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## Spartans pummeled



JOE PROUDMAN // SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

SJSU running back, Dominique Hunsucker, is halted by a Stanford defense that only gave up 32 yards on the ground to the Spartans at Saturday's game.

## Tomey orders pre-dawn Sunday practice

By JOSH WEAVER  
Assistant Editor

There was no miraculous fourth-quarter comeback against Stanford University this year. There wasn't even a glimpse of the team that pulled off the stunning 35-34 victory a year ago.

Whether the game is described as a defensive gem by the Cardinal, or an offensive disaster for SJSU, the outcome remains the same as the Spartans were

routed by the Cardinal 37-0 Saturday night in Palo Alto.

The rejuvenated Cardinal, led by first-year head coach Jim Harbaugh, overran the Spartans.

Visibly frustrated, Spartan head coach Dick Tomey voiced his displeasure after the game saying, "We were awful."

"I don't want to talk about any of the particulars of the game," Tomey said. "We were badly outcoached and badly outplayed."

Following the game, Tomey ordered a 6:30 a.m. closed Sunday practice for the Spartans in full pads.

"Anybody not there is cut and any coach who is not there is fired," he said.

While the Spartans' first drive of the game fizzled after one first down, the Cardinal was off and running.

A 13-play, 51-yard drive was capped by a Derek Belch 52-yard field goal, with

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## Tomey Says...

"Well we were awful; we were badly coached. We were a bunch of prima donnas. We just don't compete."

"We are going to practice at 6:30 in the morning. Full gear. Anybody not there is cut and any coach who is not there is fired. We've got a short time to put this thing together, but right now we're just the s---."

"I commend coach Harbaugh and his staff. They kicked our a--, physically."

"We can't block; we can't tackle; we don't compete well and we don't coach well. But were not going to let that be the status quo."

"We were badly outcoached. We were badly outplayed; we're not worth a s--- right now. And we're gonna try to do something about it. Period."

## Gender ID study excludes SJSU

By MICHAEL RIZZO  
Staff Writer

For some students at SJSU, the gender they identify with internally doesn't match up with the anatomy they were born with. A recent nationwide study listed college campuses that provide specific protections and services to these students. SJSU did not make the list.

Unlike 147 other campuses in the country, such as California State University Long Beach and Foothill DeAnza Community College, SJSU has not added "gender identity and expression" to its nondiscrimination policies. The state of California's nondiscrimination policies are now inclusive of gender identity since the passing of the state Civil Rights Act of 2007. But at SJSU no mention is made of transgender students, gender identity or gender expression under the students' rights section of the SJSU catalog.

"It's a demographic that's here, and it's like they're being excluded," said Ellen Sandajan, a junior photography major.

The Gender Public Advocacy Coalition

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## No guarantee of action from governor's special session

By LAURA KURTZMAN AND SAMANTHA Y  
Associated Press Writers

SACRAMENTO - After a year of gridlock, lawmakers say they want to reach deals with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to reform health care and improve the state's water supply.

But a special legislative session called last week by the governor may not result in consensus and compromise.

On health care, the governor and Democrats still do not have the Republican support they need to enact reform legislatively, and their plan now is to seek voter approval through a ballot initiative.

On water, environmentalists have locked horns with Republicans over the dams

they say are needed to store water. Many Democrats spent most of the year refusing to negotiate, and no deal has emerged, despite a developing drought and a court order that will force the state to stop pumping from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, which supplies two-thirds of the state's water.

Schwarzenegger said he ran out of time to negotiate both issues because of the 51-day budget standoff engineered by Senate Republicans over the summer. But the Legislature's enduring ideological disagreements contributed at least as much to the lack of action.

The discord is not only between the two parties, which hold views on opposite ends of the political spectrum, but also between the parties and

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## SJSU graduation rates disappoint accreditors

By LEAH BIGELOW  
Staff Writer

Graduation rates for black and Latino males at SJSU are "truly dismaying," said Ralph A. Wolff, Western Association of Schools and Colleges Committee president and executive director, in a July 6 letter to President Don W. Kassing.

Wolff's statement was in response to SJSU's Educational Effectiveness Report, which was sent to the committee and outlined educational goals for the campus.

