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33 dead after shooting on Virginia Tech campus

SJSU students react to tragedy

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Yesterday's shootings at Virginia Tech University had students of San Jose State University shocked, upset and worried about their safety on a college campus.

"I feel protected at this school, but obviously those people at Virginia Tech did too," said Leo Cortez, a senior majoring in justice studies. "It can happen anywhere"

SJSU University Police Sgt. John Laws said university police departments don't expect shootings on

college campuses, and that they can only work to stop a shooting once it has begun.

"This kind of incident has so many variables that it's almost impossible to prevent it," Laws said, "much less stop it once it happens."

Several students were bothered by the two-hour interval between shootings, questioning why the gunman was not caught, why the university didn't notify people faster, and why the university was not immediately shut down.

"I was pissed off because apparently the first shoot-

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Attacks took place two hours apart

SUE LINDSEY

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLACKSBURG, Va. — A gunman massacred 32 people at Virginia Tech in the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history Monday, cutting down his victims in two attacks two hours apart before the university could grasp what was happening and warn students.

The bloodbath ended with the gunman committing suicide, bringing the death toll to 33 and stamping the campus in the picturesque Blue Ridge Moun-

tains with unspeakable tragedy, perhaps forever.

Investigators gave no motive for the attack. The gunman's name was not immediately released, and it was not known whether he was a student.

"Today the university was struck with a tragedy that we consider of monumental proportions," Virginia Tech President Charles Steger said. "The university is shocked and indeed horrified."

But he was also faced with difficult questions about the university's handling of the emergency and whether it did enough to warn students and pro-

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Study shows voter concern with president

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STAFF WRITER

The majority of Californians believe President Bush lies.

According to a recent study done by the Survey and Policy Research Institute at San Jose State University, about 65 percent of adults and voters in California feel that the president is not telling the American people the truth.

"If the truth came out, who knows what would happen," said Tim Leong, Jr., a junior majoring in kinesiology. "He just has this unsure way of doing things."

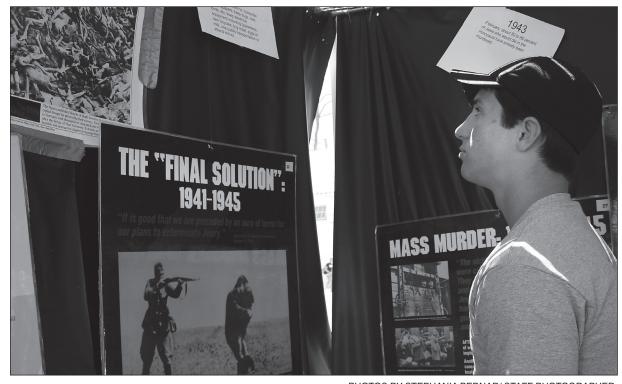
Christina Delavar, a sophomore majoring in music, said that she feels the president cannot be trusted.

"Absolutely not," she said. "I think everyone knows that by now."

The survey also shows that while 23 percent of Californians disapprove of Bush's policies, 57 percent of California adults and 62 percent of voters approve of the way Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is handling state policies.

"He's fighting global warming, he's going around the country talking about post partisanship and how we need to get beyond this partisan bickering, and Californians really like that," said Melinda Jackson, the survey's director and an assistant professor of political science at SJSU. "The Republicans in the state assembly feel like he's not a true Republican or that he's not representing their interests, but everyone else really likes it, his approval is high."

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PHOTOS BY STEPHANIA BEDNAR/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER, looks at images of the Holocaust on Monday. BELOW: The

ABOVE: Elliot Fine, an international student majoring in business, looks at images of the Holocaust on Monday. BELOW: The Jewish Holocaust remembrance booth displays a flag with a swastika and other Nazi paraphernalia.

Holocaust remembered

Monday memorial part of week-long event



JOSH WEAVER

STAFF WRITER

As part of Genocide Holocaust Week, the Jewish Student Union teamed up with Hillel of Silicon Valley to create a memorial dedicated to the more than 6.3 million people who died during the Holocaust and to commemorate those who survived it.

Amir Margittai, the president of the Jewish Student Union at San Jose State University, said his grandfather, a survivor of the Holocaust, never speaks about his personal experiences and

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City releases report on stadium

Details plans for facility funding

KYLE HANSEN

STAFF WRITER

A new combined soccer and football stadium at San Jose State University's south campus would not use any city or student money to be built, according to a report released yesterday by the city of San Jose.

SJSU President Don Kassing has been in discussions with Oakland Athletics owner Lew Wolff and Mayor Chuck Reed over the past several months regarding the new stadium, however, the report is the first time specific details have officially been released to the public.

Wolff's plan for a new stadium calls for the facility to be built on university property adjacent to the existing Spartan Stadium, which would then be torn down. The new stadium would house both the SJSU football team and a new Major League Soccer team, to be called the Earthquakes.

Paul Krutko, the author of the report and the city's chief development officer, said that having a new stadium would help improve both the city's and the university's images.

"We believe that San Jose State University is the city's other franchise," Krutko said. "We believe

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Students focus on sustainability

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STAFF WRITER

Climate change, unfair trade and social injustice, are they recycled ideas or inconvenient truths?

San Jose State University's Sustainability Week will host four days of events dedicated to engage students both environmentally and socially.

"Sustainability is about long-term planning and thinking ahead and only using as many resources as our planet can regenerate," said Amie Frisch, the director the Environmental Resource Center.

Frisch said a sustainable earth would be a place where laborers are paid fairly and food is grown organically. Frisch said food is people's basic connection to earth and encourages students to take part in the cooking lesson using organic food at the dining commons at 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

Nora Ly, a member of the campus group Sustainable Markets and Responsible Trade Project and an alumna of SJSU, said students could start learning how to support the sustainability of the earth for future generations by attending a speech by former sweatshop worker Carmencita Abad's speech on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King Library.

"There is a lack of awareness of a broader world outside of our own," Ly said. "You can make a world of difference, it just takes tiny steps."

Ly said students can take those steps toward change by patronizing small businesses, like a local coffee shop that sells fair trade coffee.

Fair trade activist, Candi Smucker discussed the concept of ethical trade yesterday and a discussion

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SJSU residents consider housing options

KEVIN RAND

STAFF WRITER

"It's too expensive for me right now."

Or, "It's super convenient."
Or, "The bathrooms are just gross."

These are a few of the differing opinions offered by some of the 50 on-campus residents who, in a survey, were asked if they will be returning to live at

San Jose State University next school year.

Of the 50 polled students, 32 said they will return

while the other 18 said they will live off campus. "I'm staying for safety reasons," said Jacilyn Williams, a junior majoring in animation illustration, "plus my classes are close."

The most attractive features of on-campus housing for some of those returning are convenience and a sense of community.

Others who aren't returning, like Kristen Cardner, a freshman majoring in theater arts, chose not to live on campus again for financial reasons.

"I'm on financial aid, and I don't like having to pull out more loans to live on campus," she said.

Krista Slowikowski, a freshman majoring in hospitality management, said, "I live in the bricks, and they're not worth what you pay."

She said for the more than \$800 dollars per month cost, the amenities such as the shared bathrooms and small living quarters aren't worth her money.

On-campus student housing fees range from \$653 to \$1,445 per month, according to the SJSU housing Web site for fall 2008.

Student choices include the suites offered at Campus Village, the on-campus apartments and the dorms located in the Classics.

