leading host state for international students, with 75,385 study-

ing in 2006. There were 1,565 international students who were hosted at SJSU in 2005-2006.

The top five areas of study for SJSU international graduate students includes electrical engineering, computer engineering, general engineering, business, linguistics and language development.

Marine Serre, who is studying abroad at SJSU from Paris and is receiving her masters in software engineering, said that she applied in Texas and Canada, but they both referred her to SJSU because of its location in the Silicon Valley.

"I really liked the first two days of orientation, they explained how to take advantage of all the programs," Serre said. "We get overwhelmed by all the information, but find it useful."

Omar Gonzalez, who is from Spain and is

studying electrical engineering at SJSU, said he found it hard to find classes and is now only taking three courses, whereas, at home he would be in at least five courses.

"The program is good otherwise," Gonzalez said. "I wouldn't have the opportunity to go here."

"It helped me to gain weight," joked JC Yang, a junior from Hong Kong.

"The experience of different classes and teaching styles," Yang said. "Learning languages, management and informational systems is what Silicon Valley is doing"

Julia Lang, a freshman art major and the office assistant for the International House, said she is enthusiastic about going to study abroad in Bath, England next spring.

"I think that it's a great chance to explore other cultures and broaden my horizons," Lang said.

Carlos- Witness said high school students 'climbed' on statue

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SJSU junior Abhishek Kasturi, who was working as a campus tour

guide that day said he later saw Singh in the Campus Tours office with the medal, which had been broken into three pieces.

Weaver said that Singh picked

up the broken medal and set it on the statue platform. Singh walked back to the statue and picked up the medal again, Weaver said.

medal.

The president's office called Facilities, Development and Operations officials to relay the information about the medal, Singh said.

"Someone from facilities came by in like two or three days to pick up the pieces," Singh said.

The medal was kept in the Campus Tours office until facilities officials picked up the medal, Singh said.

Singh said that a facilities official e-mailed her requesting information on how the medal was dislodged and to thank her for returning the pieces.

"I don't think people should be allowed to play around the statue," Kasturi said, "because it was built to honor John Carlos and Tommie Smith."



PHOTO BY STEPHANIA BEDNAR / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The statues of John Carlos and Tommie Smith are silhouetted against the blue sky.

**"I don't think people should be allowed to play around the statue."
-Abhishek Kasturi,
SJSU junior**

Singh said she brought the medal back to the Campus Tours Office in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library and called the Office of the President to report the broken

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downtown just to eat, and that's it — not to have fun.”

Servin said the only places he eats at downtown are La Victoria Taqueria and Jack in the Box, which stand side-by-side on San

Carlos Street. He said he is pleased with those restaurants because the food is good and the prices are reasonable.

Jennie Guy, a sophomore majoring in electrical engineering, said she also likes La Victoria in addition to the Pita Pit on Second Street.

Guy's friend, Kim Lopez, an undeclared sophomore, said she likes Iguana's on Third Street.

The Pita Pit offers students a free drink with the purchase of a pita, and Iguana's offers students 10 percent off any purchase, but Guy and Lopez said they did not

know of any student discounts downtown.

They said they do take advantage of a free-drink deal at Chipotle Mexican Grill, which can be found in Sunnyvale and Cupertino, and both said they wish there was a Chipotle downtown.

However, Lopez said she is happy with the food choices available downtown.

“There's definitely a good range of different food variety,” she said. “We have everything in walking distance.”

Aaron Nicol, a junior majoring in sociology, said he thinks San Jose does not have good Mexican restaurants, despite going to La Victoria. Nicol, who said he spends most of his weekends in Santa Cruz, said he prefers Taqueria Vallarta and Tacos Morenos in Santa Cruz.

Aditya Maturi, a graduate student majoring in computer networks and software engineering, said McDonald's, Pizza My Heart, La Victoria and Jack in the Box, all of which are located on San Carlos Street, are good choices for college students because they are inexpensive and open late. He said he was pleased



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La Victoria, a Mexican restaurant located on East San Carlos Street, is open until 3 a.m. daily. Picture was taken at 9:08 p.m. to show the demand late at night.

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However, he said he doesn't go to several restaurants that are out of the price range of most college students, such as Fahrenheit Ultra Lounge and Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant, both of which are on San Fernando Street.

Maturi said he thinks downtown should cater more to international students.

“Since I am from India, I wish

there was an Indian restaurant downtown. There is one, but it's not really authentic cuisine,” he said of the Tandoori Oven on First Street, which does not have a student discount.

While it may not be “authentic cuisine,” the Tandoori Oven is a favorite of Surmi Chatterjee, a master's student majoring in computer engineering.

“It's a little expensive,” she said. “But the quality goes along with that.”