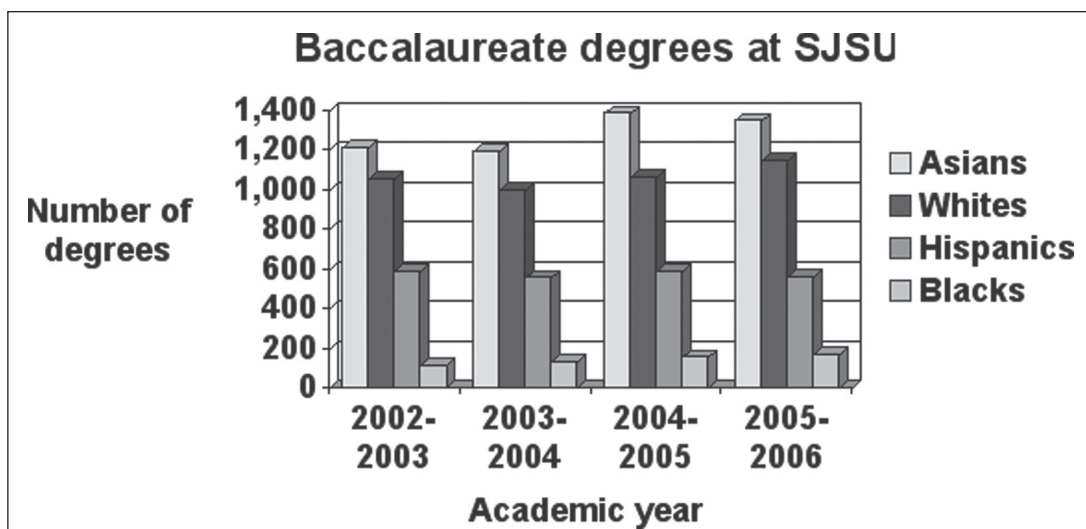
According to the report, "all students have true and equitable opportunities to succeed and excel."

But according to the committee's response to the report, this ideal has not yet been achieved.

The committee team that reviewed SJSU after the initial report was issued found a "disappointing" graduation rate of 38.1 percent for all students at the university, according to Wolff.

As for minorities, Wolff wrote that, "While six-year graduation rates at the University are disap-

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Data obtained from SJSU's Web site.

### STUDENT LIFE

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See what events are taking place this week. Catch Justin Timberlake at the HP Pavilion, Eddie Griffin at the San Jose Improv and more.

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Take a look into the life of Eritrean-born Tefera Gebre, the man behind the blue-and-white vendor.

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## Academic Senate sets sights on plagiarism

Suggests places students can find help

By HEATHER NACHT  
Staff Writer

San Jose State University's fourth annual Academic Integrity Week begins Monday, offering four days of workshops and panel discussions on topics such as how to write a scholarly paper and how to minimize the risk of plagiarism while writing papers.

The weeklong event was planned with help from Associated Students and will begin at noon today in Engineering Room 189 with a panel discussion of integrity in government. Speakers will include California State Assemblyman Joe Coto, Speaker Pro Tempore Sally Lieber, San Jose City Councilmember Forrest Williams and Santa Clara County Supervisor Ken Yeager.

Dina Yacoub, director of programming affairs, said she feels that Academic Integrity Week is a valuable event to have at SJSU.

"Academic Integrity Week is beneficial and important because teachers and faculty are able to reach out to students and educate them about having honest scholastic careers," Yacoub said. "It's an honorable event because it has intentions



# INTEGRITY // Weeklong event aims to keep students honest

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of creating an honest and superb academic community.”

Yacoub said that students should attend the events because they could be a rewarding experience that could help students become more academically honest.

“The week sounds like a good idea,” said Brianna Crews, a junior majoring in liberal studies. “I’m not sure if I’ll go to any of the workshops, but I’ll probably take a look at the resource fair. I think the workshops will be good

for newer students so they can get a better feel for San Jose State and the university’s policies.”

Nikki Locatelli, a sophomore liberal studies major, plans to stop by at least one of the events.

“I might check out the plagiarism workshop,” Locatelli said. “It could be helpful because some students don’t really understand what plagiarism actually is. Some students don’t realize that you can plagiarize yourself. It should be interesting to hear what will be said.”

Locatelli said the workshops

might help students to better understand what academic integrity is because it is mentioned in every syllabus she has and teachers sometimes brush over the topic.

Additionally, there will be an Academic Resource Fair on Thursday to introduce some programs available on campus to help aid students with assignments or other academic problems they may be having.

A complete list of events for Academic Integrity Week can be found on the A.S. Web site events page.