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OPINION

More often than not, a hero's most epic battle is the one you never see; it's the battle that goes on within him or herself. Kevin Smith

YOU WRITE LIKE A GIRL:

Virginia Tech tragedy puts life, love and family in perspective

Call your mother, father, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, cousins, second cousins, grandparents, great grandparents and your best friend from first grade.

Hug your neighbor, your best friend, your boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, wife, partner, classmates, acquaintances and the man who hands you your Starbucks each morning.

Tell them "I appreciate you."

Smile every now and then, even if you don't really feel like it.

Because if anything, anything at all, can be learned about yesterday's events it is that life can end at any moment and without notice.

The astonishing news about the 32 college students killed at Virginia Tech University and 29 injured was instantaneously launched into the news mega-sphere.

In the same instant, I tried to make something lives. of what happened and all I could say was, "Oh my god."

I sat in front of my computer with live broadcasts streaming in the background as I tried to convert the thoughts in my head into a 700-word column.

The pains of the day did not seem so unbearable - writing a term paper, doing laundry, scrounging up some change for dinner — things I typically begin to correlate with a bad day.

The tragedy of the deaths of 32 college students suddenly eliminated from the Earth because of the in-

comprehensible acts of one man.

A bad day does not begin to describe any of the events of April 16 for people in Blacksburg, Virginia.

As a 13-year-old junior high school student, copycat threats erupted from the Columbine school shoot-

> ing. One student's hit list in Central California had parents worried enough to keep their children home the next morning.

> The era of Columbine, like Sept. 11 or Waco, is known to most everyone by its one-word

Virginia Tech sadly may sink into the one-word category of incomprehensible acts of terror on innocent

shootings, I retract to a puddle of emotion as the worst campus shooting in U.S. history washes across my monitor.

And I pray.

I pray for the students who took their last breath in an engineering classroom or dormitory room or in an attempt to escape the shooter's wickedness.

And just like on the morning of the Columbine

I pray for the families of Virginia Tech students and the overwhelming grief brought upon them yesterday morning.

I pray for the injured, thankful to be alive, who now must live with memories of April 16, 2007.

With any incidence of evil, like the murder of 32 innocent people, it is difficult to reach so far down the dark tunnel of tragedy and find something good.

And as I listen to the stories of the unsettling events of the windy morning in Blacksburg, Virginia, I feel

"The astonishing news about the 32 college students killed at Virginia Tech University and 29 injured was instantaneously launched into the news mega-sphere."

helpless.

Without a real personal definition or explanation of why a human being would have such limitless invalidation for life that they would, without cause, kill

I can't deviate from the "stop and smell the roses" sort of message.

But I will own my lack of creativity in assuming a unique mantra and praise the idea.

I don't know how many countless hours I have become angry or upset over things that in retrospect are truly without any merit.

And in the rush hour of life it can certainly seem overwhelming.

The second-to-second increase of information and the constant whirring of news circling overhead drives me to micromanage everything in the already haphazard mess of information in my mind.

Confused at all?

John Lennon can explain it better.

"All we need is love, love, love is all we need."

I may not have had the pleasure of meeting you or even passing by you with a smile on the sidewalks at San Jose State University, but I will say one thing -I appreciate you.

Don't pay me any credit for the infallible words of wisdom. You are a good person; you will do the right

Just make sure on your way to do-gooding stop outside Campus Village, there are some beautiful red roses in bloom.

And don't mind me when I'm out smelling

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SPARTA GUIDE

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Today

S7SU 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

Join the School of Music and Dance for "Brass Studio Recital" from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall. For more information, contact Joan Stubbe at (408) 924-4673.

Celebrate Earth Day

Hear great music by Resistant Me in a free concert and learn what you can do to prevent global warming and contribute to environmental sustainability. Tabling is taking place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of the Student Union. For more information, contact Gina Vittori at ginavittori@hotmail.com.

Wednesday

Women's Weekly Discussion

Join Counseling Services for the Women's Weekly Discussion from 1 to 2:20 p.m. in the Administration building, room 201. For more information, contact Beverly Floresca at (408) 924-5910.

Men's Weekly Discussion

Join Counseling Services for the Men's Weekly Discussion from 3 to 4:20 p.m. in the Administration building, room 201. For more information, contact Kell Fujimoto at (408) 924-5910.

QTIP

The Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice will be holding its general meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union Almaden room. For more information, e-mail mastavic@mastavic.com.

APIs and the Bamboo Ceiling

Join the Asian Pacific Islanders Caucus (APIC) in a panel discussion exploring the state of the Asian American & Pacific Islander Community at SJSU. The discussion will take place from 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. Library. For more information, contact Ellen Lin at (408) 924-5940.

Strong Interest Inventory

Learn more about your interest by attending the Strong Interest Inventory being held by Counseling Services from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Career Center, Mod F. For more information, contact Deanna Peck at (408) 924-5910.

Bilingual Storyteller Jaime Riascos Listen to superb storyteller Jaime Riascos perform

stories in Spanish and English. The event will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, room 225 and 227. For more information, call (408) 808-2397.

Where Tradition Meets Tomorrow

Join Jim Walsh, professor emeritus of history, for a discussion on teacher training and continuing education at SJSU based on his new book, "One and the Same: The History of Continuing Education at San Jose State University 1857-2007. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Engineering building, room 189. For more information, contact Judy Rickard at Judy.Rickard@sjsu.edu.

GUEST COLUMN:

Procrastinating to the finish line

We all strive to be No. 1 in life but that is not always the case when it comes to the classroom, or being first in line to talk to a counselor about graduation.

The next thing I need is an internship but the search for that hasn't even begun



QUANG DO

The semester is coming to an end and I realized that I am probably one of the hundreds of other students who are diagnosed with procrastination, a symptom of laziness that discourages action until the very last minute, figuratively speaking.

College students today live in an age where technology is constantly developing such as the Web videos, which normally cause students to be distracted from Web research.

Video game consoles such as the Nintendo Wii and Playstation 3 were introduced in November 2006, and some students probably find it more worth their time than doing homework.

I'm positive that I'm not the only one who is con-

cerned with final projects and the last assignments of the semester. Some students have to work a full-time job aside from a factor when I became a staff writer, which is why art

their 12-unit load, which I've done before, and it reminds me that I should start looking for a summer job.

complete it by the end of the year. All my time is given to school but still I am only an

average student — especially when it comes to receiving a letter grade.

I really thought that I could graduate this semester. At the beginning around the time of my first published Spartan Daily article on Jan. 31 — about how college is an experience that defines who we are as individuals.

I still hold that belief to be true but sometimes academic focuses, among other things in life, get sidetracked. Or maybe it's just my procrastination.

Perhaps I am stuck on something like the chessboard of life — but I am confident that the game is mine. It's just a matter of time when I will win.

One of my academic advisors even brought me a blue slip that would allow me to walk the stage in May, but at this point, those plans will have to be rescheduled.

I checked myself and realized that my list of re-

quirements needs two more classes completed in order for my educational status on MySpace can be: college graduate. I met Kevin Fagan a few weeks ago, one of the

writers at the San Francisco Chronicle who came to the Spartan Daily and gave me some contact information and advice, which sparked my interest to do an internship in San Francisco.

Most people would suggest that I start at the bottom and work my way to the top but I'm wasting no time and shooting for the stars — or aiming high above because the sky is where I belong as the Spartan Daily's weatherman.

