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Gov. inks new budget; CSU fees to rise

Faculty association raises assured despite massive cuts to general fund

By NICOLE LIEURANCE
Staff Writer

The California State budget was signed Friday by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger after \$703 billion in vetoes, according to the state budget summary. Funding for higher education was left intact, according to a California State University spokesperson.

According to the California Faculty Association, the bud-

get, which they negotiated for in the spring, allows for a 22.23 percent salary increase for all 23,000 lecturers, librarians, counselors and coaches in the 23-campus CSU system over the next three years.

"We're all happy with the contract," said CSU spokesperson Paul Browning, adding that it will give faculty a well-deserved raise. "We're happy that the governor has supported fully funding the CSU system."

The budget, however, also includes a 10 percent student fee hike for the California State University system, according

to the CSU.

Browning said the CSU board of trustees approved the fee increase in March, which currently effects the 2007-2008 academic year.

Associated Students President and CEO Benjamin Henderson said in an email that, "The fee increases will significantly impact SJSU students because many of our students

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HANNA THRASHER // SPARTAN DAILY

Cindy Chavez, politician-turned-professor this semester, assists a student during her first class on Monday.

Fmr. vice mayor joins SJSU faculty

By BRIANA HERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

Cindy Chavez, former vice mayor of San Jose and alumna of San Jose State University, has come back to campus this semester to teach a course on local politics.

Chavez served as vice mayor under Ron Gonzales and ran for mayor last year but lost to current San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed. Now done with city council, Chavez's official title with SJSU is Leader In Residence, which is also the title for the one-semester program in which city leaders and officials are invited to teach a class at the university.

Chavez said she is excited to teach SJSU students.

"I love San Jose State," she said. "I think it is one of the reasons that (the Bay Area) is such an incredible part of the world. I don't think many people know how many engineers, civic leaders and national writers San Jose State produces. It's like the little engine that could. It keeps on going."

Terry Christensen, former teacher of local politics at SJSU, the class Chavez now teaches, described the course as "an overview of how community politics works — cities, counties and so on. It also talks about the impact of public policy and helps students understand how it works."

Chavez is serving as Christensen's replacement while he is on leave this semester. When thinking of someone to ap-

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New crime-reporting service launched

Online site offers anonymity

By MICHAEL RIZZO
Staff Writer

San Jose State University launched a new service on Monday that enables students to report activity they think compromises the safety of themselves or other students to the appropriate campus officials, Associate Vice President of Campus Life Cathy Busalacchi said.

The two-year, \$24,000 contract with Business Controls, a company in Colorado, gives students access to the reporting site MySafeCampus.com. Since the Web site is a third party separate from SJSU, students have the choice to identify themselves or remain anonymous.

"It's a lot like a neighborhood watch," Busalacchi said. "We're encouraging students to be good community members."

She said the Web site serves as a mediator between the student and campus officials. Three officials from SJSU have been chosen ahead of time to represent the University Police Department, Counseling Services and the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development.

The report is then linked to a message board to which only the student and appropriate representatives have access. According to MySafeCampus.com, no report will ever be denied, regardless of the content, and the report is transmitted in its entirety without any editing or formatting. Since the student accesses the message board by a secret

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Bill Walsh remains football legend

By OSVALDO CASTILLO, JR.
Staff Writer

"There is a popular stereotype of the tough coach who grabs the face mask of a big line man and chins himself to look the player in the face," Stan Morrison, athletic director at UC Riverside, said in an e-mail.

"The coach is seen as screaming, cursing and spitting in the face of the player. Bill Walsh was a tough coach, but he was anything but the stereotype. He demanded excellence and set the bar incredibly high for each player, the team and himself. He demanded that they all reach that bar."

Three-time Super Bowl Champion and San Jose State alumnus Bill Walsh died on July 30 in his Woodside, Calif. home. The cause of death was leukemia. He was 75 years old.

Walsh was born in Los Angeles on Nov. 30, 1931. According to the Biography Resource Center, an online database of biographies, Walsh's family moved to the Bay Area when he was a teenager.

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Galaxy explored by SJSU students through NASA program

Program provides students with hands-on paid research in space exploration

By KRISTIN FURTADO
Staff Writer

While most students might think innovative research in space exploration is a luxury only reserved for big universities or NASA, San Jose State University students don't have to travel to a galaxy far, far away to get their feet wet.

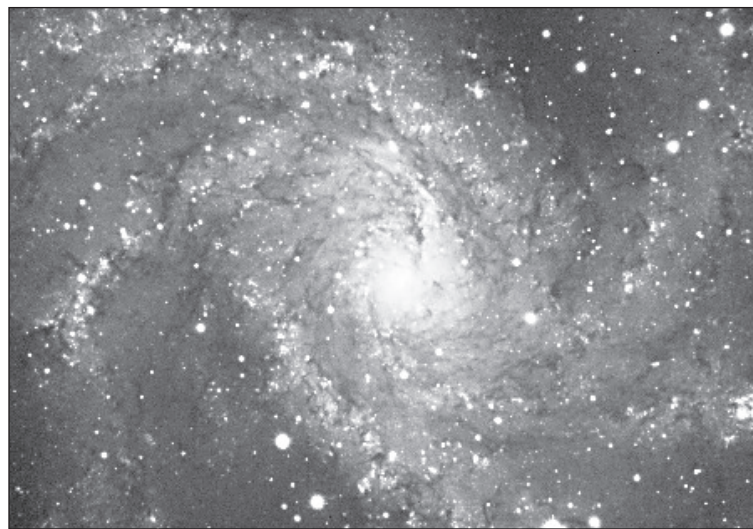
Just ask SJSU student Mark Cordier, a senior majoring in physics, who has been working on a project for well over a year studying the environments in which stars form.

Cordier is one of several students in the Research Experiences for Undergraduates program in physics at SJSU, a grant program funded by the Natural Science Foundation.

"The stated goal of this undergraduate research grant is to expose students to research outside of the classroom," said Michael Kaufman, associate professor of physics and astronomy, and science foundation project director.

The program invites students to work on various research projects in physics and astronomy. And while SJSU does not offer a major in astronomy, students have the opportunity to work at NASA Ames — Silicon Valley's own NASA research center — and rub shoulders with NASA scientists.