## FOURTH ANNUAL ACADEMIC INTEGRITY WEEK EVENTS

### Monday, Sept. 17

#### *Integrity in Government:*

From 12 to 1:15 p.m. in Engineering Room 189, state and local officials will hold a panel discussion on political ethics.

#### *The Challenges of Group Work:*

From 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the University Room, faculty members and students will discuss challenges of and possible solutions to grading group work and working in groups.

### Tuesday, Sept. 18

#### *How to Write an Academic and Scholarly Paper:*

from 12 to 1 p.m. in Engineering Rooms 285 and 287, learn what professors are looking for in student papers. The discussion will focus on research methods and tools for creating university grade assignments.

#### *How to Minimize the Risk of Plagiarism:*

from 2 to 3 p.m. in Engineering Rooms 285 and 287, discuss how to make SJSU’s definition of “Academic Integrity,” and what the university sees as plagiarism, clear. You can also learn about tips to help avoid plagiarism.

### Wednesday, Sept. 19

#### *Academic Integrity — Faculty vs. Student Perspectives:*

Come to a study of what both faculty members and students think of academic misconduct from 12 to 1 p.m. in Instructional Resources Center Room 101.

### Thursday, Sept. 20

#### *Academic Resource Fair:*

From 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the corridor between the Student Union and Art Building, learn about where to find academic resources on campus, such as Academic Services, Associated Students, Peer Mentor Program and more.

## SPARTA GUIDE

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### TODAY

#### *Constitution Reading*

The Academic Senate will sponsor a reading of the U.S. Constitution in honor of Constitution Day from noon to 1 p.m. in the Caret Plaza outside of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

#### *Academic Integrity Week: Integrity in Government*

Today from noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Engineering Building room 189, a panel of elected officials will discuss their views on ethics in politics. Panelists include: Assembly member Joe Coto; Speaker Pro Tempore Sally Lieber; Council member Forrest Williams; Supervisor Ken Yeager. For more information, contact Maricris Demayo at [maricris.demayo@sjsu.edu](mailto:maricris.demayo@sjsu.edu).

#### *Pride of the Pacific Islands*

The first dance practice is from 8 to 10 p.m. in the aerobics room in the Event Center. For more information, contact Lisa Kho at (925) 639-6781.

#### *Vidak '07: Graphic Design in Korea Exhibition*

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., artwork will be on display in the Natalie and James Thompson Art Galley in the Art Building. For more information, contact the gallery office at 924-4330.

### Sept. 18

#### *Academic Integrity Week Student Workshop*

A student workshop will be held as part of Academic Integrity Week in the Engineering building rooms 287 and 287 from 2 to 3 p.m.

#### *“How to Choose the Right Business Idea”*

Stuart Skorman, Founder and CEO of Elephant Pharmacy, will give a talk co-sponsored by the Lucas

Graduate School of Business from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. Library rooms 225 and 229.

#### *Faculty Piano Recital*

From 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. the SJSU School of Music and Dance will host the bi-weekly Listening Hour “Live Music” concert series. Sultanov will perform Bach — Busoni, Schubert — Liszt, Amirov and Scriabin. For more information, contact coordinator Joan Stubbe at 924-4649 or [jstubbe@email.sjsu.edu](mailto:jstubbe@email.sjsu.edu).

### Sept. 19

#### *Graduate School Information Day*

Representatives from over 40 different institutions, including SJSU, will be distributing information and answering questions about opportunities for graduate school at the El Paseo De Cesar Chavez from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is free and all students are welcome to attend.

#### *Student Workshop on Paper Writing*

A workshop on how to write an academic and scholarly paper will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Engineering building rooms 285 and 287.

