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#### SJSU community observes Katrina anniversary



ABOVE: Kwame Thomas, a San Jose State University graduate, Victoria Chavez, a junior majoring in sociology, and Charles Hawkins, a Hurricane Katrina survivor from Waveland, Miss., help lead the Gulf Coast Civic Works Project march on Wednesday.











ABOVE LEFT: Associate Professor of sociology Scott Myers-Lipton informs participants of where they will be marching Wednesday. ABOVE CENTER: The Gulf Coast Civic Works Project marches along side Spartan Stadium on their way to San Jose State University's main campus Wednesday. ABOVE RIGHT: Hurricane Katrina survivor Diane Evans listens to a speech given by Myers-Lipton on Wednesday.

### Marchers gathered to remember victims, give speeches

By NICOLE LIEURANCE

Staff Writer

Chanting could be heard in nearby classrooms as students and community members gathered in the grassy area near the Tommie Smith and John Carlos statues to rally for aid in the Gulf Coast. Over a P.A. system, activists spoke to the crowd, pausing occasionally as supporters cheered them on.

About 50 people marched vesterday in remembrance of the second anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, said Gulf Coast Civic Works Project founder and San Jose State University Associate Professor Scott Myers-Lipton.

More than a hundred more gathered to Corps. hear speakers on the SJSU campus.

The march and speeches were part of an event organized by the works project to raise awareness about a plan to create 100,000 jobs in New Orleans and the surrounding area, Myers-Lipton said.

The workers would help rebuild the Gulf Coast region affected by Hurricane Katrina, where levees built by the Army Corps of Engineers broke, flooding a large area, he said.

"While there has been progress in New Orleans, there is so much more to be done," said Marcus Kilgore, a SJSU sociology student who recently traveled to New Orleans through the works project and Ameri-

Myers-Lipton led participants from the San Jose Municipal Stadium down Alma Avenue to the Spartan Stadium, then down South Seventh Street to SJSU's campus, stopping at the Tommie Smith and John Carlos statue.

More than a dozen speakers from SJSU, New Orleans and the local community shared their experiences and vision for the future of the Gulf Coast.

Hurricane evacuee and community activist C.C. Campbell-Rock took the podium to speak about her experiences as a Katrina survivor, calling the lack of government re-

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# Cultural diversity emphasized during annual Greek event

By LEAH BIGELOW Staff Writer

Anyone passing by Campus Village Wednesday couldn't help but notice the loud music and crowds of people gathered outside the residence halls. Young men and women, some in colored shirts decorated with Greek insignia, formed clusters around the quad talking, laughing and dancing to hip-hop music that blared through the speakers.

Fourteen sororities and fraternities marked their territory with large cutouts declaring the letters of their Greek organization at the informational night. They came to play games, show off their dancing skills and get students interested in what their societies are

Blake Balajadia, the coordinator of fraternity and sorority life, said these organizations are a part of the United Sorority and Fraternity Council. This council is made up of seven

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HANNA THRASHER // Spartan Daily

Sisters of Lambda Sigma Gamma sorority, Inc. perform Tuesday in front of Campus Village at the United Sorority and Fraternity Council information night. Front to back: Erika Lepe, Marie Hulshoff, Cristina Delgado, and Rossa Dono.

# SJSU adopts credit card regulations

By SARRAH S. NGUYEN

Staff Writer

Along with the stress of class schedules, grades and parking, San Jose State University students have an added worry: credit cards.

Depending on the level of credit debt a student has by the end of his or her freshman year, that amount normally doubles by the time they graduate, according a survey done by the Center for Student Affairs Research for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Council on Student Affairs.

According to a study done by Nellie Mae, a federal student loan company, the prime time for a student to obtain a credit card is between freshman and sophomore year of college.

The study also shows that 56

percent of students get their first credit card at the age of 18.

"I got my first one when I was 18 and two more recently," said Marcie Tran, a junior majoring in nursing, about applying for her first credit card.

Up until a few years ago, credit card companies were allowed to hand out free items to encourage students to sign up for a credit card, said John Hodgson, event services manager at SJSU.

"Freshman year they were on campus," said Jennifer Dickson, a senior majoring in psychology. "I signed up for one to get a free T-shirt."

However, a California State University committee recently adopted a new regulation on campus in response to the issue, according to a Senate Education Committee

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# **Students** stuck without housing

#### Crowded halls lead to extreme measures

By MEGAN WOOD

Staff Writer

Theisen Holsworth, a freshman majoring in kinesiology, came to San Jose State University on freshman move-in day anxious to meet his roommate and start unpacking for the fall semester.

The only problem was, Holsworth didn't have a roommate or a space to unpack. Holsworth didn't have a room at all.

"I applied for a room at the beginning of summer, during orientation, at the same time I registered for my classes," Holsworth said.

"I figured I'd at least get into the bricks, I didn't think they filled up that fast."

"The bricks" is the common term used to refer to Hoover, Washburn and Royce Halls, also known as "the classics" by University Housing Services.

The residence halls filled up fast because residents began receiving e-mails shortly after they moved in alerting them to the possibility of adding residents to residence halls.