Using images produced by NASA's Spitzer Space



PROVIDED BY MICHAEL KAUFMAN

Image of galaxy NGC 6946, which is similar to our solar system's galaxy, the Milky Way.

Telescope, launched in 2003, Kaufman, who is also a researcher at NASA Ames, has been studying the chemical composition and temperature over different regions of star-forming clouds within our own galaxy.

For his part, Cordier said he has been using computer models to filter out information such as temperature and density from the telescope images.

"As a kid you watch science programs ... and it's nice to be able to see, 'Oh this is how they do it, this is how they go about it, these are the problems that you encounter,'" he said.

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How to file a report

A student can file a report either by logging on to:
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or calling 1-800-716-9007.

Within minutes the system automatically transmits the report to the appropriate person

movie reviews

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Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

As the ultimate Potter-head, I started counting down the days in July until the fifth "Harry Potter" movie hit the big screen. Then I reread the book just so I could remember what the heck it was going to be about, chose an IMAX theater so I could watch 15 minutes in 3-D and showed up at the overcrowded movie wearing my cloak and a lightning-bolt scar on my forehead (just kidding). But 15 minutes into "Harry Potter" and Dudley Dursley's familiar faces, I thought, "What. Is. This?"

But instead of getting up and walking out, I sucked it up and sat

through the entire movie because I just couldn't bear to be known as "The One Who Walked Out." Sure, the graphics were OK and the 3-D was all right, but when the movie is compared to the book, Director David Yates concentrated too much on the very-evil-but-doesn't-even-look-like-a-toad Professor Umbridge. So what did I learn from all the July Harry hype? Don't read the book right before the movie. And as much as I'm looking forward to the sixth film, I won't expect too much from Yates anymore.

- Felicia Ann Aguinaldo

Bourne Ultimatum

★★★★★

I will say this with the utmost confidence — "Ultimatum" is the best of the Bourne three. It was the movie where not one viewer escaped to the bathroom, took that call from the babysitter, refilled the Pepsi or sneaked a kiss from his or her date.

There will be no synopsis of the best movie of the summer, it's too good to try to explain and too in-depth to even attempt. Matt Damon's action sequences were exciting, and writers Tony Gilroy and Scott

Burns' intricate story line came full circle from our first meeting with Bourne and his "Identity."

The movie is still out, so go to your local theater if you are the one with nothing to say when your buddies talk about Bourne and his awesome-ness.

In the typical fashion of grade-A crappy threequels, this "Bourne" stands superior. And as Bourne lives by, "Remember everything. Forgive nothing." See Damon in the best action flick of the season.

- Lindsay Bryant

The Simpsons

★★★★★

America's favorite dysfunctional family, "The Simpsons," invaded theaters over the summer after 20 years of life on my (and your) living-room set. I am not the "I have the boxed collector's edition DVD series of every episode and have watched them four times" kind of fan, but the Simpsons has always made me laugh. So in my mental preparation to watch this movie, I had faith in creator Matt Groening's ability to translate the cartoon onto the bigger screen.

Forget the storyline about Springfield being trapped under a ... nevermind, I won't give it away in case you haven't seen it. But if you can get your kicks out of one 30-minute episode on your 27-inch flat screen, then consider this \$173.3 million blockbuster three times the fun and worth your \$9 contribution. Sorry Millhouse, no mathematical punch-line for you.

So go watch it, or eat my shorts, dude.

- Kevin Rand

Transformers

★★★★★

Was I the only one not excited to see this movie? Probably not. But I sure felt like the lone killjoy in the theater, and I got my ticket for free.

My cousin's sister's boyfriend's friend's acquaintance works for eBay, one of the main product-placement advertisers in "Transformers," so a group of us went to a super-duper-exclusive private screening the day before it released.

After about 10 minutes of Shia LeBeouf's B-movie acting, in my not-so-humble opinion, I literally got bored and tired, so I snuggled up against the armrest.

What bothered me about this movie was its predictability and its overt appeal to the lowest common denominator. What else was I to expect for the on-screen battle between intergalactic-robot squads, you ask?

Then I guess it was my fault for even hoping "Transformers" was going to be anything more than it was. And if those big, talking machines are supposed to be "more than meets the eye" — I just didn't see it.

- Kevin Rand

I now pronounce you Chuck & Larry

★★★★★

The premise, in theory, sounds funny. Two heterosexual guys, Adam Sandler and Kevin James, make a life-altering and morally enlightening decision to get hitched, er, civilly unionized, for James' kids' sake after his wife dies.

The first time I saw the movie the obvious gay jokes came, and I laughed alongside a male couple sitting a few rows down.

The second time (same movie, new date) I admittedly felt bad — about why I was laughing, not the date. Like laughing at "The Ringer" or watching someone die on "Days of Our Lives" and feeling giddy.

To even out the bigotry, there was a teaching moment when a group of the radical rights screamed slurs, and seconds-ago homophobic Sandler stood up for the same-sex lovers and friends.

But still, for the expense of the ticket and directing my own moral compass, this is one to pass up.

- Lindsay Bryant

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REVIEW :

Comedy Jam shows no mercy

By SAMANTHA SALAS

Staff Writer

Don't attend the Bay Area's hottest and funniest event of the year expecting to take notes.

I was laughing so hard, I didn't even have time to think about what I'd say in more than five words about the best comedy show I had ever seen, let alone an entire review. But to sum it up, here it goes:

We all know the Bay Area is known for its parties and the unbelievable range of cultures filing in quicker than we have room for. But when the two are put together and topped off with eight of the funniest comedians in one place, the results are absolutely remarkable. Almost 20,000 people filed into the Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View on Saturday night to view Wild 94.9's Comedy Jam 2007.

This annual show proves to be one of the best in the nation — even headliner Carlos Mencia agrees the Bay Area is where it all started almost 10 years ago.

Along with Mencia, other performers included Lisa Lampanelli, David Alan Grier, Rex Navarrete, Gabriel Iglesias, Jo Koy, Jeff Garcia, Anjelah Johnson and special guest Brad Williams.

There were a blend of races either sitting or standing inside the packed amphitheater. The performers were diverse themselves and weren't afraid to announce it. The comics' stereotypical, yet truthful, jokes portrayed not only their own race, but everyone else's as well. Whether the topic was politics, social life or the family they grew up with, every race had their moment of attack.