I knew that time and commitment was going to be

"I checked myself and realized that my list of requirements needs two more classes completed in order for my educational status on MySpace can be: college graduate."

history is my only other class where I am also behind. Maybe procrastination has something to do with

But my hopes are that I find an internship and the new versus old stuff on my mind. I've been occupied with assignments but some stories that I've covered this semester took my focus away

from important stuff such as internship and graduation applications. I saw my favorite musician, Chris Corner, also

known as IAMX of the band Sneaker Pimps, perform in March for a concert review that kept my mind off track for weeks. Now I am just as stoked to see Stone Cold Steve

Austin, this week at a special screening for his movie debut, "The Condemned," where journalists will get to interview the former World Wrestling Entertainment Champion at a press conference.

I might be a procrastinator but at least I'm excited about things.

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SPARTAN DAILY

No. 8 women's water polo team wins 2, loses to UCLA

MARK POWELL

STAFF WRITER

The No. 8-ranked San Jose State University women's water polo team won two games this weekend at the Aquatic Center in a three-game set against No. 12 UC Santa Barbara, No. 2 UCLA and California State University, Monterey Bay.

Junior utility player Kayleigh Knight became just the 10th player in program history to score at least five goals in a game in SJSU's 13-11 victory over CSU Monterey Bay on Sunday.

"Kayleigh is a strong shooter," head coach Lou Tully said. "We're just trying to work on her quickness. She came to us from junior college, and junior college water polo isn't quite as quick as Division 1.

"She showed really good outside shooting today."

The majority of SJSU's regular starting lineup did not play against

CSU Monterey (15-16) in a game Deanna Lowry, Sara Natalizio, that occurred about 30 minutes after SJSU's 14-6 loss to No. 2ranked UCLA.

"It was an opportunity for our players who didn't play in the first game play in the second one," Tully said. "I thought the game was kind of slow and I thought, as the game went on, our players did a better job."

Adding to Knight's five scores, freshman Jenni Peters accounted for four goals of her own for the Spartans (14-10).

"Jenni's a smart player," Tully said. "She understands the game pretty well. We're just trying to work on some physical things with her ... to have her get bigger, faster and stronger.

"But her understanding of the game is good and it shows.'

The victory was the last home game of the season for the SJSU, which honored six players on Senior Day.

Beth Harberts, Alexis Higlett,

Angela Riddle and Brooke Yepez were honored.

Tully said that the Spartans would petition the NCAA to allow Harberts a sixth year of eligibility because of playing time lost due to injuries.

Despite losing some "impact players" Tully said that the Spartans will continue to be competitive next season.

"We have some good players, we have some good speed, and we have some good people coming in for next year," Tully said.

SJSU plays at Stanford University on Saturday and will compete in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation conference tournament in Tempe, Ariz. on April 26-29.

Spartans mauled by Bruins, 14-6

In the first game of doubleheader on Sunday, SJSU fell to No. 2 ranked and conference rival UCLA 14-6.

Lowry scored three goals for the Spartans, whose first-quarter score pushed the Spartans ahead for the only time in the contest.

Katie Rulon paced the Bruins (21-2) with six goals, while her sister Kelly scored four times in the UCLA victory.

"They're obviously the second best team in the country right now and deservedly so," Tully said about the Bruins. "I thought we played fairly well early in the game and had a couple things go against us that made it a little bit difficult."

The Spartans trailed 6-3 at halftime following Geraldine Hazlett's goal with seven seconds remaining in the second quarter.

However, UCLA scored seven consecutive goals to start the second half shutting out SJSU for the entire third quarter.

"It's the first time we've played them this year," Tully said. "I look forward to trying to play them again, but I don't know if we'll have that opportunity or not. We've got

Stanford next week, so that's our only focus right now."

Lowry and freshman Bridget McKee scored the final two goals of the game for SJSU, bringing the

"As the game wore on it got a little out of control for us," Tully said. "I thought the girls played hard and they closed the gap a little bit towards the end, which was helpful."

The game ended the Spartans' seven-game win streak.

Spartans outlast UCSB

SJSU started its final weekend set of home games of the season with a 12-9 victory over UC Santa Barbara (13-6) on Saturday.

The teams combined for 30 penalties in the contest and five Spartan players scored at least two goals.

"It was very aggressive," Tully said about the pace at which the game was played.

"Our girls responded very well to it. I thought they did a great job."

SJSU (14-10) vs. Stanford (21-1) Saturday: The Spartans play the last

game of the regular season at 1 p.m. at Stanford.

Higlett led SJSU scorers with three goals and goalkeeper Kendra Adama recorded 14 saves.

Hazlett, McKee, Lowry and Tanya Torres added two goals apiece in SJSU's 13th win of the

Tully said that SJSU played well despite constant vicious play between the two teams throughout the game.

"It's one of those things that's kind of distracting," Tully said. "When you've got a lot of holding

"So you have to just play through that and learn how to do that and they did a great job doing that, I

Tully and UCSB head coach Danielle Altman both received yellow cards for arguing with officials during the game.

Setting personal records



ABOVE: Men's captain Ryan Throne runs in the 5,000 meter race on March 31 at the UC Davis Aggie Invitational. ABOVE RIGHT: Junior Marlene Elizalde broke her personal record in the 5,000 meter run last weekend at the Woody Wilson Invitational at UC Davis. She finished the 3.1 mile race in 18:07. RIGHT: Freshman Jonathan Gragert finished in 1st place and 8th overall for the men's cross country team at the Great Race with a time of 21:00 for the 4-mile race.





Cross country team runs at UC Davis track invitational, 4-mile Great Race

MITCHELL ALAN PARKER

STAFF WRITER

The rain poured down, nearly blinding Marlene Elizalde and Tiffany Hall as they ran on the Woody Wilson track at UC Davis on Saturday night.

"It was horrible," said Hall, who ran a 4:38:18 in the women's 1,500 meter run, 100 meters less than one mile, good for first place.

"But I was happy with the time I got under the conditions."

The wind howled, breaking spectators' umbrellas.

"It was coming down really hard," said Elizalde, who came back after two weeks of not running due to an Achilles tendonitis injury to her left ankle.

Elizalde posted a personal record of 18:07 in the 5,000 meter run.

"Overall, they ran tremendous times considering the weather,' said head coach Augie Argabright of the seven women runners who competed.

Since San Jose State University doesn't have an official track program, the scores do not qualify the runners for any regional rankings.

Argabright said he considers spring a "maintenance season"

for the women to improve general speed and prepare for fall competition, adding that the women's team practices twice a week in accordance with NCAA regulations.

"It's more about getting in shape," Hall said. "It's a little discouraging to run for month after month after month, but it is what it is."

Eight members from the men's team — and two members from the women's — joined more than 2,000 runners on Sunday morning in the Great Race, a four-mile run down Highway 9 from Saratoga to Los Gatos.

The weather faired drastically better than the Saturday night run at UC Davis. "It was really nice," said David

Haefele, who ran a 24:34 for 14th place. "We got lucky. There wasn't a cloud in the sky." Like the women's event, the

Great Race was used to prepare runners for the fall season. "This is our off-season," said

men's coach Jeff Argabright. "We use the competition to stay sharp and see where they're at.

"And it's also more fun for

Jeff said he was pleased with the results of the race.

"I was real happy," he said.

"They all competed well."

Jenna Hicks, who ran the 4-mile run in 25:20, said the route was relaxing.

"It was a lot of downhill, which was nice," she said. "Overall it was

The next and final event for the cross country season will be Pat's Run, a 4.2 mile race celebrating the life of Pat Tillman, the San Jose local who played pro football before joining the Army where his death in Afghanistan garnered much controversy.