"If they make our double a triple, I'll die," said Briana Bourguignon, a freshman majoring in marketing, referring to the possibility of adding a roommate to her already cramped living space.

Holsworth said that housing gave no reason as to why a room was not available for him.

"All they said was to wait for a phone call when they had a room available for me. They didn't offer

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# **UPD** urges campus to report crime

By MARK ASPILLERA

Staff Writer

In response to last weekend's Campus Village burglaries, when 40 laptops were stolen from Buildings A and B, the University Police Department has issued a new public safety bulletin.

According to the bulletin, "Students should not leave personal items unattended;" they should "avoid walking alone after dark" and "report suspicious persons or activity immediately," to the UPD.

Sgt. Mike Santos, a UPD public information officer, stressed the importance of students reporting suspicious activity on campus.

"We wish they did it a lot more consistently," he said. "We can't be there 24 hours a day. So it will take the community to be aware and respond."

Additionally, 16 vehicle burglaries occurred in the parking lot of Campus Village on Wednesday, Aug. 15. Residents notified UPD of suspicious activity, which resulted in the arrest of Mark Aherne.

"We're hoping since the community helped with the vehicle burglaries they will do the same for the (Campus Village) burglaries," Santos said.

In addition to bulletins, UPD also issues crime alerts, which are faxed simultaneously to all campus departments, Santos said.

Hasham Ali, a freshman majoring in elec-

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# **MARCH-** Hurricane survivors spoke at statue

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sponse to the disaster, "the greatest civil rights infraction of the 21st century."

A report released recently by the Institute of Southern Studies revealed that 81,000 hurricaneaffected households are still living in trailers given to them by the Federal Emergency Management Agency after their homes became unlivable due to Katrina damage in 2005.

The report also stated that 70 percent of the largest fund allocated for long-term rebuilding still has not been used.

Campbell-Rock now resides in the Bay Area but said she travels frequently to New Orleans, where her husband still lives in a trailer provided by the federal agency.

Another Katrina survivor, Diane Evans, shared her feelings about still not being able to return to her home in New Orleans.

"You're grateful to be alive, you're grateful to have a roof over your head, but you're not home,"

Spoken-word artist and Stanford University student Jeff Mendelman shared a poem he'd written shortly after traveling to the Gulf Coast as part of a program organized by the works project.

"It'd take just 3 billion to cure Katrina's bumps/but you front like

you don't have the green enough/ when you spend 10 billion in Iraq every month," he recited to the crowd in his poem addressed to President George W. Bush.

Because of the heat, the march did not continue to the San Jose Civic Auditorium as planned, Myers-Lipton said. Instead, the event culminated at the Smith and Carlos statue at SISU.

The stopping points throughout were chosen specifically for their historical significance, Myers-Lipton said.

The San Jose Municipal Stadium, the Spartan Stadium, and the San Jose Civic Auditorium were all built by the Works Progress Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps in the type of works project the Gulf Coast group is advocating, he

The Tommie Smith and John Carlos statue, where marchers halted, is symbolic of SJSU's long tradition of activism, said SJSU alumnus Pastor Scott Wagers, who spoke at the rally.

To close the event, Pastor Michael-Ray Matthews of Grace Baptist Church led participants in singing "This Little Light of Mine," followed by a moment of silence for Katrina victims.

Matthews concluded, "We'll keep marching and fighting, singing and rhyming until the battle is

## **HOUSING-** Student lived in car

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anything in the meantime until something opened up," Holsworth said.

The Spartan Daily attempted to contact Kevina Brown, coordinator for university housing community relations. However, she was unavailable for a statement.

University Housing Services provided a temporary room assignment addendum, a document describing the different types of rooms available, some at discounted prices for the students on the waiting list for housing.

According to university housing there are approximately 10 students depending on the building in need of residence.

There are seven residence halls. Residents were given the option to sign up for temporary housing at reduced rates until a more permanent residence became available.

According to the addendum, some of the temporary rooms were previously used for equipment and linen storage in the bricks and would be considered for triple occupancy.

Built-in shelves on one side reduce

the available space for movement. Carpet had been added but could not be considered wall-to-wall.

The addendum described one room, located on the twelfth floor in Joe West, with a leaky roof, which would also be considered triple occupancy.

Another room, offered without a reduction in rent, is located in Campus Village Building B above the generator.

The addendum states that each window has a rolling metal shutter that automatically drops when a trouble alarm is sounded on the lower floors or when there is a power outage.

These shutters can only be raised by a maintenance request from university housing facilities, which may not be done immediately.

Holsworth said that because housing did not offer any alternate options or draw his attention to their availability he was left with no other choice but to live out of his car.

"Luckily I had a friend who lived on San Carlos Street, so I showered there and occasionally slept on his floor, but since all of my stuff was in my car, I was basically living out of my car," Holsworth said.

As a freshman, Holsworth admitted

out free meals."

that his first week was definitely more stressful than he would have liked.

"My parents live in San Francisco and my classes start at eight and nine in the morning so commuting wasn't really an option," he said.

"I didn't really tell my parents either because I didn't want them worrying too much, plus there's not much they could have done," Holsworth said. "It would have been nice if housing would have offered to do something.'