And the crowd loved it.

Show-starter and San Jose native Anjelah Johnson said she would describe her style of comedy as being observational and relatable. It was her first time performing at the Shoreline Amphitheatre, and Johnson said it was "the biggest thing yet. Very different than per-

forming at a club."

Johnson said she enjoyed the crowd's energy and loved being a part of the Comedy Jam.

Jeff Garcia wasn't afraid to show his Hispanic background, and Jo Koy displayed his self-described love/hate relationship for his Filipino culture.

Gabriel Iglesias, also known as "Fluffy," used his unique sound effects to illuminate his jokes and let his own experiences leave the crowd rolling.

Rex Navarrete showed another version of Filipino life, and "In Loving Color" star David Alan Grier proved that even men over the age of 50 need some love.

"Queen of Mean" insult comic Lisa Lampanelli is one no-holds-barred type of comedian when it comes to race. With a small touch of personal experience and an immense touch of reality, Lampanelli let the crowd know exactly what she thought of the wide range of cultures by insulting rather than storytelling.

Finally, Carlos Mencia brought the show to a close with his rationalization that no one race is perfect, and everyone is left without something someone else has. No one in the audience was left without Mencia's reactions to the public's politically correct "But, Carlos ... what about ..." statements.

Mencia is one who tells it like it is and has no problem telling anyone who wants to hear it.

Most importantly, though, the crowd at this year's 94.9 Comedy Jam was left with an experience they'll likely remember for the rest of their lives.

For those interested in next year's performance, don't plan on attending a clean-cut PG-13 show. So save your money for the Bay's funniest night of year. Everything from the performers, to the laughs, to the party animals who know how to make sitting on the lawn one heck of a ride, this show was by far the truest form of funny anyone has ever seen. Hands down.

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CHAVEZ- Students excited about learning politics from San Jose City Hall veteran

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proach for the job, Christensen thought of Chavez as an obvious candidate.

"It makes sense to have someone who has been doing local politics teach local politics," Christensen said. "Cindy has been on the front lines of local politics for most of her career, especially in her last eight years on (San Jose) city council."

He said, "She's kind of a teacher by nature. ... She always did a great job of helping people understand all the different roles in the decision-making process. She's pretty good at explaining things."

The Leader In Residence program has been at SJSU for the past 15 years.

"Through this program, we bring people, like Cindy, who are political leaders onto campus to teach a class," Christensen said.

However, this is not a binding, long-term arrangement, Christensen said.

"Usually, they just do it for one semester," Christensen said. "If it's successful and she enjoys it, there is a possibility she could continue. That will be up to her. She might want to make more money than she would as a part-time faculty member."

Other staff members like Fred Keeley, a former member of the state assembly, was Leader

In Residence three semesters ago and chose to stay on. However, Chavez did not indicate long-term placement on SJSU staff. When asked if she was anticipating teaching more semesters, Chavez said, "No, the program is for one semester and I am honored and excited to do it."

Kristine Constantino, a third-year broadcast journalism major is taking Chavez's class this semester.

"I figured she would have a little bit more insight than a regular professor," she said.

Despite the fact that other city leaders and officials have preceded Chavez in teaching the course, her star power may have something to do with the booked enrollment in her class. In fact, Constantino is already optimistic about the course after only one meeting.

"I thought it was going to be a little boring, but with (Chavez), I know it is going to be so much more exciting," Constantino said.

Chavez expressed clear objectives set for her new class.

"I think it will highlight the importance of local government in the long term in this community, and not just this community, but all over the country," Chavez said. "The goal I want to achieve in the class is helping people understand that connection between local and national government and what you can do on the local level to impact what's happening in

the world."

As far as anticipated challenges for her this semester, Chavez only described typical teacher woes.

"I was a little overwhelmed with how many students showed up. ... Grading papers is going to be kind of tough. That's probably the only thing I'm worried about," Chavez said.

Aside from teaching the course, Chavez is still politically involved in the community. With an organization called Bay Area Council, she is doing research in partnership with UC Santa Cruz on the subject of land use and sustainability.

"We're really focused on what we need to do to make sure we have natural resources that last as we continue to have people coming into the state of California," Chavez said.

Chavez looks back fondly on her SJSU education and uses it as inspiration as a teacher.

She said, "When I was here as a student, I remember people like Terry Christensen who were so confident that the younger generation was going to make big changes in the community."

"I think that kind of hopefulness and confidence comes from being on a college campus, so I am excited to share in that. If any little piece of what we do here will make someone feel more ready to take on the world, I think it's a terrific honor."



HANNA THRASHER // SPARTAN DAILY

Cindy Chavez, now a political science instructor at San Jose State University, holds up the required text in her Monday class.

FEE- Senator Yee 'absolutely horrified' at student fee increases

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work to pay tuition, and they still have other expenses to pay for like books and rent.

"As student fees increase, there is always the possibility that some students will have to drop out of school because they can not afford the costs to attend college," he said.

State Sen. Leland Yee, who represents San Francisco and San Mateo, said that he is "absolutely horrified" at the fee increases.

"I'm outraged at the high salaries being given to CSU executives. If the CSU board of trustees wouldn't approve extraordinary salaries and benefit packages, there would be no need for these fee hikes," he said.

"Legislators need to look at the long-term effects of these fee hikes."

JULIAN ROSENBERG *SJSU student and intern for the CFA*

Liz Cara, president of the California Faculty Association at SJSU, said they will continue to advocate that student

fees not be raised.

According to the CFA, if fees go up another 10 percent, they will have increased by 94 percent in only five years.

According to the association's Web site, "When many of the CSU trustees who support the fee hike attended the CSU in the 1960s, their fees were only \$76 per year (only about \$535 in today's

dollars)."

Last March, the California Post-secondary Education Commission released an analysis calling for a five-year moratorium on student fee hikes for CSU and University of California schools. The commission analysis found that, "the overall cost of attending college threatens to become a major barrier to access and opportunity for Californians."

According to the commission's fiscal profiles in 2006, although the Consumer Price Index in California rose by 16 percent and personal income for Californians rose by 27 percent between 2001 and 2006, student fees increased by 76 percent during the same period.