The race will be held on April 29 in San Jose.

Weekend highlights for SJSU cross country

At the Woody Wilson Invite in Davis **Tiffany Hall** 1,500 meters — 4:38.18

At the 4-mile Great Race Jonathan Gragert 8th place — 21:00 **Sean Dundon** 9th place — 21:02

11th place — 21:20

Marlene Elizalde

Chris Hart

5,000 meters — 18:07

Gymnasts finish in top 20 at NCAA regional competition

ANDY CHU

STAFF WRITER

On Saturday the San Jose State University gymnastics team sent two athletes to compete in the NCAA West Regional.

Sophomores Veronica Porte and Alise Blackwell both qualified to compete in the all-around competition held in Hass Pavilion, on the UC Berkeley campus.

"I was very pleased to see the two of them get the opportunity to compete in such a highlevel competition," said Wayne Wright, the coach of the SJSU gymnastics team. "I think they represented SJSU and the gymnastics program very well among

their field of competitors." Both Porte and Blackwell competed in the all-around competition and Porte finished tied for 11th posting a score of 38.825 and Blackwell

placed 14th with a score of 38.675. "I am very pleased with my performance and happy that I ended the season on a good note," Porte said. "This motivates me help the rest of the girls out as

much as I can for next year." The all-around competition included the vault, bars, beam and the floor exercise; which Blackwell felt most comfortable.

"I was very pleased with my performance and I felt really good when I did my bar and floor routines," Blackwell said. "We're definitely going to be more confident going into next year and we'll be ready for the next big competi-

The Spartan gymnastics team barely missed qualifying for the team competition by just one-

"The kids have committed themselves fully" -Wayne Wright, SJSU gymnastics coach

tenth of a point to UC Berkeley.

The teams were selected by a regional qualifying formula; which combines three away scores from the regular season and three optional scores with the high score thrown out.

"When we found out we were a tenth short of making the team competition the next week we all hit the gym hard because we were so motivated to come out and

SJSU all-around results

Alise Blackwell, sophomore vault — 9.550 beam — 9.600 bars — 9.725 floor — 9.800

Veronica Porte, sophomore vault — 9.725 beam — 9.725 bars — 9.700 floor — 9.675

vear," Coach Wright said. "The kids have committed themselves fully to staying around all summer and doing what it takes to make it next year.'

Six teams from around the country qualified and competed in the team competition including the Universities of Utah, Nebraska, Missouri and Washington.

On top of being pleased with his two athlete's performances, Coach Wright appreciated the fan support by the Spartan Squad.

"I really want to thank the Spartan Squad for coming out and supporting us," Wright said. "It really helped the girls out tremendously to have support as an individual without a team."

The top two teams and performers in the overall competition will move onto the NCAA Championships later this year.

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Report- Kassing, Wolff continue talks over event revenue sharing for proposed stadium

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that a new facility built in the 21st century rather than an old stadium from the 1930s is the right image for the university and the city."

The report says that while no city funds would be used to build the new stadium or practice fields for SJSU, the city and university are currently in discussions to develop other parts of the South Campus neighborhood.

Such improvements may involve city-funded community soccer fields and other universityfunded facilities, however, these discussions have been put on hold while the university and city are in talks with Wolff about the new stadium, said Larry Carr, the university associate vice president for government and community relations.

Carr confirmed that university president Kassing will be meeting with Wolff later this week to continue their discussions about the stadium. The university's current concern is how revenue from events at the stadium will be split between the university and the soccer team, Carr said.

"President Kassing and Mr. Wolff continue in their dialogue and continue to look at the numbers, ... the revenue numbers," Carr said. "That is what it comes down to for San Jose State."

Carr said that no money from student fees or from the state would be used to build the new

"That is one of the things that the president is insisting on," Carr said. "There would not be any student fees used."

However, university funds could still be used for other projects in the south campus area, Carr said.

Kymber Geddes, a sophomore majoring in

child development, said that she thinks the stadium is a good idea and is worth the money.

"I would be willing to pay for it," she said. "I am all for soccer. It would be good if other teams can use the practice fields and maybe will help pay for them."

To pay for the new stadium, Wolff is seeking a zoning change from the city for a parcel of land in the Edenvale area of south San Jose, according to the report.

The land, which is located near highway 85 and the Monterey Highway, is currently zoned for industrial development and is owned by iStar San Jose, LLC. Wolff hopes to purchase the 75 acres at its current value, have the city council rezone it as residential, and then develop the property.

According to the report, the current value of the land would be about four times greater if it was zoned for residential use. Wolff hopes to use the profit from the development to pay for the new stadium.

The report also says that while no city money would be used to build the stadium, the Redevelopment Agency is spending \$10,000 to do a traffic study on the impact of changing the iStar property to residential use.

The report comes in response to a request by San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed for the city staff to outline the current status of discussions between the city, university and Wolff's organization. The city council's rules and open government committee, which Reed chairs, requested the report when it denied a request by the San Jose Mercury News for documents regarding the plan to be made public.

Reed said that while he normally favors mak-

ing information available to the public, there are times that releasing such information could hurt the current negotiations.

However, Reed requested the report to answer questions regarding the source of funding for the new stadium and how city resources might be

The report was released yesterday and will be discussed in the community and economic development committee meeting next Monday. The full report is available on the city's Web site, http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/Committee-Agenda/CED/042307/CED042307_g.pdf

San Jose lost its Major League Soccer team, the Earthquakes, in 2005 when its owner moved the team to Houston. San Jose, however, retained the rights to become the home of a future expansion franchise, which would have the same name, logo and colors of the old team, the report says.

The report also says that any future stadium, as well as the Edenvale zone change, would have to go through a lengthy review period that would include environmental impact reports and obtaining public feedback.

The city already has a Web site for the South Campus district plan and is compiling a list of people that are interested in receiving notification of plans for the area, said city Senior Planner Juan Borrelli.

"We are still flushing out the details," Borrelli said. "We are making sure that we have contact with all the stakeholders."

Anyone who wants to be put on the notification list should contact Borrelli through the city's Web site, http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/ district_plan/default.asp



COURTESY OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE, PLANNING SERVICES DIVISION The map shows the SJSU South Campus and adjacent area, which is being studied by the City of San Jose as a site for the proposed joint stadium.

Memorial - Message looks at ways to end global genocide

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the torture he had to endure during the Holocaust.

"My grandfather has a number tattooed on his arm," Margittai said. "He showers with his shirt on every time because he doesn't want to look at it. Even when he goes into the pool he has his shirt on. He doesn't want to accept that it happened."

Margittai said he has grandparents on both sides of his family that are survivors of the Holocaust.

"A lot of us here today have family that went through (the Holocaust)," Margittai said.

He added that aside from observing Holocaust Remembrance Day, the overall message of the exhibit is about awareness and what can be done to stop genocide that exists in the world today.

The memorial, which was located in the middle of Paseo de Caesar Chavez, caught the attention of passers-by throughout the day yesterday.

"The idea was to be on the main part of campus, and actually make people stop and realize what we are trying to inform people of," said Vanina Sandel, the Hillel director of

Bausch & Lomb

Jewish campus life.

Different colored flags, which represented seven groups of people including the Jews, gypsies, the disabled, Jehovah's Witnesses and homosexuals, who were persecuted during the Holocaust, were spread around the entrance of the tented memorial.