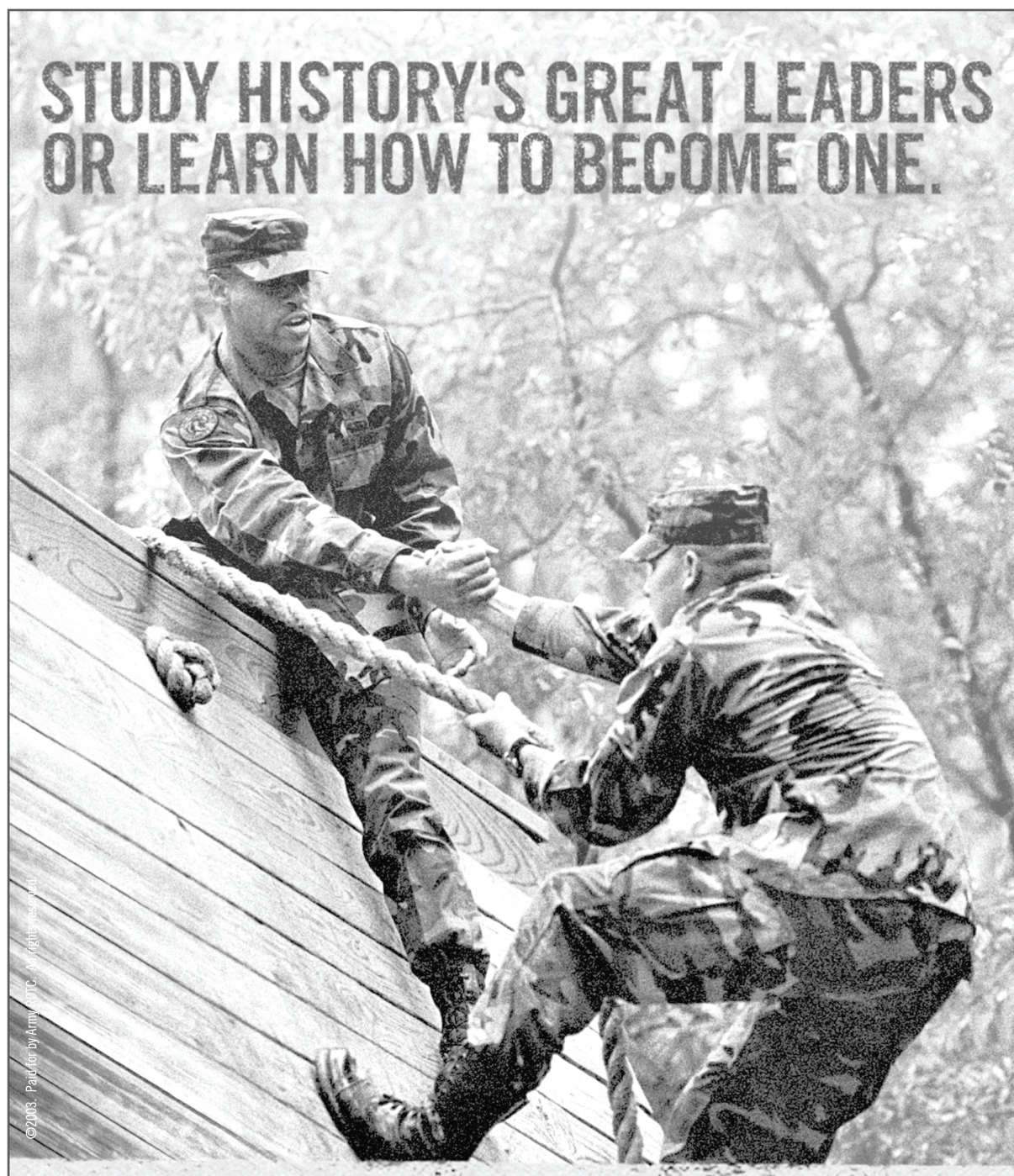
### Sept. 20

#### *Academic Resource Fair*

The Academic Resource Fair will be held in the corridor between the Student Union and the Art building from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

#### *Are Faculty Modeling Academic Integrity?*

A discussion for faculty will be held in the Pacifica Room in the Student Union from 12 to 1 p.m.



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# FOOTBALL // Spartans struggle on offense, tally just 163 total yards

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just under seven minutes left in the first quarter.

Belch was good on two more field goals in the second quarter and the Spartans found themselves down but not out at halftime, trailing 9-0.

Stanford took the opening kick of the second half and drove down the field.

Running back Toby Gerhart finished the drive, taking the handoff and scampering 13 yards for the touchdown, making the score 16-0.

Tomey said this year's Stanford team wasn't the same team SJSU played last year.

"Stanford has really improved," Tomey said. "That game just shows how much better coaches they are than we are, how much better players they are, and I commend Coach Harbaugh."

Gerhart averaged nearly 12 yards per carry on his way to 141

yards on the ground.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Stanford quarterback T.C. Ostrander connected with

**"I'd like to think we were ready to play, but the score shows that we weren't"**

DEMETRIUS JONES  
Linebacker, SJSU Spartans

a wide-open Richard Sherman streaking down the left sideline for a 46-yard touchdown, extending the lead to 23-0.

The Cardinal would tack on two more touchdowns, and Stanford held the Spartans scoreless for the remainder of the game, solidifying the shutout win.