Annette Berthold, a freshman majoring in earth science and a resident of Hoover Hall, had her own opinions on what housing should have done.

"The problem is that housing assumed that people would not show up or move out so they overbooked," Berthold said. "Now they have kids without rooms and they aren't doing anything about it. They should put them in a hotel or rent an apartment for them."

After a week of checking in with the housing office for no-shows and moveouts, Holsworth finally received a phone call late Tuesday afternoon informing him that a room was available and that he could begin moving in that night.

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#### **Today**

Christian Bible Study

On Thursday at 7 p.m. the Acts 2 Christian Fellowship is hosting a Student Welcome Night in the Guadalupe room in the Student Union. For more information, contact Justin Foon at ifoon l@yahoo.com.

#### Sept. 4

Hip Hop Congress

A general meeting will be held Tuesday Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center. For more information contact Nick Underwood at 619-602-9320

# **CREDIT-** Companies recruit students at off-campus eateries

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bill analysis.

This regulation encourages all California UCs, CSUs and community colleges to regulate oncampus marketing, according to the bill analysis.

The regulation prohibits credit card companies from offering free gifts on-campus upon applying for credit.

However, credit card companies developed a new way around this limitation at SJSU, Hodgson said.

"You'll notice that a lot of the credit card companies have gone to Subway or Jack in the Box because they worked out deals with them," Hodgson said. "They come hand out flyers saying a Subway sandwich is free or Jumbo Jack and someone goes to redeem that, they have to fill out a credit card form first."

Hodgson said that there are no current

regulations on these solicitors walking around SJSU's campus.

Eladio Cruz, store manager of Jack in the Box said that they approve the days when the credit cards company may advertise in front of

Their owner pays 20 percent of the cost of the sandwich and the credit card companies

pay the remaining 80 percent, Cruz said. "They bring some coupons," Cruz said. "Each student fills out applications and we give

The profit they make out of this process is 'better business," Cruz said.

When Nellie Mae compared purchases students made for direct and indirect school purposes, they found that food was the main indi-

Seventy-one percent of indirect charges college students made were for food, according to

the Nellie Mae study. Food ties with the direct school-related charges of textbooks

and school supplies,

the study states.

Credit card companies are not banned on campus.

Outside companies can still reserve a table, limited to the available tables inside and outside around the Student Union, said events services manager Hodgson.

There is also a fee of \$100 paid two weeks in advance to insure the reservation, Hodgson said.

This method of advertising only reaches half as many students as direct mail, according to Nellie Mae.

dent card-carriers said they received their first credit card via mail advertisements.

Dickson, a senior psychology major, about ap-

card usage by students increases to 91 percent, according to the Nellie Mae study.

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"I signed up through the mail," said Jennifer

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# SaberCats seize third title in 6 years

By SAMUEL LAM Staff Writer

Last week at the San Jose City Council meeting at City Hall, Mayor Chuck Reed honored the San Jose SaberCats football team for their Arena Bowl victory in July.

The SaberCats defeated the Columbus Destroyers 55-33 on July 29 in New Orleans. The victory, along with championship wins in 2002 and 2004, marked the team's third Arena Bowl title in six years.

With the majority of the team's front office staff in attendance, Reed emphasized the effect of the SaberCats' victory on the city.

"The city of San Jose celebrates the important role that professional sports plays in the spirit and pride of our community and congratulates the players, coaches and staff of the San Jose SaberCats for their outstanding accomplishments and their service as role models to our youth," Reed said in his commendation.

Reed also praised the team's consistent success.

"They're often referred to as the greatest Arena Football organization in the past decade," Reed said. "The only problem for them is that expectations keep getting higher. Regardless, San Jose is thrilled to have a successful and exciting professional football team."

Led by quarterback Mark Grieb and wide receiver James Roe, the SaberCats' success has given fans a desire for more.

Jordan Ames, a senior majoring in justice studies, feels the Saber-Cats have the potential of getting recognized locally.

"If the team keeps winning, people might start catching on," Ames said. "If the league gets more teams, it can lead to more exposure."

Phil Simon, SaberCats director of media relations, said the rise in popularity for the team will open up doors in terms of media coverage, those of the NFL, but there are so not only football fans can get a chance to experience the games.

"Our goal is to increase the casual sports fan," Simon said. "I hope it happens with more media attention.'

Simon said that the expanding coverage has elevated the league out of the shadows of the NFL, making the Arena Football League a league of its own.

"You're talking about having your league on the biggest sports platform there is," Simon said. "The coverage expands and, with that, brings credibility."

The AFL was born in 1987, and the SaberCats joined as an expansion team in 1995.

some significant differences.

According to the AFL's official Web site, each team is allowed eight players on the field. The field is only 50 yards in length, with out-of-bound territories secured by padded walls. Goalposts are nine feet wide with a crossbar of 15 feet. Attached to each side of the goalposts are rebound nets. Any ball kicked off the net is considered a

Former San Jose State University Spartan, Trestin George, said the difference in rules compared with the NCAA and NFL doesn't change his mentality for the game.

George, class of 2006, joined the SaberCats this past season as a The rules are very similar to defensive back, the same position

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SAN JOSE SABERCATS

Former Spartan Trestin George, class of 2005, was signed to a two-year free agent

he played while attending SJSU.