A chronological-pictorial timeline hung inside the tent, which covered a 14-year period beginning in 1933 when Hitler became chancellor of Germany and the Nazi campaign was implemented.

Margittai said that he is pleased with the way the memorial came together this year.

"The size of it and the amount of information we have this year to inform people of this topic is something I am proud of," Margittai said.

"When you consider the fact that in Britain they stopped teaching about the Holocaust because it offends people, I do not want that to happen in the United States," Margittai said. "I think we still need to learn about the Holocaust, even though it is hard for people to learn about it, and they don't feel comfortable talking about it — the fact is that a lot of people died."

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The timeline told the story of the forceful removal of the Jews from their homes and being placed into ghettos, from the ghettos, to the concentration camps, to their execution and finally to the rise of a resistance against the Nazi forces.

"It was really interesting reading about what happened," said Leticia Chavez, a freshman majoring in business marketing, as she exited the memorial. "It was depressing reading the posters and seeing the pictures."

Sandel pointed out that one of show that they were Jewish." the biggest problems is that many people still choose to deny that the Holocaust actually happened.

"This year we decided to hold events all week," Sandel said. "We want people to learn about not only the Holocaust but about other genocide as well."

Elliot Fine, a freshman majoring in international business, is a member of the Jewish Student Union and thinks everyone should know about what happened during the Holocaust. "I kind of felt like it was my

responsibility to help with this event," Fine said. "If you have the knowledge of something then it is your responsibility to educate others, especially if it is a subject you are passionate about."

Sarah Pyle, a music education

student at SJSU, greeted visitors and answered any questions they

Pyle, a third generation Holocaust survivor, said that her grandparents on her mother's side were able to escape to Ellis Island, New York in the late 1930s.

"There were things happening in Austria before they left," Pyle said. "They were taken from their homes in the middle of the night to clean the streets with a toothbrush and they were forced to wear the star on their shirts to

The exhibit also featured World War II artifacts such as binoculars, a revolver and a Nazi flag, which were donated by Andrew Schwartz, an SJSU graduate, who said that his grandfather fought in the war.

As visitors left the memorial they were encouraged to pass on the information they learned and were encouraged to sign a pledge against genocide.

"The idea is for students, faculty and staff to see that this has not only happened one time," Sandel said. "Genocide happened prior to the Holocaust, and after. We are not learning the lesson. As our slogan says we want to promote acknowledgement, understanding and prevention."

Bush- Republicans, Democrats split on handling of Iraq war

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Leong Jr., however, disagrees. "I disapprove of the way he treats minorities," he said. "It's tough for the Hispanic community and they're the base of how California is running right now, with the agriculture and all."

Delavar said she was surprised at the rise in Schwarzenegger's approval rating.

"I think he hasn't been doing enough for California," she said.

As for President Bush, Jackson said that his declining approval rating among Californians was only a little bit of a surprise.

"The country as a whole is not behind it." -Melinda Jackson, survey director

"We thought a year ago when it was at 30 percent, that that was as low as it could go," she said. "Yet it's still just getting lower and lower."

Although Leong Jr. supports the president, he disapproves of some of his methods. "I approve of Bush's policies,"

he said. "It's just the way he tries to control everything." Jackson said that a big factor

behind this decline in Bush's approval rating is the war in Iraq.

About 75 percent of Californians disapprove with Bush's handling of the war. However,

among California Republicans, Bush's approval has gone up slightly. Jackson attributes this to the recent surge of troops being deployed to Iraq.

"The country as a whole is not behind it," she said, "but the party faithful are giving him the benefit of the doubt."

On the other hand, the survey shows that only 5 percent of California Democrats approve of the president's policy on the Iraq war

"There is a margin of error," Jackson said. "It could be even lower, it could be a little higher, but come on, we're still in the single digits here."

Even for someone who doesn't follow politics, the president's dismal rating is not much of a sur-

"I can understand why his approval rating is going down," said Eric Fisher, a senior majoring in geography. "I'm not into politics, but just by word of mouth you know he's not popular."

The survey also showed that while Californians generally believe that the nation is headed in the wrong direction, the majority feels that California is on the right track.

The research institute randomly polled 846 California adults by telephone during the week of March 26 to 30. People were interviewed in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. The survey was funded by San Jose State University.

For adults surveyed, the margin of error was 3.4 percentage points; for voters it is 4 percentage points.





Housing- Dorm rules, cost of living are among factors students consider in return

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Although cost of living can often be the deciding factor for some students who are weighing whether or not to live at SJSU, the average monthly rent for a onebedroom residence in the city of San Jose is \$1,116, according to the city's official Web site.

Ashly Vineyard, a freshman majoring in art, said that price is not really an issue because she has been saving money in a college fund since she was a child.

"Also, my friends are here. My boyfriend's here," Vineyard said. "It's nice and convenient, and it's just a beautiful campus."

Angeles, a freshman majoring in graphic design, said they prefer the freedom and independence that off-campus living offers.

"I'd rather get my own place," De los Angeles said. "Plus the RA's (resident advisors) are kind of strict. You don't even get to keep your doors open in the suites."

Jiro Bantay, a freshman majoring in civil engineering, said, "I'd rather be somewhere else — I'm at school all day."

He added, "It's cheaper to live off campus if you split it with somebody."

The San Jose State University housing office has not yet deter-

Students such as John De los mined how many students will live on campus next year, said Kevina Brown, the community relations coordinator for housing.

However, according to the SJSU Web site, 2,100 students were on-campus residents at the beginning of the last academic year. That means about 6 percent of SJSU students chose to live on

"I'm in here for my second year, and I regret it," said Kenya Holloman, a sophomore majoring in business management. "They need to lower their prices or they need to offer more."

*This story previously ran online.

Panhellenic groups team-up to raise money for cancer

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STAFF WRITER

In a three-day-long series of events called Derby Days, Sigma Chi is teaming up with several Greek Panhellenic organizations to raise money for the Huntsman Cancer Research Institute.

A tradition since the '60s, Sigma Chi will host three competitive events, starting today, in hopes to attract more people to their final skit night where all proceeds will go to the cancer research institute with the largest genetic database, said Eric Groza, a senior majoring in graphic design and president of the fraternity.

"All fundraising goes towards Huntsman Cancer Research Institute," Groza said. "It's significant as a cancer research because it has the largest genetic database. ... The scientists have better predictions and remedies to treat cancer."

Adam Sherman, a sophomore majoring in finance, said that the donations that they make to the institute go towards many of the cancer patients that don't have enough money to pay for trails or medications

Javier Randel, a sophomore majoring in liberal studies, said that the event goes into the planning stages a year in advance to raise enough money.

"All fundraising goes towards Huntsman Cancer Research Institute." -Eric Groza, president of Sigma Chi

Formal letters are written and sent out to companies to either donate items for the raffles that they hold or donate money to either the philanthropy or to the chapter to fund derby days, Randel said.

Groza said that some of the Greek Panhellenic teams participating are, Alpha Phi, Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi and Delta Gamma.

"They each have about five or six guys fund their team

and they have one or two main captains," Randel said.

A collaboration with the captain and the sorority, the fraternity brothers help the members with the skit, the dance and get them excited about the murals and the Olympics, Randel said.

Today the members of the sororities will paint murals following the week-long theme of Hollywood, and tomorrow they will compete against each other in various relay races.

"We have the egg drop, we have a hot-dog eating contest, and a three-legged race," Sherman said.