"We got beat physically and mentally," said linebacker Demetrius Jones, who led the team with

12 tackles. "I'd like to think we were ready to play, but the score shows that we weren't."

From the opening drive the Spartans were unable to find consistency on offense.

They squandered two early scoring chances, one on a missed 44-yard field goal by Jared Strubeck and another on a failed fourth-down attempt.

For the third consecutive game the Spartans were unable to establish a running game.

Dominique Hunsucker led the team with 26 rushing yards, and the team finished with 32 yards on the ground.

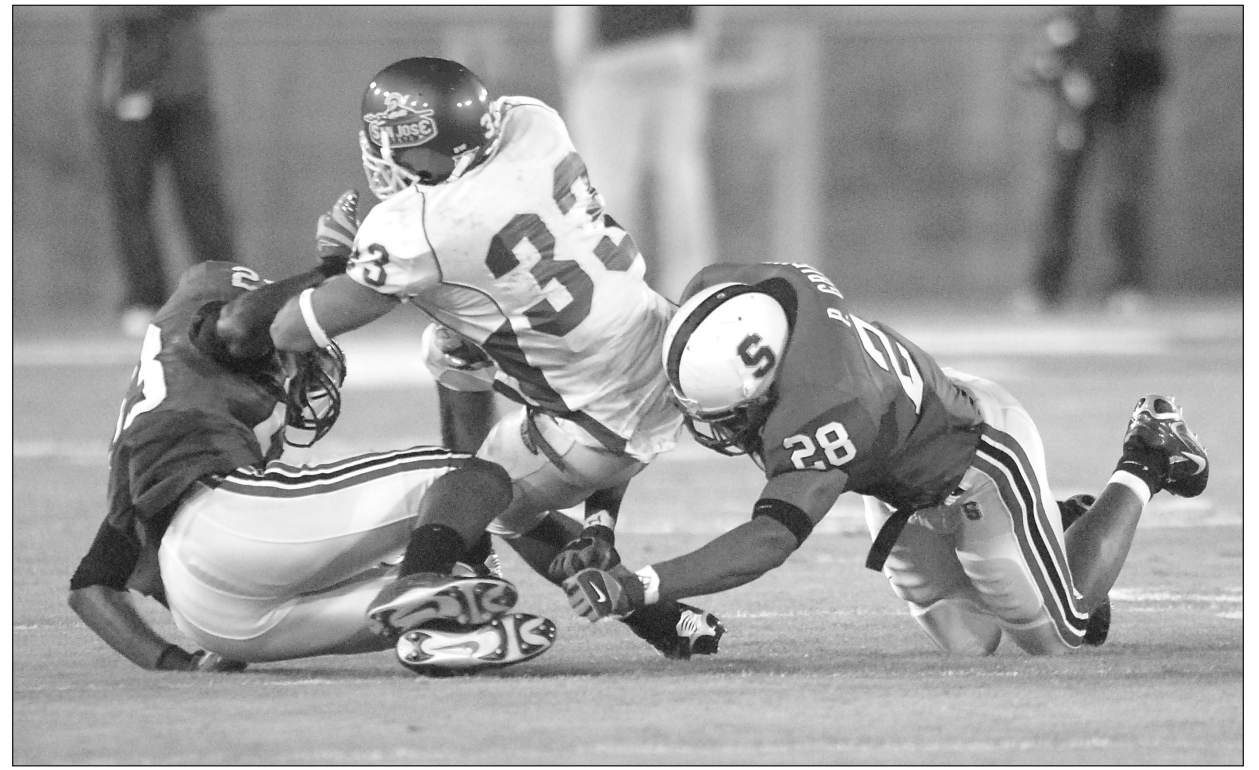
The entire Spartan offense was held to just 163 yards, with 130 coming from quarterback Adam

**"We have to fight and do whatever we can to get one win. We have to learn how to win. We have to stop thinking about last year and think about right now."**

ADAM TAFRALIS  
Quarterback, SJSU Spartans

Tafralis who was 12-24 on the night with an interception.

Wide receiver David Richmond had four catches for 38 yards and Kevin Jurovich hauled in two Tafralis passes for 41 yards.



PHOTOS BY JOE PROUDMAN // SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Spartan running back Dominique Hunsucker couldn't get much going on the ground against a Stanford team that gave up 624 yards to UCLA Sept. 1.

"I stunk; I didn't do my part," Tafralis said. "I'm frustrated. We are 0-3. You can't be happy when you are 0-3."