"I'm supportive of (a fee moratorium)," said Yee. "As these fee increases go on, more and more students are priced out of higher education."

SJSU professors were also concerned about the effect fee hikes will have on students.

"We feel that it's really an accessibility issue and for a public university, especially one as diverse as San Jose State," Cara said.

Julian Rosenberg, an SJSU student and intern for the California Faculty Association, is also concerned by the rising cost of education.

"Legislators need to look at the long-term effects of these fee hikes," he said. "They're not doing what's best for the future of higher education."

The most diverse CSU campuses have seen an enrollment drop since fees began to spike in 2002, according to the CFA.

Henderson, in his e-mail, said that the AS plans to draft a resolution in opposition to the increase in student fees. They will also organize a march to the State Capital to protest the 10 percent student fees, according to Henderson.

"There are over 400,000 students in the CSU system alone, and together with the other institutes of higher education, we can make our voice heard," he said.

MYSAFE- Web site will support current methods of crime prevention

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username and password, he or she has the option to remain anonymous throughout the entire process.

Jose Martinez, a junior majoring in animation and illustration, said he thinks SJSU being a part of MySafeCampus is a good idea.

"Sometimes it's easier to communicate through a computer than to talk to a person, especially about emotions," he said. "It's money well spent, and it will probably deter crime too."

Debra Griffith, director of Student Conduct and Ethical Development, is in charge of advertising the new service on campus. A two-week poster campaign will be implemented "probably next week" to make students aware of what MySafeCampus is and how to use it, she said. The Web site is already being promoted on the campus' housing television.

When it comes to crime, the service is meant to compliment the telephone tip line and online confidential reporting system the UPD already uses, police officials said. However, the Web site itemizes 30 different types of reports a student can file and then have directed to the most appropriate department — not always the police.

Students who may fear being labeled a "snitch" and students who have been victims of sexual harassment will find the new service especially appealing, said Terri Thames, the interim director of Counseling Services. SJSU officials will also be able to get "a better picture" of campus concerns and issues that they were previously unaware of because of a lack of data, she said.

"I think MySafeCampus will be very helpful to some students," Thames said, "because there are some students who hesitate to come forward about things they are worried or troubled about. ... It's difficult to be anonymous unless you use this service."

UPD said it will continue to investigate anonymous crime reports same way it always has. But, in order for crimes to be prosecuted, the department must be able to verify the information contained in reports, said Sgt. Michael Santos.

"If a person wishes to remain anonymous, we can only go so far with verification," Santos said.

He added, "We look at each report on a case-by-case basis. We'll try to investigate the best we can. But, if we're not given detailed information we might not be able to proceed."

Santos said that 911 is still the service students should use for immediate emergencies, not MySafeCampus, the tip line or the online crime-reporting service.

Heidi Butterfield, a freshman majoring in music education, said she doesn't think all students on campus will be prone to using the new service.

"A big percentage (of students) probably wouldn't use the site because they're lazy," she said. "If it doesn't have to do with them then it doesn't matter. The safety-conscious people probably would."

Although students must make use of the Web site in order for it to be successful, the campus officials that receive MySafeCampus reports must also hold up their end of the bargain and respond, Busalacchi said.

The primary person responsible for responding to reports is Griffith.

"Counseling services, my office and UPD are all pretty responsible in terms of responding to students' needs," Griffith said. "That's pretty much what we do day in and day out. I'll be checking everyday. I don't think it will be a problem."

After the two-year commitment to Business Controls and MySafeCampus, Busalacchi and her team of representatives will evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

"If we minimize one thing from happening we've done our jobs," she said. "If we minimize one student from getting hurt, it's worthwhile."

A student can file a report either by logging on to <http://www.mysafecampus.com> or calling 1-800-716-9007 and within minutes the system automatically transmits the report, via personal contact information, to the appropriate person on campus.

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'Eclipse' back for '08

All-American cornerback Lowery returns for a senior season to mature, refine his game

By **MARK POWELL**
Senior Staff Writer

At some untraceable moment it happened during last season's 35-34 victory over Stanford University. San Jose State University cornerback Dwight Lowery said he remembers gripping a water bottle on the sidelines early in the third quarter when he noticed something different about his left hand.

"I tried to squeeze (the water bottle), but I couldn't squeeze it," Lowery said. "I thought it was just sprained or something."

The perceived sprain turned out to be a minute fracture, and it kept then-junior Lowery from adding punt returns to his growing to-do list, said Spartan head coach Dick Tomey.

However, Tomey and SJSU cornerbacks coach Keith Burns said that may have been the only thing that Lowery was kept from doing last season.

"I think he could have been a little more physical at the point of attack on some of his bump-and-run man (coverages)," Burns said, "but I don't think it really affected his ball skills. I mean, he didn't drop anything."

"He knew it was going to be a little inconvenience, but he learned how to deal with it. He's a highly competitive guy and does a great job of understanding how to take care of his body."

Last season Lowery finished second in the nation with nine interceptions, an SJSU record, and was named a mid-season All-American by Sports Illustrated.

Both the American Football Coaches Association and the Football Writers Association of America also honored Lowery as an All-American. He was the first Spartan ever to be named to those two All-American teams in the same season.

Earlier this month the Santa Cruz native also became the first Spartan in 36 years to be named a preseason All-American by Playboy Magazine.

"He puts a lot of enormous pressure on himself to get better," Tomey said. "He's not satisfied. I've always felt that the players that are the best players are always the hardest on themselves — they want to continually achieve more and more and more. They have a hunger to get better and to be coached, and I think Dwight has that."

Despite the national attention, Lowery said he's still the same player who intercepted passes in near anonymity at Cabrillo College in the two seasons prior to becoming a Spartan.

"For me, it's not really that different," Lowery said. "To me, you're just getting more attention than what you usually get. To me, I'm just playing the game. I was fortunate to have a good season last year

and I don't look at it any differently from when I first got here."

Lowery said that he can often sense when he is about to make an interception, calling it a "heightened sense of awareness" as the play begins to develop before his eyes.

"It's weird," Lowery said. "It's kind of like when you're playing a video game, you know? You're playing running back and you see a crease or something and you just go? It's kind of like that."