Additional downtown discounts

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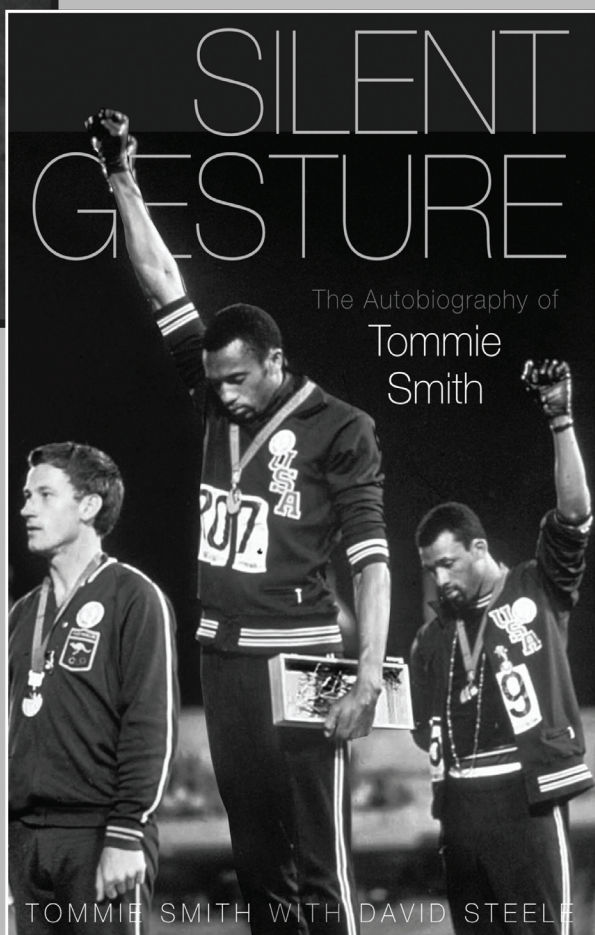
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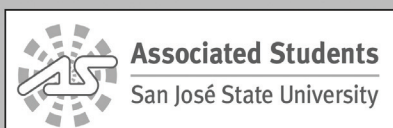


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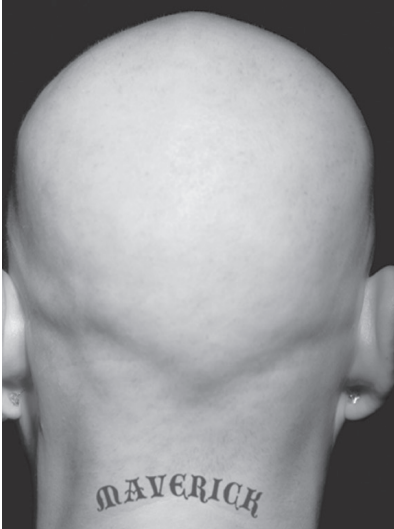
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came to Cinequest last year and enjoyed it so much that she came back this year.

"It was really cool," Nguyen said. "I'm definitely going to try to catch more screenings this year."

After the event, filmmakers and guests joined at Paragon restaurant in the Hotel Montgomery for the opening night gala with appetizers,

desserts, cocktails and entertainment.

"This is such a cool event," Caballero said. "The premier and the gala is what everyone wants to go to. ... This makes San Jose much more influential in the film industry, and it really puts SJSU on the map as far as schools go."

Thursday night was Cinequest's first ever College Night, with free tickets for college students.

"You Are Here," directed by Henry Pincus, premiered at the California Theatre on Thursday evening.

The film featured Adam Campbell from "Date Movie" and Danny Masterson of "That '70s Show."

The movie is a rehashing of events after an evening of partying, romance and mishaps and is told from the perspectives of the major characters.

"We actually had an idea like this," said freshman Riley Richards, "to make a movie of the crazy things that happen to us ... this totally inspired us."

The film was a big hit among those who attended and they expressed their enthusiasm for the film during the question-and-answer session following the film.

Henry Pincus answered a myriad of questions about the drug in

the movie, where his inspiration came from and the budget of the film.

He said the film was shot over 22 days and was made with a budget of \$1.5 million. Pincus' idea came from a time in his life when he moved to Los Angeles to pursue film. He explained how, at the time, Los Angeles was bursting with people trying to get into acting and film, and that the atmosphere was frenetic and wild.

"I don't think I'll go to any other screenings just because I don't want to ruin the experience for

me," Richards said. "... Nothing could top that."

Freshmen Corey Kelly and David Haefele agreed that they would probably catch a few more films throughout the week.

College students receive \$5 tickets with a valid student I.D for all film screenings and events.

Cinequest continues this week and ends on March 11.

A schedule of screenings, forums and events can be found in the Cinequest programs in various locations on campus as well as online at www.cinequest.org.

History- SJSU was 1st internment stop

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len, the commander of the Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps, spoke first about the history of the ROTC program at the university.