On the other hand, Stanford's offense, led by fifth-year senior Ostrander, amassed 506 yards of offense, including 276 via the running game.

"It's not about the offense; it's not about the defense," Tomey said. "It's about playing with character; playing with toughness; playing with pride — and we aren't doing anything."

The Spartans travel to Logan, Utah next to take on the Utah State University Aggies, where the team looks to make some positive progress and recover from its early season woes.

"We have to fight and do whatever we can to get one win," Tafralis said. "We have to learn how to win."

"We have to stop thinking about last year and think about right now."

## San Jose State vs. Stanford

### OFFENSIVE STATS

Adam Tafralis: 12-24, 130 yds, 1 int, 4 rushes, 1 yrd.  
Dominique Hunsucker: 10 rushes, 26 yds.  
David Richmond: 4 rec, 38 yds.  
Jeff Clark: 4 rec, 31 yds.  
Kevin Jurovich: 2 rec, 41 yds.

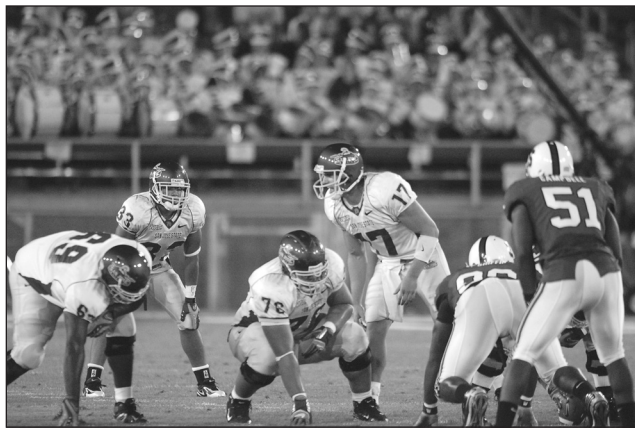
### DEFENSIVE STATS

Demetrius Jones: 12 tackles, 5 solo  
Christopher Owens: 7 tackles, 5 solo, 1 int. (2 int.'s on the season)



JOE PROUDMAN // SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

ABOVE LEFT: SJSU wide receiver Kevin Jurovich eludes a tackler during the first half at Stanford Stadium Saturday. BELOW RIGHT: Spartan quarterback Adam Tafralis and the rest of the Spartans were held scoreless at Stanford Stadium Saturday.



## Padres sweep Giants

By BERNIE WILSON  
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Jake Peavy is putting together an impressive Cy Young resume.

Peavy lowered his major league-leading ERA to 2.39, struck out 10 to take over the big league lead and pitched the San Diego Padres to a 5-1 win over the last-place San Francisco Giants on Sunday.

Kevin Kouzmanoff had three hits and an RBI for the Padres, who maintained their 1 1/2-game lead in the NL wild-card race. They went into the day trailing first-place Arizona by two games in the NL West. San Diego swept the Giants, winning its eighth straight against San Francisco.

Peavy's 18 wins are the most in the NL and a personal best. He allowed four hits in 7 1-3 innings and won for the ninth time in 10 decisions. His only loss in that span was at Arizona on Sept. 5 when he was pitching on three days' rest.


Throwing his usual assortment of fastballs and sliders, Peavy (18-6) struck out at least 10 for the ninth time this season — again, a big league high — and the 24th time in his career. His 225 strikeouts are a personal best, topping the 216 he had in 2005, when he led the NL.

Peavy took a three-hit shutout into the eighth, when he walked his only batter.

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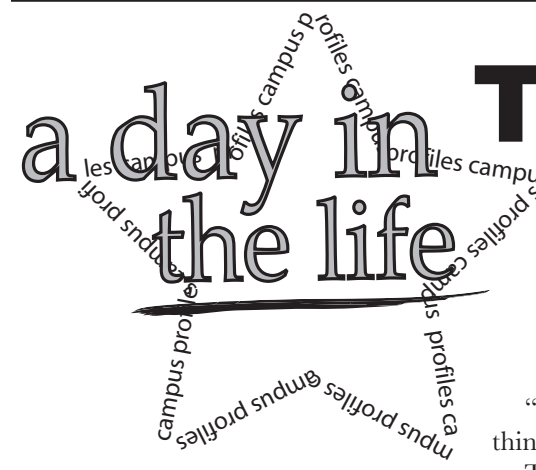
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CELEBRITY "WHEN YOU SAY I COMMITTED ADULTERY, ARE YOU STATING BEFORE THE MARRIAGE OF 1996 OR PRIOR TO?" BLOOPERS



The Hot Dog Man

A glimpse into the job of African native Tefera Gebre, the man behind the Fourth Street vendor

By SARAH KYO Staff Writer

Sandwiched between Washington Square Hall and the bustling Fourth Street traffic is a hot dog stand.