To go along with his "Spidey-sense" ability to snag interceptions, Lowery said that Coach Burns nicknamed him "Eclipse" early in the 2006 season because of his ability to cover opposing players so well.

Lowery said the nickname has a double meaning. "Guys are going to try extra hard and say things like, 'Oh you're the Eclipse, huh?' And you kind of want that but it's a pretty big plate to fill," he said. "For me, it also kind of symbolizes my personality a little bit. I'm kind of — I wouldn't say a mysterious person — but I'm the kind of person you can't figure out quickly."

After an accomplished junior season, Lowery said he weighed his options regarding the NFL draft but decided to return to SJSU, feeling it was his best option.

"Let's say I was projected first-round or projected seventh-round — it wouldn't have mattered to me," Lowery said. "To play in the NFL and do something you love for a living, you seriously have to consider that option. It had nothing to do with money, it had nothing to do with draft status, it just had to do with 'Am I ready to go do it now, or should I wait a year and do the things I would benefit from by coming back and then going?'"

Lowery said he thought the attitude some players have possessed in making the jump from college to the pros was "funny."

"When you start making demands and having contract holdouts and stuff, you're being really selfish and not thinking about how there's someone in Africa who is starving and getting no money or barely eating and barely surviving and you're sitting here asking 'Oh, I don't want to be drafted in this position,'" Lowery said. "You're in a very fortunate situation and position compared to a lot of people in this world."

Coach Tomey said that Arizona State, SJSU's first opponent on Sept. 1, wouldn't be afraid of the NFL-bound Lowery and would not shy about throwing to his side of the field. "I think Arizona State will challenge him," Tomey said. "I think Arizona State will challenge us, period. Coach (Dennis) Erickson's last game he coached was against us. There are no secrets; they will attack us."

"I was fortunate to have a good season last year and I don't look at it any differently from when I first got here."

DWIGHT LOWERY
All-American Spartan cornerback

Tomey's season to start with 300th career game

By **SARRAH S. NGUYEN**
Staff Writer

When our Spartans take on the Sun Devils of Arizona State University Sept. 1, it will mark Dick Tomey's 300th game on the sidelines as a Div. 1A (now called the Football Bowl Subdivision) head coach.

With that, Tomey will be joining the few other coaches, such as Joe Paterno of Penn State University and Bobby Dowden of Florida State University, that have coached in 300 games.

Part of Tomey's coaching strategy consists of treating his players like sons.

"Which means you got to be hard on them and make sure they do things right and you got to set high standards."

"You got to make sure they pay attention to detail and make sure you really care about them," Tomey said about part of his coaching philosophy.

Tomey received a contract extension from San Jose State University to coach until 2010, due to the remarkable accomplishments he has made in the past two years.

As the Spartan's head coach, the Bloomington, Ind., native ended SJSU's 16-year bowl drought with a 2006 New Mexico Bowl Championship, a victory over Stanford, and he led the Spartans back to ABC-TV for the first time in a decade, according to the SJSU media guide.

Tomey started his head coach position at SJSU in 2004 and made a mark as the 26th head coach in school history.

The 1981 Western Athletic Conference Coach of the Year began to amass his 170 career victories in the Div. 1A (FBA) level as head coach at the University of Hawaii in 1977, where his team set a 63-46-3 record.

A memorable figure in Hawaii, he produced the Warriors' first All-America player in defensive lineman Al Noga and was inducted into the University of Hawaii's Sports Circle of Honor in 2006.

Tomey left Hawaii in 1986 for the University of Arizona, where he brought the Wildcats their first bowl win in 85 seasons.

In 1999, the producer of five NFL first-round draft choices was the only coach in Arizona's school history to receive a Provost Award for outstanding teacher.

Spartan All-WAC punter Waylon Prather believes it is Tomey's knowledge of the game that makes him a strong coach.

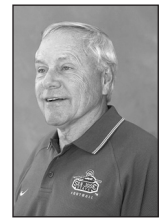
"His past is his strength," wide receiver Michael Hooper said.

Despite his geographical changes, Tomey feels the experiences have been the same but different.

"The job's the same, but, obviously San Jose is a different place, and we love it here," Tomey said about the difference between SJSU, Arizona and Hawaii.

Prior to joining the Spartans as head coach, Tomey spent 2004 season with the University of Texas football team and played a part in the Longhorns' 2005 Rose Bowl win, according to the media guide.

Above, all Tomey views the 300th game and season opener as a way to see how much work the



Dick Tomey, current SJSU head football coach, will be leading his 300th career game Saturday against Arizona State.

team has to do.

"I didn't even know about that," Tomey said about his feelings prior to his 300th game. "I don't think about it. I just look upon each game as a challenge."

"We've been practicing against ourselves. We don't really know what our real plus and minuses are. You start to get a feel for that after your first game," Tomey said about the season opener.

Career Numbers:

- 1981 Western Athletic Conference Coach of the year
- 170 career wins, 4th among active coaches
- 2006 New Mexico Bowl champion
- 5 bowl victories in 8 appearances
- 4th among active coaches in total games coached.
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Source: SJSU Athletics

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This upbeat musical has you humming and tapping your foot from the very second the first scene starts.

If you were expecting an exact remake of the 1988 classic by the same name, you're in for a surprise. The general storyline is the same, but the songs are so much more catchy.

I'm not one for musicals (well, at least I thought I wasn't), but this film had me wishing I could dance and sing in front of the screen like Tracy Turnblad and Penny Pingleton do when the Corny Collins Show comes on. Actually, I'm still temporarily hooked on musicals, so I'm actually thinking of watching "High School Musical."

I loved "Hairspray" so much that I begged my mom to let me watch it a second time. In fact, I still wish I bought tickets for the sing-along version, but I guess I can wait for the DVD to come out. And you know I'll be running home to watch these big-name stars sing and dance on screen over and over again.

- Felicia Ann Aguinaldo



COURTESY OF NEW LINE CINEMA

Hot Rod

★★★★★

Get ready to meet the worst but funniest stuntman ever. This hilarious film had me giggling for practically the entire two-and-a-half hours.