"San Jose State has been pumping officers into the Air Force for 60 years," Hellen said. "We have been here as long as the Air Force has been in existence."

The current ROTC detachment stationed at SJSU includes 54 students from 12 area universities and junior colleges, Hellen said.

Hellen also pointed out that recognized alumni Tommie Smith, winner of a gold medal in the 1968 Mexico City Olympics and civil rights activist, and Brigadier General Anthony Jackson, the deputy commander of the U.S. Marine Force's central command, participated in the ROTC while they were at the university.

Following Hellen's remarks, James Walsh, an emeritus history professor, spoke on SJSU's involvement in World Wars I and II.

Walsh, the author of multiple history books about SJSU, said that World War II particularly

impacted the university. During that war alone, some 4,200 SJSU students served in the military.

It was the quality and creativity of the university's leaders that helped the school to continue in times of low enrollment during war, Walsh said.

"San Jose State, over the course of its history, has been blessed by its leaders, and that is particularly true at times of war," Walsh said.

Stephen Payne, the command historian of the Army's defense language training institute and a former SJSU student and professor, was the concluding speaker.

Payne spoke about the Japanese internment during World War II.

For some of the people interned, SJSU was the first stop as they were ordered to gather at the university's gym, Payne said.

The same gym is now called Yoshihiro Uchida Hall in honor of Yoshihiro Uchida. Uchida served in the military during the World War II and went on to build a successful judo team at SJSU.

He also coached the U.S. Olympic judo team only 20 years after the U.S. government interned other Japanese-Americans, Payne said.

Jazz- Singer also teaches at Manhattan school

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Souza, who has recorded six critically acclaimed albums, three of which were Grammy-nominated for best jazz vocal album, sang nine songs on the glowing accent lit stage while being accompanied by the alluring jazz sound from Lockert's black grand piano.

Souza's versatile style changed by song where she would sing an elegant slow piece and follow that song with an up-tempo performance.

Solora Foxide, a senior majoring in biology, said the angelic sound of Souza's voice made the performance incredible.

I thought it was inspiring," Foxide said. "For people that had an opportunity to go to this performance and instead went home to study or something — they really missed out because she was a really great performer."

Lockert has been playing piano since age five, performed a four-minute solo piece for the audience in addi-

tion to the songs performed by Souza.

Souza, who, according to her Web site, was awarded female singer of the year in 2005 by the Jazz Journalist Association, said coming to SJSU was good because the crowd seemed very excited about her music.

"I am a teacher myself so I understand how to relate to an audience like this," Souza said. "We had a very intimate and respectful audience and it was a pleasure to come here. They are places where music happens, and this is one of them."

At the conclusion of the concert, both Souza and Lockert entertained numerous questions from the audience. Souza, a native of Brazil, currently teaches at Manhattan School of Music in New York in addition to recording her music according to her Web site.

Lorianna Dace, a senior majoring in psychology, said the concert was very entertaining.

"I enjoyed it," Dace said. "I thought it was very good. We have to come here for our class but of the



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Luciana Souza, a Brazilian jazz vocalist, gave a presentation Thursday in the Music Hall. Souza has been nominated for a grammy three times as a jazz vocal artist, and was awarded Female Jazz Singer of the Year, by the Jazz Journalists Association.

concerts I've been to this semester, this was by far my favorite."

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Jones breaks out at NFL combine

Former Spartan wideout proud of his 40-yard dash time, bench press

GREG LYDON

COPY EDITOR

Thirty-two teams, 150 scouts, coaches from coast-to-coast and the eyes of the National Football League were upon San Jose State University wide receiver James Jones.

On April 28th and 29th, in New York City, the NFL draft will take place and Jones' name is expected to be called during the seven-round draft.

The journey towards his dream of becoming a professional football player started Feb. 22, when Jones arrived in Indianapolis for the NFL combine.

The combine is a six-day event held where all 32 NFL teams gather to search for the next future stars of the NFL.

An invite-only event, the combine is a chance for college players across the country to showcase their on-field excellence, along with letting teams meet with players up close and personal.

Jones' schedule during his four-day stay at the combine was jam-packed with individual interviews with teams, media and doctors as players were studied from every angle imaginable.

After a breakout senior season where Jones helped lead SJSU

to its first bowl berth since 1990, Jones took the combine scrutiny in stride and didn't let nerves get in the way of his dreams.

"I talked to my mom, my grandma — this is a time in my life where I'm just enjoying the moment," Jones said. "My agent helped prepare me for what was going to come at the combine. I expected it to be a whole lot worse."

According to sjsuspartans.com, Jones was listed at 6-foot-1, 210 pounds for the 2006 season.

Using his size and strength, Jones recorded 70 catches for 813 yards during his senior season, with 12 touchdowns.

Jones didn't miss the chance to make an impression on a national stage leaving a lasting impression on scouts and coaches during day three of the combine.