Tim Furlong, assistant director for facilities and events with Spartan Athletics, said he was walking with another employee when they passed by this hot dog stand for the first time.

"We were very thirsty, and we saw this strategically-placed hot dog stand and beverage provider," Furlong said.

Anne Hundley, a regular visitor to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, bought chips for her boyfriend.

"I thought it would be a nice surprise to get him some Fritos," Hundley said.

Hundley said this was her first time making a purchase from this stand.

"I think it's a really good thing," Hundley said.

Tefera Gebre and his wife, Elsa Isaak Zeray, have been selling hot dogs, snacks and drinks from this location near SJSU since 1995.

Gebre said he gets the "best" hot dogs and "special" hot links.

"My hot dog is the best beef," Gebre said.

Gebre sells Cajun hot links and Polish sausages for \$3.25 and hot dogs for \$2.50. Chips and canned drinks are \$1.00 each, while bottled drinks are \$1.50.

Leo Corpuz, a junior chemistry major, said he purchased an energy drink from this hot dog stand because, "It's a little bit cheaper than from the bookstore or the cafe."

Gebre said he and his wife had more customers during the early years of his stand, ranging from students to downtown employees, but he said nowadays people have more choices in this area.

Gebre points out local food eateries and an apartment complex that hadn't been around when he and his wife bought the stand from its previous owner 12 years ago.

"All this is changing," Gebre

said. "A lot is changing."

Gebre and Zeray's native language is Tigrinya. They are originally from Eritrea, a northeast African country bordering Sudan, Ethiopia and the Red Sea.

"It's 15 years old; a small country," Gebre said.

Eritrea is a former Italian colony that was occupied by the British in 1941, according to British Broadcasting Corp. News. The United Nations made Eritrea part of Ethiopia's federation in 1952, but starting in 1962, there were more than 30 years of violent struggle.

Gebre said that from 1974 to 1981, he was a member of the Eritrean Liberation Front, a resistance movement that fought for Eritrea's independence.

"I have a gunshot in (my) right leg," Gebre said, pointing to his wound.

In 1981, Gebre moved to Sudan, and in 1990, he, his wife and their six children immigrated to the United States to seek political asylum, he said.

"I didn't have a choice," Gebre said. "My country was in a war."

Gebre said both of his brothers died while fighting in the war. He said his two sisters still live in Africa. In 1993, Eritreans voted for independence, but according to BBC News, there are still border issues with Ethiopia.

Gebre said his cousin sponsored him and his family to come to San Jose. Among his children is a San Jose alumnus who earned a degree in electrical engineering.

As pedestrians crossed the street to and from the university, Gebre said he and Zeray came to their Fourth Street spot on the weekdays at around 7:30 a.m. to set up shop. He said they work until 6 p.m., though they might close early if business is slow.

Gebre said working at the hot dog stand is pretty easy, especially since his disability would hinder him from performing in a more physical occupation.

Gebre mentioned that he takes things from year to year and is not sure what the future holds for him and his stand.

"If I get a minimum money, I'll continue," Gebre said. "If it's like that, it gets slow, I don't know."

When asked about his favorite part of his job, Gebre said, "I'm happy because I'm working."

Bay Area Events — Week of 9/17

MUSIC

Wednesday 9/19

"San Francisco Symphony" Davies Symphony Hall San Francisco

The Donnas Great American Music Hall San Francisco

Thursday 9/20

Sean Hayes The Independent San Francisco

Friday 9/21

John Scofield The Fillmore San Francisco

Saturday 9/22

"San Francisco Jazz Festival" Nob Hill Masonic Auditorium San Francisco

"KFOX Summer Send Off" featuring the Doobie Brothers, Steve Miller Band and Greg Kihn Shoreline Amphitheatre Mountain View

Sunday 9/23

Justin Timberlake HP Pavilion San Jose

"Alice 97.3 Now and Zen Fest" featuring James Blunt and Joss Stone Golden Gate Park San Francisco

Theater

Tuesday 9/18

"Mamma Mia!" Orpheum Theatre San Francisco \*Show runs through Sept. 22

Saturday 9/22

"The Triumph of Love" San Jose Repertory Theatre \*Show runs through Oct. 21

COMEDY

Thursday 9/20

Eddie Griffin San Jose Improv \*Show runs through Sept. 22

Classifieds

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# Spartans can't defend poor start to season



JOE PROUDMAN // SPARTAN DAILY

Stanford University running back Anthony Kimble is swarmed by a gang of Spartan tacklers on Sept. 15.