Rod Kimble's silly Momma-made cape, absurd stick-on mustache, bulky wrestling pads and funky fight chant/prayer were completely random, but they definitely worked for Andy Samberg. He didn't overdo it, yet he didn't underdo it like "Napoleon Dynamite" either.

His afternoon dance in the woods was so rad and very reminiscent of the '80s flashdance, you couldn't help but crack up. And I can't forget to mention his unforgettable party-loving crew, which consists of little brother and cameraman Kevin, old-school T-shirt-wearing Dave, riot-looter Rico and cute neighbor Denise.

This movie is definitely a step above the outrageous Napoleon, and it was totally worth my \$9.50.

- Felicia Ann Aguinaldo



COURTESY OF PARAMOUNT PICTURES

If you're looking to fill that scream factor before summer comes to a quick end, "1408" might be the movie for you.

It follows the story of a writer named Mike Enslin, played by John Cusack, whose fascination with the supernatural leads him to write books about haunted hotels. He stumbles upon one last hotel, hoping to en-

counter a supernatural experience, but what he gets, instead, is far worse than he could ever imagine.

The movie, based on the book by Stephen King, becomes a thrill of events as Enslin tries to prove that a particular room, 1408, is not haunted. What Enslin does not know is that he is stepping into a real-as-life

horror story. ★★★★★

This movie is definitely worth the \$4 rental fee, but it didn't satisfy my horror craving enough to pay \$10 to see it in the theaters.

Samuel L. Jackson also stars and gives the movie an extra thrill.

- Heather Driscoll

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NASA- Students get opportunity to see real-world research

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Cordier said the program gave him more than just a glimpse of what science is like in the real world.

"To go to school and do a major and not have any idea what it's going to be like once you're done is a bit frightening, and to be able to still be in school and see what it's going to be like once you graduate is really nice," he said.

Kenneth Wharton, associate professor of physics, who worked with students in the program this past summer, said, "For me, I had no experience, and it was hard showing people that I could hack it in the lab or be a physicist."

While the Natural Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates programs are offered in universities scattered throughout the country, SJSU is one of the few places in the Bay Area to offer it, Wharton said.

According to Kaufman, during the academic year the science foundation's program supports about five SJSU students and anywhere from five to nine students during its 10-week summer program, about half of whom come from other universities.

"Some of these students came from all over the country," Wharton said.

But students just looking to brighten up

their resumes will be sorely disappointed.

"This isn't like a homework assignment where the answers are in the back of the book," said Monika Kress, assistant professor of physics and astronomy, adding that this type of research requires a lot of student initiative.

Kress, who served on the 2003-2004 Antarctic Search for Meteorites, used those findings as the basis for student work within the science foundation's program. Kress and her team of student scientists developed a model to explain the debris pattern of the Antarctic meteorite and presented their work at the Meteorological Society in Tucson, Ariz. this past summer.

Students in the program don't get graded, they get paid, just like in the real world. Under the direction of Kress, her students got to work at NASA for the summer, badges and all. "It was really cool for them to come to work at NASA everyday and get paid to do it," Kress said.

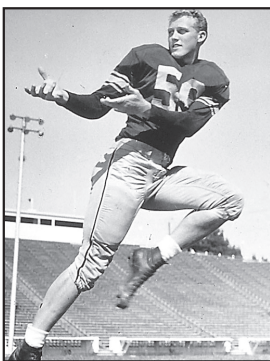
But students shouldn't worry that a formal research program will lock them into one career path for the rest of their lives.

"To be honest, sometimes it's valuable for people because they see what happens in research and then decide that's not what they want to do," Kaufman said.

Not surprisingly, Cordier, is "still trying to figure that stuff out."

WALSH- Attended SJSU in the '50s

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Bill Walsh, three-time Super Bowl champion and San Jose State alumnus, was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

George Coakley, advertising professor at SJSU, was Walsh's roommate in the '50s at SJSU.

"Bill Walsh was the 'big man' on campus," Coakley said via e-mail. "He wore the mantle of coach, but, more accurately, he was a teacher; a teacher who taught by example and with understanding; a teacher who taught to inspire."

Walsh played both offensive and defensive end at SJSU. According to Coakley, he was also a boxer. In 1953, Walsh won the 190-pound all-college boxing tournament.

Coakley also remembered Walsh as a good student with an abundance of friends.

"He had an engaging personality and never got too full of himself," Coakley said in the e-mail. "He was loyal, kind and thoughtful."

According to the Biography Resource Center, in 1966, Walsh landed his first job in the AFL as an offensive coordinator for the Oakland Raiders. He also spent time as an assistant coach in Cincinnati and San Diego. Walsh arrived in San Francisco in 1979 and became an NFL coach.

He won his first Super Bowl in 1982 when the

49ers defeated the Cincinnati Bengals 26-21. The 49ers would go on to win two more Super Bowls under Walsh's leadership. In 1985 and 1989.

Walsh was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1993. The selection committee named him "Coach of the '80s". According to the Biography Resource Center, his final record in the NFL was 102-63-1.

According to the San Jose Spartans Web site, Walsh stayed connected with SJSU. He was inducted into the school's sports Hall of Fame and made a contribution to the school's football and gymnastics programs.

He is survived by his wife Geri Nardini, his children Craig and Elizabeth and two grandchildren.

The San Francisco 49ers held a public memorial for Walsh at Monster Park on Aug. 10. Senator Diane Feinstein and Joe Montana spoke at the event. According to various news reports, more than 1,000 supporters attended. The park has also changed its name to Bill Walsh field.

Pat Lopes Harris, media relations specialist for the university, said in an e-mail, "San Jose State has received a number of suggestions on how best to honor coach Walsh. Our plans will reflect Walsh's work, values and beliefs."

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Look to UPD to fight crime

MySafeCampus.com's anonymity option may not be the most effective way to deal with safety issues

The function of MySafeCampus.com may not be all it is built up to be. As a supplementary addition to the traditional way of reporting crime to the police, the San Jose State University funded Web site allows you to do this anonymously.

Just as you can do on the University Police Department Web site at sjsupd.com or by calling the anonymous tip line at 924-2236.

Those in favor maintain that the online forum, which is categorized into 30 sections, is a way for students to report criminal activity and be directed to the right person to speak with from the UPD to a guidance counselor to others.