Tying a combine record, Jones bench-pressed 225 pounds 22 times, tying the record for wide receivers.

"I think people were shocked I could hit that number," Jones said. "My strength has always been one of my strongest attributes and I wanted to go out and show all the scouts watching what I could do."

The first day of the combine all players went straight to the hospital spending hours going through questions about their past medical history and injuries, Jones said.

"Teams don't want damaged goods," Jones said.

Once the tests at the hospital were done, Jones went onto individual interviews with several teams.

Jones said that he met with coaches from the Atlanta Falcons, Green Bay Packers, Detroit Lions and the San Francisco 49ers.

"It was a great experience to meet with all the teams," Jones said in a phone interview.

The final day in Indianapolis the former Spartan wideout recorded the seventh fastest time in the 20-yard shuttle running a 4.20 and ran a 4.51 in the 40-yard dash.

"I'm happy with the way I tested," Jones said in the phone interview. "I think scouts thought I was slower so I was happy running a 4.5."

A local product, Jones attended Gunderson High School in San Jose and encountered a familiar face during passing drills, former Stanford quarterback Trent Edwards who threw to him during the drills.

"I played against Trent in high school," Jones said in a phone interview. "Trent went to Los Gatos High School, so it was a comforting feeling to see someone you've known for a long time out there going through this same as you."

Jones said, he had a good time getting to know all the wide receivers in my group and didn't drop a ball during the passing drills.

Some of the top receivers in the country were in Jones' group including Ohio State University's Ted Ginn Jr. and projected top-five pick in the 2007 draft Georgia Tech University's Calvin Johnson.

Next up is SJSU Pro Day on March 6 where teams can get another look at Jones, who will run the 40-yard dash again to see if he can improve his combine time.

"The draft is unpredictable so I don't know where I'll go," Jones said. "After Pro Day it's just a lot of waiting. A lot of anxious moments until I hear my name get called."



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Gymnasts grab the gold

At the last home meet of the season, the Spartans send off four seniors in a win over CSU Fullerton, 193.250 to 192.800



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San Jose State University freshman Kelli Fournier, competes on the balance beam Friday against CSU Fullerton.

MEGAN WOOD

STAFF WRITER

The San Jose State University's women's team gymnastics held its last home meet Friday against Cal State University Fullerton, winning with a score of 193.250.

"The seniors are a little sad, but I told the team that this meet is for the seniors ... put your heart and soul in it," coach Wayne Wright said.

The final home meet began by honoring the Spartans' graduating seniors Raylyn Cardeno, Danielle Johnson, Greta Leach and Liz Major.

"It's sad, competing at home is always fun and exciting ... the crowd is more supportive, I'll definitely miss this," Cardeno said.

The team competed 23-24 — which meant that throughout the evening there was only one fall out of the Spartans' 24 routines.

"It feels awesome," Wright said. "We get closer to our goal at each meet."

Senior Liz Major scored a season-high of 9.700 on bars, while freshman Jessica Khoshnood scored a career-best 9.750 on balance beam.

"I did really well," Khoshnood said. "I made up for my last meet. This was a good sending off for the seniors."

SJSU started the meet on vault with a final score of 48.175.

Competing in the event was Michelle Minotti in first with 9.750 an improvement from last week's meet, Veronica Porte finished in fifth with a score of 9.475.

"I felt a lot better than my last meet, I felt more confident — the team support and the fans helped a lot," Louie said.

The Spartans moved onto bars finishing with a team score of

48.400. Finishing in first place was Porte with a score of 9.775, followed by Liz Major with a 9.700, and Khoshnood with 9.675 in third.

"It doesn't really matter to me how well I do," Khoshnood said. "I'm here for the team, if they do well I'm happy."

The third rotation found SJSU on the balance beam finishing with a team score of 48.075.

Khoshnood finished first with 9.750 followed closely by all-around gymnast Porte with a score of 9.700.

Minotti came in third with a score of 9.650 followed by Kelli Fournier with a 9.500, Leah Bigelow with 9.475 and Alise Blackwell with 9.125.

"This was really exciting, this is my fourth meet and I stuck my routine ... I think I did great," Louie said.

The Spartans finished on floor with a final score of 48.600, the best of the evening.

Veronica Porte earned the best score of the night with a 9.850, followed by Alise Blackwell with 9.800.

Also competing in the event and finishing in fourth with a score of 9.650 was Gabby Targosz.

"My first event of the night was a little shaky, but I got stronger and more confident as the night went on," Targosz said. "I feel pretty good about my performance."

Porte took first place among the all-around competitors with a score of 39.050.

"The judging was tight tonight," Wright said. "I know we could have gotten much higher scores, but we don't focus on things we can't control, we just continue to do what we do."

The Spartan's next meet is scheduled for March 9th against Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Utah.

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