"I just think it's fun seeing people who have creativity get to shine" -Adam Sherman, finance, senior

The relay races are done one at a time and on the same day. Each day the sorority that wins the activity gets a certain amount of points, and at the end of the week, the sorority that has the most points will win a trophy and a plaque, Sherman said.

On Thursday, the last day of Derby Days, the sororities will individually perform skits that they have been working on.

Sherman said that the relay races and the skit night is the most fun.

"The skits are usually very creative and well done," Sherman said. "They don't have to be humorous but some of them are. I just think it's fun seeing people who have creativity get to shine and show what they can do for an event like this."

All the organizations participating have their own skit and the skit includes a dance, something funny, and something informational about cancer, so the audience can understand where their money is going, Groza said.

The relay races on Wednesday will take place on campus, while the mural painting will take place at the Sigma Chi house, and the skit night will take place at Le Petit Trainon.

Fair delves into various 'facets of international education'



PHOTO BY LAUREN SAGAR/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Students look at the study abroad programs that are offered to the at a booth along Paseo De Cesar Chavez on

Monday.

NICK VERONIN AND ANDY CHU

STAFF WRITERS

San Jose State University continued International Week activities on Monday with a Study Abroad Fair hosted by SJSU International Programs and Services.

Campus organizations such as the International House, Study Abroad Office, Peace Corps and international networking club AIESEC set up booths on Paseo de Cesar Chavez to hand out information and talk to students interested in traveling abroad.

The fair offered students access to more than 223 universities in 40 different countries.

"International Week is a celebration at SJSU of all the international components that we have," said Helen Stevens, director of international programs and services for SJSU.

Stevens said the week will focus on facets of international education at SJSU and will involve the International House, the Study Abroad Program and members of the international scholar community.

"It's getting more evident that students need broader world perspectives," Stevens said.

Stevens said it behooves the modern college graduate to have a wide scope of global understanding since more businesses than ever before are operating on an international scale.

Lisa Baum, an advisor for the SJSU Study Abroad Program, said her program provides students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in intellectual diversity.

"It's an advantage personally as well as professionally," Baum said of the program. "It's an opportunity of a lifetime."

Chet Hansra, a senior majoring in nutrition and immunology, came to SJSU from Roehampton University in London. He has been here since January.

Hansra was working at the Study Abroad Fair to promote the benefits of studying in other

He said everybody who is able to study abroad should take the opportunity to do so, adding that

his travels have made him a better person. "I've actually learned more from studying abroad than I have from studying at home,"

Hansra said. "It's not even what they teach you. It's what you learn on your own. It's seriously the most fulfilling and most rewarding thing ever."

Hansra said he was especially happy with the connections he has made in San Jose and the greater Bay Area because he knows that he will have a place to stay should he decide to come back to California in the future.

Lindsay Culp, a regional recruiter for the Peace Corps, was at the event trying to recruit volunteers for her organization.

She said the Peace Corps serves more than 70 developing countries by sending volunteers on a 27-month tour of service to a given country to offer their expertise in helping that country.

Culp said volunteers may assist a country in fields such as education, agriculture, youth development, health care and many others.

"We were invited to come to International Week because we believe in getting Americans more educated about the rest of the world," Culp said. "We're not a study abroad program but in a lot of ways people are gaining a ton of life experience."

She said the Peace Corps has three main goals: to provide assistance to developing countries, to teach local communities about the United States and to learn about other cultures and brining that experience back to the U.S.

Senior Dennison Que, an international business major and member of AIESEC, said that his club offers internships on top of traveling opportunities.

"This is the best opportunity to improve your resume with our professional network," Que said. "The world is integrating globally so international experience is what the employers of tomorrow are looking for."

International Week events will continue on Wednesday at noon in Room 202 of the Boccardo Business Center with a workshop for international students entitled Successful Job Search in the USA.

On Thursday at 3 p.m. a discussion will be held in BBC 4 to discuss the possibilities for international students beyond practical training.

The week concludes on Friday at noon with an international quiz game. Teams of four-toeight players will compete against each other in the University Room answering worldly trivia.



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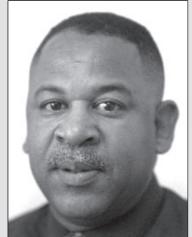
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What's your reaction to the Virginia Tech massacre?



Devastating for the entire campus community. ... I feel for my colleague there. It must be devastating for him.

> Andre Barnes **University Police**



[I just think it's hugely tragic. ... It's going to rock the parents and kids involved. ... Parent's don't recover from the loss of a child. It's horrible and very sad.

> Wiggsy Sivertsen director of



I'm actually kind of amazed that the initial shootings happened at the dorms, and then two hours later, he went to the engineering building ... Where was the campus police?

> **Jack Harding** University Computing and Tele-



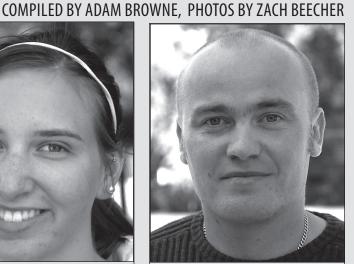
I heard about it on the radio as I was driving to campus. It's shocking. It could happen here.

Audrey Nickell



I was not surprised. The state of society has lost touch with community and people are trying to take it back the wrong way.

Kristen Wood



I think it's very sad. What can I say? I'm very saddened by it.

Reaction- Some SJSU students question Virginia Tech's response after initial shooting

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ing happened at seven or eight in the morning, and the whole school just kind of kept going on like it was an average day — people just going to class," said Dustan Drake, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering. "There was absolutely no notification, and then the guy comes back and shoots, what, 30 more?

"... You don't have a shooting at a school and then keep it open like nothing happened. ... Classes aren't that important, just for one day. People are getting killed."

Lydia Ortega, an SJSU economics professor who attended Virginia Tech from 1980 to 1982, said she could understand why there was a delay notifying people of the first incident, adding that panic would have been likely to ensue following a notification.

"The campus is so spread out," Ortega said. "You've got people running all around campus to try to tell people. ... I don't know what way they could have told people. Then, remember, they don't know where this guy is. You could run outside and get shot."

Ortega said the Virginia Tech campus is extremely safe and that she felt safe walking home alone at 3 a.m. when she was a student there, and thus the university was less prepared to deal with the incident than a campus in a more dangerous area would have been.

"A campus in East L.A. is much more ready for this," she said.

Jia Broussard, a sophomore majoring in psychology, said the school should have been shut down immediately and that university and city police should have had "somebody on every corner."

"They should have shut down everything — just high alert on all counts because you don't know where that person was," Broussard

Danielle Ferree, a senior majoring in economics, said if SJSU had a similar incident, she would hope that classes would be cancelled, and that she would not go to class

"I think the school did a really bad job of getting the word out after the first shootings," Ferree said. "I think they are at fault for not taking care of the situation the first time."

How would SJSU respond to a shooting?

Sgt. Laws said SJSU and all of Santa Clara County abide by the Active Shooter Protocol, a procedure for dealing with shootings which was written after a student at De Anza College developed a plan to shoot students and plant explosives at the school in 2001.

The student's plan was foiled after he took pictures of his weapons, which were turned into police by a drug store employee who developed them, Laws said.

The Active Shooter Protocol is designed to isolate the source of the danger in whatever way possible. However, Laws said the shootings at Virginia Tech might encourage UPD to think "outside the box" about on-campus violence.