"It's always a challenge to adjust," George said. "You get adjusted when you learn everything. But it's still football. It's a pleasure to be part of a championship team, no matter where you play."

Like former Spartan Rashied Davis, who now plays for the NFL's Chicago Bears after a stint with the SaberCats, George stays close with his alma mater.

"I try to represent the school the best way I can by what I did here," George said. "It shines a lot on how SJSU brings their athletes up in the program. I'm representing where I come from."

George said he hopes that one day he can make the jump from the AFL to the NFL. But while he continues to make plays with the SaberCats, he keeps in close touch with the people that guided him at

"I talk with Coach (Charles) Nash and Yonus (Davis)," George said. "We stay in touch every week. Yonus gives me updates on the team, and I update him on my team. I'm still well connected with the program."

As the AFL enters its offseason, the talk of their brand of football has risen to a national level.

Media Relations Director Phil Simon said the new television deal, which now brings live AFL games to ESPN, would increase league popularity.

"It's a good partnership we have with ESPN," Simon said. "With ESPN behind you, you can't go wrong."

Due to the national coverage, Simon said he doesn't see the team fanbase decreasing.

"We would like to see going into next season the same amount of coverage," he said. "We're hoping the fans will be fans regardless of the game."

# Spartan football set for 2007 campaign

By JOSH WEAVER Assistant Editor

From the moment the San Jose State University football team was victorious in the 2006 New Mexico Bowl, the excitement for the 2007 season began.

The thirst for Spartan football action will soon be quenched as the Spartans are set to take on the Arizona State University Sun Devils on Sept. 1 in Tempe, Ariz.

Coming off a 2006 season that saw the Spartans post a 9-4 record, including a win against rival Stanford University, the Spartans are poised to build on their first winning season in six years.

Head coach Dick Tomey is entering his third year at SJSU and said his team is excited to get the season underway.

"It's fun to get this season started," Tomey said in a press conference Monday afternoon. "We've been practicing a long time and our guys are anxious to hit somebody they don't know."

The Spartans are returning 15 starters from last year's squad, six on offense, seven on defense and two kickers.

The offensive attack is lead by senior quarterback Adam Tafralis who threw for 21 touchdowns and seven interceptions last season.

At the forefront of a talented core of running backs is senior Yonus Davis, the team's leader in yards from scrimmage a year ago. All-American cornerback

Dwight Lowery, who grabbed nine interceptions last season, tying for second best in the nation, anchors the defensive unit with the help of linebackers Matt Castelo and Demetrius Jones.

"I think we are going to have the best defensive line in the

conference," Jones said. "Our linebackers are bigger and stronger, and I don't think we are going to have a problem on defense this

Kickoff on Saturday is at 7 p.m. and Tomey and the Spartans are expecting some hot weather.

"I told the guys, it's going to be 150 (degrees) and there will be 75,000 people there and none of them are going to like us," Tomey said. "But we are going to go down there and fight our butts off."

#### STAFF PREDICTIONS

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**GAME** 

- 9/1 @ Arizona St.	L
- 9/8 @ Kansas St.	L
- 9/15 @ Stanford	W
- 9/22 @ Utah State	W
- 9/29 v. UC Davis	W
- 10/6 v. Idaho	W
- 10/12 v. Hawaii	L
- 10/20 @ Fresno St.	W
- 11/3 @ Boise	W

- 11/10 v. NMSU

- 11/17 @ La Tech

- 11/24 v. Nevada

The Spartans will struggle early, but go on a big run with four winnable games. Hawaii will be too powerful, but the Spartans will get revenge against Boise St. and will head to a bowl game for

the second straight year.

#### **September 6 – Alternative Rock**

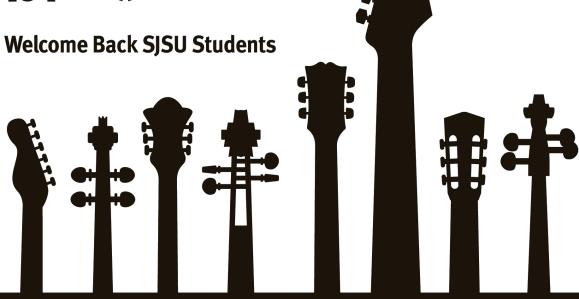
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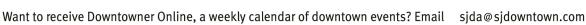


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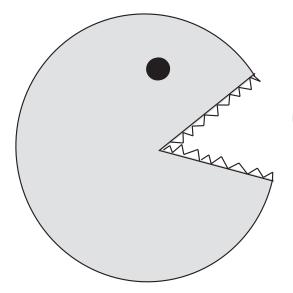








# Student Joey Chestnut has an appetite for competition



# WHERE IT STARTED: Burritozilla min. 26 seconds Iguana's Taqueria

#### MARK POWELL

senior staff writer



The phone rings and Joey Chestnut rolls over in his bed to answer it. He groggily sticks the phone to his ear. With his brain still piecing itself together after the ring tone rudely awakens him from his sleep, he asks just who would be calling him at such an early hour.

"It turned out to be some reporter from an East Coast radio station calling me at five in the morning," Chestnut says.