The Web site issues the message of "anonymity" and "confidentiality," yet this very aspect leaves the skeptic to wonder: Who is directing your confidential messages to the appropriate outlet?

The credibility of the Web site is shaky at best, and with the trusted resources of our law enforcement and excellent coun-

seling services available on campus in the Administration Building room 201 — MySafeCampus.com is an unnecessary middleman.

In an emergency, a fully capable police force, who can be reached from the blue towers around campus or at their office on Seventh Street, is there to help you.

As a student in need on this campus the best resources are right in front of you, leaving it to a Web site, who's accountability is unfounded, is not the best option.

As a secondary resource, MySafeCampus.com may be a good option for students. Firstly, however, students should look to the immediate resources available here and not leave it to a distant Web site to report crime.

In time, and as students use the site, we will see if MySafeCampus.com helps in the prevention and guidance of students at SJSU.

Filtering crimes through the site isn't efficient — reporting critical issues of safety is best left to the UPD.

THE OPINION OF THE SPARTAN DAILY EDITORIAL BOARD

Quote of the day

"I want to apologize to all the young kids out there for my immature acts and, you know, what I did was, what I did was very immature, so that means I need to grow up."

MICHAEL VICK

Former NFL Atlanta Falcons quarterback on his guilty plea to his involvement in illegal dog fighting

Gonzales' resignation long overdue

Yesterday morning, United States Attorney General Alberto Gonzales announced his resignation. After months of the American people discussing the validity of his character and furthering questions surrounding evidence presented before the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 19, 2007, President Bush's loyal conspirator has left Capitol Hill.

The New York Times broke the story, revealing that Gonzales met with Bush at his Crawford Ranch in Texas on Friday and signed away his title for the last 18 months since John Ashcroft's resignation as Bush began his second term.

The news brought a sigh of relief and left us saying, "finally." The swarm of rumors around Gonzales — from his alleged unsavory involvement in politically-charged discussions with those in the Bush administration before the firing of nine U.S. Attorneys to his alleged involvement with illegally using the Patriot Act — left our faith in the most visible leader of the U.S. Justice Department tarnished.

The American government needs a credible, qualified, honest and strong replacement for Gonzales, but the name currently churning around the rumor mill is not someone who necessarily meets those requirements. According to The New York Times and ABC News, Department of Homeland Security head Michael "I have not heard a report of thousands of people in the convention center who don't have food and water" Chertoff is in the running for the job.

Obviously, the president has not learned from his past mistakes unless he is prepared for another round of confir-

mation hearings that he can't win. Mr. Bush, repeat after us, "I won't hire my unqualified, scandalous friends for really important jobs."

The president should find someone who can actually finish a job they start, with honesty and integrity, because the restoration of the U.S. Justice Department begins with this appointment.

The implication of wrongdoing by our Attorney General was enough to pro-

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ecute him in the media by most accounts and raise the appropriate questions.

The search for the truth will remain behind the firing of the attorneys and whether or not Gonzales did, in fact, lie under oath.

In addition to the cloud over Gonzales about the firings, in the months after September 11, 2001, Gonzales faced scrutiny over broadening the powers of the executive branch through his support of legal counsel through his time as Attorney General.

Speculation over who made the decision surrounding the Gonzales step-down ranges from the leaving of senior White House adviser and "protector" Karl Rove to influences of those in the Bush administration encouraging him to leave the office.

After standing before the Grand Jury and admitting ignorance 71 times about the political firing of U.S. Attorney Gen-

erals, Gonzales left the office with Bush still close by his side.

Bush called him "a man of integrity, decency and principle." And added, "It's sad that we live in a time when a talented and honorable person like Alberto Gonzales is impeded from doing important work because his good name was dragged through the mud for political reasons."

A man who refuses to admit wrongdoing even in seemingly the most obvious of circumstances (see: Weapons of Mass Destruction), in the same form and fashion, stood steadfastly next to Gonzales.

If an editor at the Daily had cried "I didn't recall" as often and as easily as Gonzales did, their position would assuredly be replaced. The same advocacy, for a strong leader in the Justice Department, should be placed at the top of the list of "to do's" at the White House. We cannot expect perfection from our leaders but we must expect integrity and honor.

The American people deserve the truth from those we have voted into office and by those who appoint others to represent us at every level of government.

The partisanship that occurred in the Gonzales mess is not fully dispelled because of his resignation, nor is it fodder to become yesterday's news and forget why he has stepped down.

For the remaining months left in the Bush administration, we look to those with power to investigate and find the truth.

At the end of a long day, that is all we have to rest our heads on. And Americans deserve the truth.

FYI: When in Rome, don't speak French

Where in the world is ... every place in the world?



FELICIA ANN AGUINALDO

Let's Be Honest

When you think of Rome, you may think of the Pope or the Colosseum. Heck, you may even think of the 2002 film Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen starred in, for all I know.

But the last thing you think of when you hear the word is the language of love.

Well, unless you're Joe, that is. "When in Rome," my sister Jacquee said to her boyfriend, referring to the clichéd expression.

Most people don't need to hear the rest of the sentence to know what Jacquee meant by it. (Adapt to the culture of whatever place you visit, derr.)

But Joe? Good 'ole Joe. He finished the sentence for her: "Speak French."

Wait a minute ... what?! Does he even know where Rome is? And while I'm at it, do YOU even know where Rome is?

I think my boyfriend, Ryan, might. "Greek, duh."

Yes, that was his answer to that very question. And first off, the country is called Greece. Second of all, no. Rome is not in Greece, nor is it in Greek. And I am truly embarrassed.

But believe it or not, it's not uncommon that people are bad at geography. (So thank you, God, for making sure my boyfriend and my sisters aren't the only ones

There is no excuse, however, why recent polls have shown that one-fifth of Americans can't even locate the United States on the world map.

who don't know what a map looks like.)

National Geographic conducted a poll last year and found that six in 10 college-aged people don't even know where Iraq is located.

But then again, it's not like we've been fighting a war there for the past five years or anything. And it's not like the country is

mentioned in the newspaper every day.

"It's somewhere near Iran," one of the six in 10 people might say. Yeah, and so are Afghanistan and Pakistan.

But that's not good enough.

Forty-seven percent can't find where India is located either.