Ortega said the best idea she could think of for notifying a campus of danger would be an alarm that sounded different from the fire alarm, adding that announcements could be broadcast throughout the campus to tell people what to do.

Cory Short, a freshman majoring in art and design, said there is not much SJSU could do without drastically changing the university.

"If something's going to happen, it's going to happen," Short said.

Garrett Harris, a freshman majoring in, television, radio, film and theatre, said SJSU would have to make itself a closed campus to ensure its safety.

"If we closed it down now and make it a closed campus, it would kind of ruin the atmosphere," Harris said, "and I prefer not to live in some sort of state of fear."

Laws said he would not appreciate such a change to the campus.

"We would literally have to fence this campus in to prevent an incident like this," he said.

Counseling Services

"I'm just shocked that there are still students that are willing to kill people," said Alice Cai, a freshman majoring in biochemistry, "... just because they're mad or something."

Wiggsy Sivertsen, director of counseling services at SJSU, said counseling can help those who are at the "breaking point" before they turn to violence, as well as those who must deal with tragedy after violence ensures.

"The advantage of having a counseling service is that you can try to get ahead of these problems before they come out like they did with this young man," Sivertsen said.

Benjamin Parrish, a freshman majoring in aerospace engineering, said he hopes a campus would unite to address problems after an incident such as the one at Virginia

Shooting- Some students leapt from buildings

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tect them after the first burst of gunfire. Some students bitterly complained they got no warning from the university until an e-mail that arrived more than two hours after the first shots rang out.

Wielding two handguns and carrying multiple clips of ammunition, the killer opened fire about 7:15 a.m. on the fourth floor of West Ambler Johnston, a high-rise coed dormitory, then stormed Norris Hall, a classroom building a half-mile away on the other side of the 2,600-acre campus. Some of the doors at Norris Hall were found chained from the inside, apparently by the gunman.

Two people died in a dorm room, and 31 others were killed in Norris Hall, including the gunman, who put a bullet in his head. At least 15 people were hurt, some seriously. Students jumped from windows in panic.

Alec Calhoun, a 20-year-old junior, said he was in a 9:05 a.m. mechanics class when he and classmates heard a thunderous sound from the classroom next door — "what sounded like an enormous hammer."

Screams followed an instant later, and the banging continued. When students realized the sounds were gunshots, Calhoun said, he started flipping over desks for hiding places. Others dashed to the windows of the second-floor classroom, kicking out the screens and jumping from the ledge of Room 204, he said.

"I must've been the eighth or ninth person who jumped, and I think I was the last," said Calhoun, of Waynesboro, Va. He landed in a bush and ran.

Calhoun said that the two students behind him were shot, but that he believed they survived. Just before he climbed out the window, Calhoun said, he turned to look at the professor, who had stayed behind, perhaps to block the door.

The instructor was killed, he said.

At an evening news conference, Police Chief Wendell Flinchum refused to dismiss the possibility that a co-conspirator or second shooter was involved. He said police had interviewed a male who was a "person of interest" in the dorm shooting who knew one of the victims, but he declined to give details.

"I'm not saying there's a gunman on the loose," Flinchum said. Ballistics tests will help explain what happened, he said.

Sheree Mixell, a spokeswoman for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said the evidence was being moved to the agency's national lab in Annandale. At least one firearm was turned over, she said.

Mixell would not comment on what types of weapons were used or whether the gunman was a student.

Young people and faculty members carried out some of the wounded themselves, without waiting for ambulances to arrive. Many found themselves trapped behind chained and padlocked doors. SWAT team members with helmets, flak jackets and assault rifles swarmed over the campus. A student used his cell-phone camera to record the sound of bullets echoing through a stone building.

Trey Perkins, who was sitting in a German class in Norris Hall, told The Washington Post that the gunman barged into the room at about 9:50 a.m. and opened fire for about a minute and a half, squeezing off about 30 shots.

The gunman first shot the professor in the head and then fired on the students, Perkins said. The gunman was about 19 years old and had a "very serious but very calm look on his face," he said.

"Everyone hit the floor at that moment," said Perkins, 20, of Yorktown, Va., a sophomore studying mechanical engineering. "And the shots seemed like it lasted forever."

Erin Sheehan, who was also in the German class, told the student newspaper, the Collegiate Times, that she was one of only four of about two dozen people in the class to walk out of the room. The rest were dead or wounded, she said.

She said the gunman "was just a normal-looking kid, Asian, but he had on a Boy Scout-type outfit. He wore a tan button-up vest, and this black vest, maybe it was for ammo or something."

Students said that there were no public-address announcements after the first shots. Many said they learned of the first shooting in an e-mail that arrived shortly before the gunman struck again.

"I think the university has blood on their hands because of their lack of action after the first incident," said Billy Bason, 18, who lives on the seventh floor of the dorm.

Steger defended the university's conduct, saying authorities believed that the shooting at the dorm was a domestic dispute and mistakenly thought the gunman had fled the campus.

"We had no reason to suspect any other incident was going to occur," he said.

Steger emphasized that the university closed off the dorm after the first attack and decided to rely on e-mail and other electronic means to spread the word, but said that with 11,000 people driving onto campus first thing in the morning, it was difficult to get the word out.

He said that before the e-mail went out, the university began telephoning resident advisers in the dorms and sent people to knock on doors. Students were warned to stay inside and away from the windows.

"We can only make decisions based on the information you had at the time. You don't have hours to reflect on it," Steger said.

Some students and Laura Wedin, a student programs manager at Virginia Tech, said their first notification came in an e-mail at 9:26 a.m., more than two hours after the first shooting.

The e-mail had few details. It read: "A shooting incident occurred at West Amber Johnston earlier this morning. Police are on the scene and are investigating." The message warned students to be cautious and contact police about anything suspicious.

Edmund Henneke, associate dean of engineering, said that he was in the classroom building and that he and colleagues had just read the e-mail advisory and were discussing it when he heard gunfire. He said that moments later SWAT team members rushed them downstairs, but that the doors were chained and padlocked from the inside. They left the building through an unlocked construction area.

Until Monday, the deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history was in Killeen, Texas, in 1991, when George Hennard plowed his pickup truck into a Luby's Cafeteria and shot 23 people to death, then himself.

The massacre Monday took place almost eight years to the day after the Columbine High bloodbath near Littleton, Colo. On April 20, 1999, two teenagers killed 12 fellow students and a teacher before taking their own lives.

Previously, the deadliest campus shooting in U.S. history was a rampage in 1966 at the University of Texas at Austin, where Charles Whitman climbed the clock tower and opened fire. He killed 16 people before police shot him to death.

Founded in 1872, Virginia Tech is about 160 miles west of Richmond. With more than 25,000 full-time students, it has the state's largest full-time student population. It is best known for its engineering school and its powerhouse Hokies football

The campus is centered on the Drill Field, a grassy field where military cadets practice. The dorm and the classroom building are on opposites sides of the Drill Field.

President Bush offered his prayers to the victims and the people of Virginia, saying the tragedy would be felt in every community in the country.



SPARTAN DAILY

Sustainability- Group to showcase environmentally sustainable, fair-trade products

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panel on fair trade, "Are we Fair Yet," will be held at the Student Union on Thursday afternoon.

Amit Raikar, also a member of the Sustainable Markets and Responsible Trade Project and an alumnus of SJSU, see Sustainability Week and campus Earth Day as a way for students to learn how to create a lifestyle that is healthy for themselves, the world and the future.