Ever since he became the world's most famous competitive eater and an "American hero," the San Jose State University student answers quite a few more calls than usual.

This past Fourth of July, Chestnut, a junior majoring in civil engineering, put the competitive-eating world on it's buns by scarfing down 66 hot dogs in 12 minutes at the annual Nathan's Hot Dog eating competition at Coney Island in New York.

The 66 hot dogs are a world record, besting rival and former record-holder Takeru Kobayashi by three HDBs, or hot dogs and buns, on the ESPN-aired contest and in front of the thousands of fans that flocked to the event.

"It was intense," Chestnut says. "I said to myself: 'If I lose in front of all these people out here, I don't know what will happen."

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# CHAMPI

**66** 

hot dogs & buns

12 minutes

"People ask
'Are you Joey
Chestnut? You're the
competitive eater.'
It's not like (I'm) a
football player or
anything. I almost
refuse to accept it."

JOEY CHESTNUT

Competitive eater

Civil engineering, senior



CHRIS PREOVOLOS // THE ADVOCATE

Joey Chestnut, competitive eater and SJSU student, at the third annual Ash Creek Saloon Rib Eating Championship at the Fairfield Theatre Company in Fairfield, Conn., on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007.

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#### "This is not gluttony – we don't eat like this every day."

JOEY CHESTNUT Competitive eater Civil engineering, senior

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Chestnut, 23, came close to taking the world title in 2006 when he devoured 52 hot dogs, but he fell short to Kobayashi's then-world record of 53 1/4 HDBs.

This year's hot dog competition was a different story. Chestnut says he had just the right amount of calories in his body to sustain him till the end of the

"My body was just perfect that day," Chestnut says.

#### Where it all started

Chestnut walks up the steps and into Iguana's Taqueria on South Third Street in downtown San Jose. Jimmy Orozco, president and often-cashier of the eatery, meets him, shouting, "Champion! How are you?" before giving him a brief hug.

This is where it all started, Chestnut says.

Iguana's is home to the "Burritozilla," a 5 1/4 pound mass of meat, beans, rice, cheese, fresh salsa, guacamole and sour cream. It's meant for an entire family, not a single man.

But in 2004, Chestnut took on Burritozilla by himself, wolfing the monster down in four minutes and 26 seconds as part of a promotional contest for

No one has come close to that record since, Oro-

"A couple times we've had guys come in saying they are going to eat it all, that they are going to set the record," Orozco's brother and Iguana's employee Sammy says. "But I said to them: 'There's this cat named Joey. He has the record, man."

After conquering Burritozilla, Chestnut says he didn't compete again for a year. His brother Lucky, a 28-year-old police officer, began writing letters to sponsors, claiming that his brother could out-eat anybody.

He is the world-record holder in 10 different categories, including grilled cheese sandwiches (47 in 10 minutes) and chicken wings (182 in 30 minutes).

Chestnut says the competitive aspect of eating drives him to try to be the best in the world.

"I wouldn't do it if there wasn't a person next to me competing," he says. "It's competitive spirit. It's human spirit. And everybody loves to eat — it's one of the most enjoyable things in life. Everybody wonders how much food they can eat. People wonder if they can actually eat, you know, 50 hot dogs. And there's actually some people out there that can do it."

#### Balancing work, school and competitions

Even when he's not participating in an eating contest, Chestnut's plate is always full.

For 38-to-40 hours a week, Chestnut works as a project engineer for Gonsalves & Stronck Construction, a San Carlos-based company.

His class load, though only six units this semester, includes a construction law and a fluid dynamics course.

Yesterday, he competed in a barbecue ribs competition in Reno, and Saturday he will fly to Myrtle Beach, S.C., to see how many pulled pork sandwiches he can fit down his gullet.

Chestnut says he wants to take time off from work next semester but says, "It's hard living in San Jose and not having a regular income. I know competitive eating makes decent money, but I have to have a normal job."

Chestnut also says he puts his body under a lot of pressure, sometimes not eating for days at a time to prepare for a contest.

"I'll drink a gallon of milk some days," he says. "Whatever it takes to get my stomach used to stretch-

**RECORD:** chicken minutes ing. It's figuring out how to push your body the hardest. We all have the same size stomach. I've just made the muscles around my stomach used to stretching extraordinary amounts."

And Chestnut says there's definitely strategy involved, beyond just making yourself really hungry.

"Going into the contest, I make sure there is practically no substance in my body," he says. "I mean, I'll get calories, but inside my intestines there's practically nothing. I have to imagine actually putting that much food inside me."

Chestnut says he has gone to fewer competitions this year, 15 compared with 30 in 2006.

"This is not gluttony — we don't eat like this every day," Chestnut says. "If you look at the best competitive eaters, we're all really healthy."

Though people tend to recognize him for his accomplishments, Chestnut says he really isn't as big a celebrity as people might make him appear.

"People ask, 'Are you Joey Chestnut? You're the competitive eater," Chestnut says, "It's not like you're a football player or anything. I almost refuse to accept it."

Chestnut acknowledges that reasons for competitive eating could be hard to understand at first.

"When I first started, it was mind-boggling. But now it feels natural," he says. "Well, not natural, but definitely doable."