Yeah, that's right. I said India. As in the Indian subcontinent. As in the second-most populated country in the world, according to Wikipedia.org.

"Geography is not consistently taught in the United States," Terry Garcia, executive vice president of National Geographic, told the Associated Press when the poll's results were revealed.

"Pretty much after the seventh grade, here in the United States geography isn't taught."

Phew! I thought it was an issue with individual people. Or maybe it was an issue with our country's attitude toward other countries.

Nope. It's a problem with our school system. How do you expect us to rule the world when we can't even identify the land masses on it?

So here's my solution: Movie directors and rap artists should promote their knowledge of geography to help out the young'ns.

It's worked before, and I'll bet it will work again.

Iceland is green, and Greenland is icy. Don't even act like you figured that out from a topographic map of the world. You heard it from the Mighty Ducks, and so did I.

I also learned what the capital of Iraq was from a 2000 hip hop song by Outkast, "Bombs over Baghdad." OK, well I didn't actually figure out it was the capital then, but I did find out that bombs were blasting all over Baghdad. And that's good enough to make me pull out an atlas and look it up.

But it's not just other countries' locations we ignore. And it's evident by our lack of knowledge about our own country, too.

One-third of the people National Geographic polled don't know where Louisiana is located.

C'mon! The Mardi Gras capital? Oops, I mean the state Hurricane Katrina devastated in 2005?

Well, at least you can tell me where New York is located ... right?

Apparently not.

Less than 50 percent could identify New York and Ohio on a map.

Wow. Ohio, maybe. But New York?

Wow.

It may be OK that you don't know California, Mo., exists (it does, believe me ... and Mo. stands for Missouri) or that Springfield is a real city (actually, two real cities) not just one the Simpsons creators made up, but those are hard.

There is no excuse, however, why recent polls have shown that one-fifth of Americans can't even locate the United States on a world map.

"I personally believe that U.S. Americans are unable to do so because some people out there in our nation don't have maps," Miss South Carolina, Lauren Caitlin Upton, said this weekend at the Miss Teen USA competition.

Didn't anyone eat off of map place-mats when they were kids? Or have one of those stuffed globe balls? Maybe that was just me.

Regardless of your inability to locate cities, states, countries or any place other than San Jose State University (if you can even do that), please tell me you know what language the English (as in the people from England) speak.

Any takers? I'll let Joe answer that one, too.

"French."

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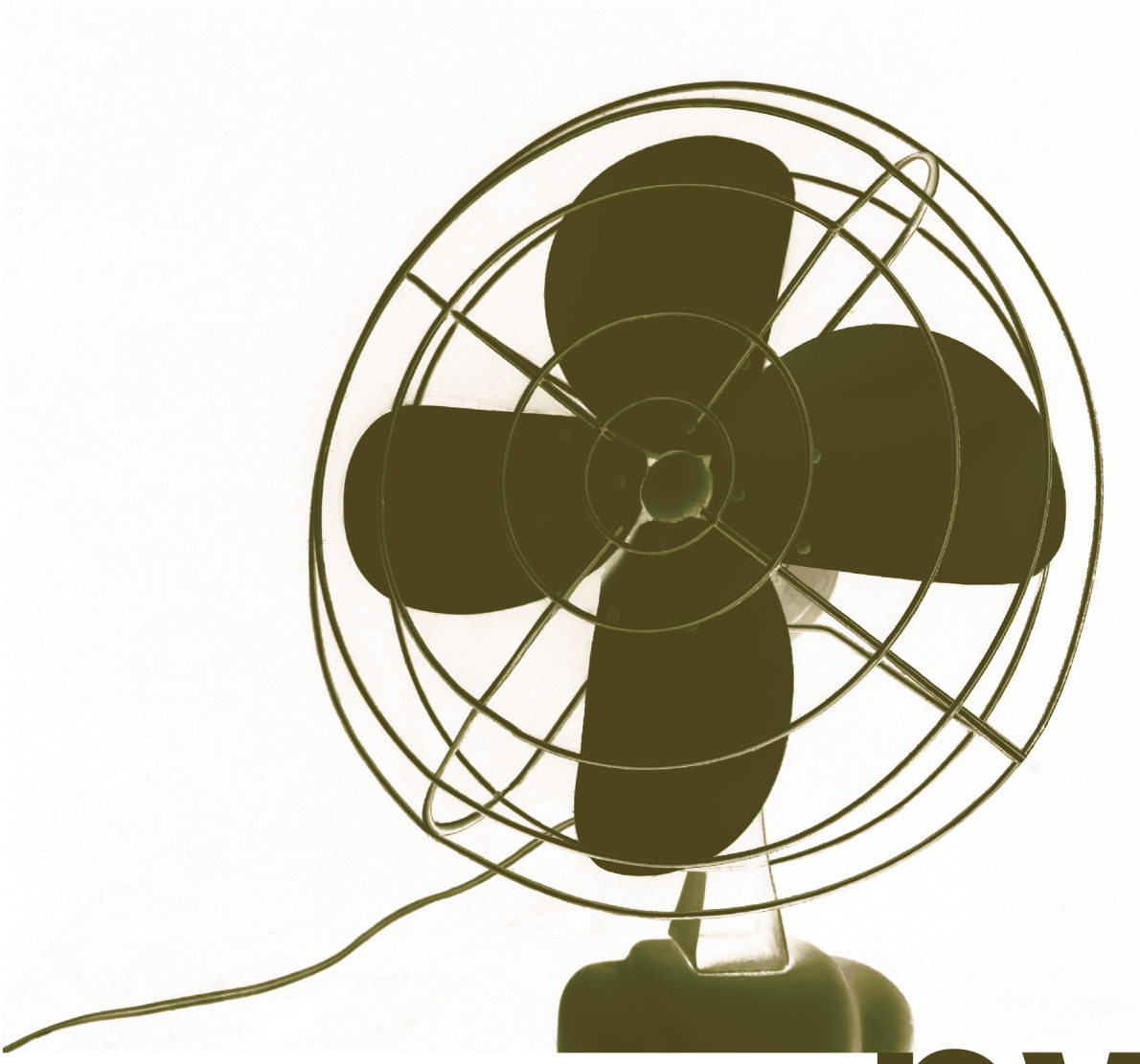
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