"We are not just people who will sit at our homes and forget about the person next to us," Raikar said. "It is about a California citizen thinking as a world citizen."

The non-profit group, Ten Thousand Villages, will bring its environmentally-sustainable produce and Fair Trade certified crafts from around the world to the Seventh Street Plaza on Tuesday until Thursday.

"The bottom line is a person can feel good about getting something that is a fair trade craft," Raikar said, "unlike any other retail store where the final seller makes the profit and the artisan gets very little."

SJSU's Earth Day on Wednesday will bring organic produce vendors and a tree planting ceremony at Washington Square Hall in memory of the founder of national Earth Day, Gaylord Nelson former Wisconsin state senator and alumnus of SJSU.

A concert with the band Resistant Me will be held outside the Student Union on Tuesday at noon.

Raikar said many students are apathetic to concerns like the ethical treatment of workers because the issues seem far away and big. Though, with the real-life experiences of some of the speakers students will began to grasp the relevance.

"They will get a real understanding or connection through the heart instead of through their mind," Raikar said.

Nobel peace prize nominee discusses fair trade activism

CARLOS MILITANTE

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Fair trade activist and 2005 Nobel Peace Prize nominee Candi Smucker spoke to a group of five students and community members about the importance of fair trade in room 225 at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library on Monday.

"Fair trade is important so the workers who actually make the items get a fair wage to eat and send their kids to school," said Amie Frisch, a senior majoring in environmental studies.

Despite a severe lack of attendance, attendees were able to have more of a one-on-one discussion with a Nobel Peace Prize nominee.

The meeting began with Smucker asking guests to interpret a painting she had brought from Bangladesh.

"I enjoyed the painting she brought," said community member Donna Wallach. "It was definitely one of my favorite parts of the presentation."

The meeting continued with Smucker and the guests going back and forth with issues such as sweatshops and conditions in Palestine.

Smucker said that her passion for fair trade comes from the differences in the lives of the artisans in Third World countries she's helped.

Smucker says that the key goal of fair trade is to empower low-income, disadvantaged artisans around the globe and promote the understanding between them and North Americans.

She also runs Baksheesh, a fair trade store that's located in Sonoma and Healdsburg, Calif., that sells handcrafted gifts from Third World countries.

Baksheesh is a Middle East and Southwest Asian term meaning charitable giving.

Smucker ended the meeting by challenging the guests to go out there and open fair trade

"Everybody should be aware of fair trade not just students," Smucker said. "Before I die I hope that all trade will be fair trade. So don't let me die young."

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*Information obtained from Candi Smucker



PHOTO BY STEPHANIA BEDNAR/ STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Candi Smucker stands next to a painting made in Bangladesh by a fair trade artist during her talk on how international fair trade operates.

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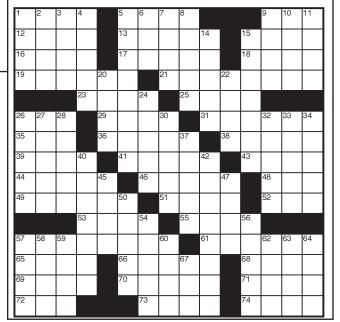
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—Morgan Freeman, 'Million Dollar Baby,' 2004

Company One delivers the riches with bags of silver rather than gold

MEGAN WOOD

STAFF WRITER

They say revenge is a dish best served cold. This is exactly how I would describe the first act of Company One's performance, 'Return of the Pirates: The Scorpion's Revenge,' which opened Thursday in Spartan Complex 219.

The first act, which the group first showcased last fall, started with a barely audible voice-over that premised the storyline but because no one could hear it, the plot was lost.



During some of the opening songs, the accompaniment overpowered several individual singers, which made the singing altogether difficult to hear.

The majority of the cast displayed their talent well, while several struggled to warm up to their performance and show they had any talent whatsoever.

For example, the character Wench Jenny spent the entire first act deadpan, resembling a deer in headlights, and I'm sure that was not part of the character.

Another character, Deadeye, who had several singing parts throughout the show, had difficulties finding the right notes.

Despite his less than stellar singing voice, Mr. Killick, singing "My Strongest Suit," from Elton John's "Aida," proved himself as a strong and impressive "character" actor.

Which brings me to the question, were some of the cast members off key? They were acting like pirates and desperately trying to stay in character, but were some of them just not able to hit a note?

Considering the first act was the most rehearsed, it should have been the most polished. Much of the cast appeared bored and it showed in their performance.

It is surprising that these shortcomings are issues for Company One considering Director Janie Scott so strongly emphasized the fact that each of the performers were trained triple threats, meaning that they were rigorously trained in all aspects of musical theatre: singing, acting and dancing.

I would hardly say that all of the members were triple threats, but the second act certainly separated the triple threats from the non-threatening.

Despite the issues of the first act, the group came back with vengeance for the second half.

Those that stood out in the first act stole the show for the second.

Iron Jane, played by Stephanie Walker claimed ownership of her character in her performance of "I Hate Men" from the musical "Kiss Me Kate," which garnered several laughs from the audience.

Another character that only seemed to get better as the show went on was Mad Dog, played by Annie West, who maintained the intensity of her character without falling out of character or taking it too far.

The dancing ability of the cast presented itself in the beginning of the second act when cast members danced with tin cups and wooden spoons, which added a different level of musicality and originality I hadn't seen performed as well as they did.

The best display of female vocal ability came from Dirty Bet, played by Jill Reasoner, who showed off her expansive range in her performance of "Kiss Me Bet' from the musical "Kiss

Me Kate."

The best display of male vocal ability was from Captain Bill, played by Justin Torres who was able to bring his character into the song, but main-

tain his vocal ability in "Reviewing the Situation" from the musical "Oliver."

By the end of the performance, I am confident in saying that this year's Company One show is by far the most creative and original in the last five years.

> Believe me, I've been to all of them.

On that note, though the first act comes up cold, stay through intermission, it definitely heats up towards the

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Bay Area Events — Week of 4/17

Your guide for a week of entertainment.

TUESDAY 4/17

MUSIC

Ricky Martin at the San Jose HP Pavilion 8 p.m.

Willie Nelson at the Fillmore in San Francisco 8 p.m.

Show held through Thursday

The Shins at The Warfield in San Francisco 8 p.m. Show held through Wednesday

THEATER

'Nixon's Nixon' at the San Jose Repertory Theatre 8 p.m.

Show held through Sunday

FRIDAY 4/20

MUSIC

Mark Hummel at JJ's Blues in San Jose

Tea Leaf Green at the Fillmore in San Francisco 9 p.m.

COMEDY

Shawn Wayans with Bruce Fine at the San Jose Improv Club 8 p.m and 10 p.m.
Show held through Sunday

SATURDAY 4/21

MUSIC

Miggs at San Jose Skate

Maria Muldaur at JJ's Blues in San Jose

Damian Jr. Gong Marley at The Catalyst in Santa Cruz 9 p.m.

Vinyl at Moe's Alley in Santa Cruz 9:30 p.m.

COMEDY

Greg Proops with Kamau Bell and Rob F. Martinez at Punchline in San Francisco 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

SUNDAY 4/22

MUSIC

Planet Reggae featuring DJ Nappy and DJ Jimmy K. at the Agenda Lounge in San Jose

Stephen Marley at the Fillmore in San Francisco 8 p.m.

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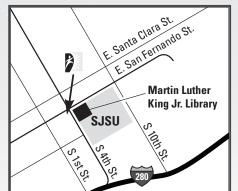
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