Joey Chestnut, right, tries to keep up with Pat Bertoletti, left, at the third annual Ash Creek Saloon Rib Eating Championship at the Fairfield Theatre Company in Fairfield, Conn., on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2007.





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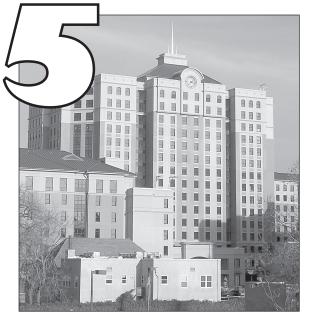


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By KRIS ANDERSON



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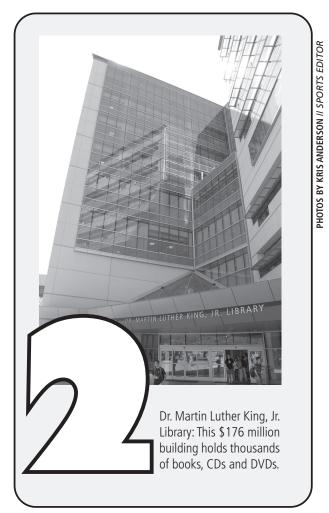


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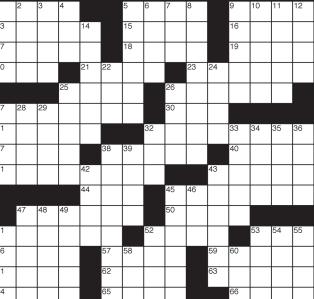
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# SJSU students are on a watch list for illegal online downloading and file sharing. Will this stop you from downloading?

By MICHAEL PASAOA

Staff Writer

Okay sure, I stopped running red lights once they installed those street cameras with Jesus-like lights that could illuminate the dark side of the moon, but when it comes to illegal file-sharing, I'm not stepping on the

Of course I wouldn't go into Best Buy or Wal-Mart and steal a CD or a game, but that's different. The packages are too big. But seriously, I'd need to have Tom Cruise, "Last Samurai-" like skills to pull off a heist like that.

I could probably wear baggy pants and a hoodie to hide my stolen goods but I'd probably walk funny, trying my hardest not to drop them on the floor. And trust me, I walk funny already, so no thanks. I "walk it out." That's not my kind of risk.

However, when it comes to sharing files and downloading illegal content on a computer, I can do it within the piracy (oops, I mean

privacy) of my own place. Damn Disney, but Jack Sparrow made it cool to be a pirate. Sure it's still theft, but in an atmosphere where my peers are drinking underage and smoking weed for non-medical purposes, I'd like to think of illegally downloading as my

The only music I really listen to is rap. Yes, I listen to artists who talk non-stop about violence, drugs, sex and money. I think it is laugh-out-loud funny when these artists go on radio stations and tell people to support their records and not to illegally download their material.

Let me think about that for a second. An artist who writes rhymes about illegally killing people, illegally taking ecstasy, and illegally selling crack is actually telling me not to do something illegal?

I love the irony.

That's why I download. It keeps that

Sure, I might get caught transmitting files. I'm not avoiding that idea, but people can catch diseases, but that doesn't stop people from having sex.

I think downloading music without buying it is like having sex before marriage. We're not supposed to do it, but it feels so

good. And if we keep doing it we'll finally find the right person we want to marry. Oh, and in file terms, if we keep doing it, we'll finally find the right file we'd actually go out to buy. By the way, always use protection. Here's mine.

I have friends that aren't from San Jose State that download all the latest music before me so they fill me in on what's new. I don't need to worry about the SISU watch list because my connects just e-mail me the MP3s, so my laptop's IP address never touches down on a file-sharing network or Bit Torrent site.

I'm still illegally sharing files, but I'm not actually going on the networks that are under surveillance. Now I feel like a pimp with other people doing the dirty work for me, because I'll never get infected.

There are also artists who put their music online for free like Lil Wayne who dropped his "Drought 3" mix tape a couple months back, and these songs find themselves on file-sharing networks too.

Now, in the whole history of music, how are we to know which songs are offered free by the artists and which songs have record labels behind them ready to sue? There should be some list that tells us which songs can be downloaded free and which ones

File sharing is also a way to find out about new artists who aren't on a major record label. They might have been out for years and I could have just found them yesterday.

I could check iTunes and see if they have their music available for sale, but if they're not in the catalog, how else can I tell if their music is free or purchasable?

What if I try to check out their Web site or MySpace page only to find that they don't have one?

Am I not supposed to download their music, because I'm unsure of legal issues?

I'm willing to take that risk.

I know illegally sharing files that should be bought is wrong, but I also think killing cows is wrong, but I love my Big Macs and In-N-Out 3x3 burgers.

I was taught in first grade that "sharing is caring," so sorry if the educational system actually got it right.



"It's like a person that writes an article and you can see it online, it's the same thing ...' **ZIED VHIRI** 

junior, computer engineering

"I have heard that the consequences are ramping up big time ... I'm staying away from it for now. I'm interested to see what hap-

pens next."

**REBECCA BURNS** counseling education



"Not really ... I just don't think it's that big of a deal. It's only like 99 cents a song anyway."

**MATT VALTAR** sophomore, undeclared

"If you're actually a fan of music, you'd probably buy a CD. It wouldn't stop me."

**DIEGO ROSAS** freshman, business



"No it wouldn't stop me, because I guess I am a pirate ... and if I get caught, I guess I'll have to call Mom."

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**MAX GOODWIN** graduate student,

By HEATHER NACHT

Staff Writer

It's no secret that the recording industry is after blood when it comes to finding those individuals guilty of pirating music.

Remember when the Recording Industry Association of America went after Napster? Oh, and then the RIAA went after Kazaa and other file-sharing groups. And then they went after Internet service providers (ISPs) in order to obtain the names and addresses of the individuals who were using the file-sharing networks.

They went after young and old users alike. And then there was that 12-yearold girl who had to publicly apologize for stealing music and pay a \$2,000 fine in 2003. Well, they aren't done yet.

Now the RIAA has set their sights upon something that seems a little more real to us: college students.

San Jose State University is one of 58 universities that is under watch according to the RIAA site.

This means that while connected to SJSU's wireless network, the RIAA is watching every downloading move we make. The first time a student is noticed downloading files, a pre-litigation letter is sent out. The RIAA had already sent out 503 pre-litigation letters to the listed schools as of Aug. 16, according to their Web site. Some students living on campus have received these letters. That's a bit intimidating.

I won't hide it — I'm a music junkie and my LimeWire account is sometimes my best friend. Yesterday morning my roommate and I were rocking out to an Amy Winehouse song that I downloaded while we got ready to walk to school. But this whole RIAA thing has me a little worried. School has just started and warnings have already been issued.

So, will I stop downloading music on campus? That's a definite yes. Just look at the RIAA's history. They've brought tons of lawsuits against individual acts of music piracy as well as the file-sharing Web sites and programs that make piracy so readily available. My music is everything to me, but it's not quite worth losing everything for.

As much as I hate to admit it, the RIAA is fighting a legitimate battle. I love getting

my music craving satisfied quickly (and for free) by downloading songs from LimeWire, but I do realize that not paying for the music does cause the recording industry to lose a pretty penny in yearly revenue.

According to the RIAA Web site, the recording industry loses about \$300 million per year just to street piracy, which is CD burning, iPod swapping and similar activities. Losses caused by online piracy are nearly impossible to estimate but are probably just as insanely high.

I guess it is pretty natural for the recording industry to go after college students because we make up a large portion of the downloading community. A Business Software Alliance survey found that out of 1,000 college and university students, 89 percent do not always pay for music they have downloaded. Other studies have been conducted and have

produced similar results.

If these statistics are true, we're robbing the music industry. If 89 percent of students

on our campus are really downloading music illegally and the RIAA is watching as carefully as they're making it seem, it is only a matter of time before one of our peers receives more than a warning and ends up with a fine.

Aside from just not being that into paying some exorbitant fine for getting caught redhanded in the music-sharing cookie jar, I would be upset to be the one who puts a scarlet letter on our campus' name right now. We have so many things to be proud of like our football team being the New Mexico Bowl champions and also celebrating the 150th anniversary of our university — it would be upsetting to be one of the first schools nationally to be made an example of by the recording industry.

In the grand scheme of things, the possible punishment for downloading music from file sharing just isn't worth the risk. I would rather buy the albums from Target or pay iTunes 99 cents for each song I download than to end up paying my life savings (and probably my mom's life savings as well) for getting caught illegally downloading music.

It truly will be difficult to break my intense music downloading habit, but it's something that must be done.

#### the things we could do if we were sol



LINDSAY BRYANT

Agree to Disagree

As college students many of us have witnessed the site of one of our drunken peers making a fool of themselves.

I estimate there is a small minority of the students at San Jose State University who have not seen a frat guy shirtless with a brew in one hand at the football game or a professor enjoying a glass of wine at PF Changs or even finding yourself stumbling back to Campus Village early Thursday morning.

As I tried to make myself comfortable in the archaic wooden desks in Hugh Gillis Hall, I thought about a world without alcohol.

So grab a cold one, cozy up to your buddy next to you and imagine what our lives would look like without the crisp, smooth and addictive taste of alcohol.

Every 31 minutes someone would get a second chance at life. Because in the United States that is how often a human being dies in an alcohol-related car accident, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

In 2005, the CDC reported that 414 children under 14 years old died because of a drunken driver.

Think of the impossibilities ... in an alcohol-free world the following phrases would never exist:

Alcoholics Anonymous. Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. Alcohol re-hab. DUI. Breathalizer. .08. Cirrhosis of the liver. Bar-hopping. Sobriety. Bud ... weis ... er.

For 126 million people across the country, over the age of 12, they would no longer consume alcohol on a regular basis as the U.S. Department of Justice Statistics recently reported.

The American correctional system houses millions of convicts, without alcohol would the 60 percent of prisoners who drank regularly in the year before their crime sit eating our tax dollars because they never abused alcohol?

It is arguable.

Four in ten convicted murderers were under the influence at the time of their offense and across the nation 40 percent of violent crimes are alcohol related.

Just 40 percent you say? On college campuses it rises to 95 percent.

The Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol Study found that a bottle of alcohol went hand in hand for twothirds of all college suicides in 2004.

Women might get raped less often, face less violent attacks by men and even have less children out of wedlock.

College women would no longer get sloppy drunk, pass out then regain consciousness to find a man on top of her.

Without alcohol we would structure a new model of population control. Maybe, without alcohol people would have sex less often and the occurrence of sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS, would fall statistically. Maybe, without alcohol — one-night stands would drop,

Karoke bars would lose business, Mel Gibson wouldn't hate Jews, Hasselhoff wouldn't have eaten that burger, "Animal House", "Old School" and "Pulp Fiction" wouldn't be fun to watch and Lindsay wouldn't be in re-hab.

Not me, Lohan. Clean and sober since ... tomorrow.

Don't like paying taxes?

Fifty-one billion dollars of the American government's funds back into our pockets, all spent on alcohol-related prevention.

The strain on our police forces would decrease. Asprin, Bayer Advil and Motrin would lose millions. Whoever makes "red cups" would definitely lose money. La Vics at 2 a.m. Jack in the Box. Iguanas. 7-11. Uh, alcohol companies. Bartenders. Strippers. Prostitutes. Vegas. I could go on forever.

Our government officials will get more done. Wait, that's golf. I'll get to that next week.

According to the Harvard study, college students who frequently binge drink are 21 times more likely than non-binge drinkers to—drive a car after drinking, get in trouble with campus police, get hurt of injured, damage property, have unprotected sex, engage in unplanned sexual behavior, fall behind in studying and miss class. Whew. I am sure glad we have alcohol

life really wouldn't be the same.

Without the liquid drug we would miss the conversations, memories and camaraderie that many of us have shared over a few drinks or more. Holding back the hair of your best friend over your dorm toilet just wouldn't be the same without alcohol.

Some of our greatest writers might have never touched pen to paper so eloquently. Like Jack Kerouac, Truman Capote, F. Scott Fitzgerald and Ernest Hemingway nor would the young up-coming generation of writers stay inspired.

I've all ready taken my first dip into the professional world. Writing beer slogans, let me know what you think.

"Because You're Sober."

Stay safe this Labor Day weekend.

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On the 2nd anniversary of Hurricane Katrina

# **GREEK-** Event draws students to Campus Village

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sororities and seven fraternities that are culturally-based, yet nonexclusive.

"Each of them has their own unique thing," Balajadia said, adding that they decided to showcase these talents as a part of their informational night.

"This was a good opportunity for freshmen to see the sororities and fraternities at the same time," said Mayra Arango, a member of Sigma Alpha Zeta. Her sorority, as well as some of the others, have their own informational nights, as well as a booth set up in the quad, but this was a chance for them to come together and show students the council as a whole, she said.

The event on Wednesday night served as a kick-off for activities to come and was extremely succesful, Caliguiran said. For starters, every organization showed up, she said — a first for this annual event that began in 2003.

Caliguiran said she noticed students from other groups who had come by to watch the perfor-

One such performance was by Alpha Kappa Omega, who showed off their knowledge of "escrema," a Filipino martial art that the fraternity has been practicing since last year.

Other performances included hip-hop routines from sororities Sigma Alpha Zeta and Lambda Sigma Gamma, as well as presentations from three other teams.







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was the location, Balajadia said, referring to the setup that had taken over the quad outside of Campus Village. He added that the council wanted to be more connected with residence life so the residence halls were an ideal location.

According to Kyle Tanedo, president of the Alpha Kappa Omega fraternity, holding the event outside Campus Village really helped attract attention to the sororities and fraternities.

"This is one of the best turnouts we've had for our events," he said.

The council's director of mem-

for the night, Desiree Caliguiran, said. agreed.

"This is definitely amazing compared to others," she said.

Caliguiran added that this is the first time they have gotten the organizations, as well as onlookers, so involved.

Two of those onlookers, Icee Manoonsilpa, a nursing major, and Maritsa Lopez, a marine biology major, decided to stop and watch the event as they were passing through Campus Village.

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An important part of this event bership and master of ceremonies enced this before," Manoonsilpa

Both girls said they were interested in rushing a sorority, and they saw one or two organizations at the informational night that appealed to them. They said they had also visited the booths and done a little reading on some of the other sororities on campus, but they enjoyed the informational night.

Besides the event, Caliguiran said the council is working on creating more unity within itself.

"When you're Greek, you're "It's really cool because we're part of a Greek community," she

# **CRIME-** Investigation into burglaries still ongoing

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trical engineering, said he had not seen the UPD bulletin, but that he does feel safe on campus.

"I see plenty of cops around, so I don't think so," he said, responding to whether he felt endangered on school premises.

Tony Padilla, a junior majoring in art, had no knowledge of the burglaries or the bulletin. He said that he had not seen criminal activity on campus and generally felt safe.

Tina Sloan, a senior majoring in nursing, was also not familiar with the bulletin or the Campus Village

"How will they do that, tell students to keep their laptops with them at all times?" she said about the bulletin and missing laptops.

As for the Campus Village burglaries, "Investigations are still ongoing, but we are active on responding to all leads," Santos said.



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