"We were awful. We were badly coached. We played bad," said Dick Tomey, Spartan head football coach, in a press conference after SJSU lost to Stanford 37-0 on Saturday.

Under the stadium lights in Stanford's new football arena, 20,468 spectators watched the dismal performance by the SJSU football team. And as Spartan quarterback Adam Tafrales threw an interception early in the fourth quarter, hundreds of Spartan fans hung their heads, left their seats and made the long walk of shame to the parking lots.

After a Cinderella season in 2006 for the Spartans — capturing the first winning record in 16 years and the New Mexico Bowl Championship — the slogan "It's a new day in San Jose" seemed to have actually come true.

But were our expectations too high for the men of the Spartan football team?

Perhaps.

The breakout season we saw unfold last year

gave SJSU football fans hope for the "new day," and inevitably we wanted to see our Spartans repeat the same exciting season.

But three games in and three losses later, SJSU football is getting the bad rap we saw three years ago pre-Tomey.

## THE OPINION OF THE SPARTAN DAILY EDITORIAL BOARD

The Spartan football program has improved by leaps and bounds under the direction of Athletic Director Tom Bowen and Tomey, who has been touted as one of the best college football coaches in the country.

But with a very young team, stand-out players James Jones and John Broussard now in the NFL

and injuries plaguing star running back Yonus Davis, the 2007 Spartans look like the 2005 Spartans.

Still, Spartan fans shouldn't count-out the success of the football program just yet. Think of our very own comeback kings, the Golden State Warriors. After not making the NBA playoffs since 1994, the eighth seeded Warriors beat the number one seed and Western Conference champions, the Dallas Mavericks, in the first round of the playoffs last season.

SJSU's win at the 2006 New Mexico Bowl prompted us to expect victory. We tasted the sweetness of success, and now we want more. But after Saturday's beating by Stanford, a "new day in San Jose" means something entirely different.

Tomey summed up the brutal loss Saturday night: "It's not about the offense or the defense. It's about playing with character; playing with toughness, playing with pride ... and we're not doing any of that."

## From our readers

### Philosophy club discusses religion

I came across your article (Bi-weekly meetings spark lively discourse, Sept. 6) on the Socratic Cafe and I was disappointed to note that it did not mention the other portion of the Cafe that runs every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m..

Instead of just broad philosophical matters, this portion focuses on trying to foster conversation about religion in a country where talk about religion is often either shouting matches or nonexistent.

I would greatly appreciate it if you'd be willing to help get the word out.

-Matt Lee

### Housing costs too high in Bay Area

About "Program assists faculty with home buying" from Sept. 11.

Yes, "astronomical" is a good adjective for describing the cost of housing in the Bay Area. Making this area affordable is key to retaining top talent in the university's faculty.

If the school cannot raise salaries to a level that allows faculty members to own their own homes, then programs such as this may help alleviate the problem.

At least the housing market seems to be cooling somewhat lately — the cost of health care is still on the rise and is growing faster than the rate of inflation...

-Lucas Meadows

### Rash of burglaries worry SJSU students

About "Fraternity latest in SJSU-related burglaries" from Sept. 12.

What in the world is going on here? What is the university doing about this? Is this still a safe college to attend? I am extremely concerned.

-Fan Lee

### Fraternity 'prank' upsets Greeks

About "Students' drinking leads to disgrace" from Sept. 13.

My emotions and disgust got the best of me and I mistakenly said "Fraternity men make mistakes and nobody ever truly lives up to the values they pledge to." I mean to say that Fraternity men make mistakes and nobody ever FULLY lives up to the values they pledge. Either way if I appeared heated it's because I really was feeling heated. This article is very upsetting to anybody involved in Greek Life.

-Kyle McGuire

# Facing the truth: the future of the newspaper



SARA SPIVEY

Off the Record

Imagine this: You are a student getting very close to graduating with a degree in a field that you love.

You take a weekend out of your very busy mid-semester schedule to attend a conference to hear professionals speak about the field you plan on entering after graduation.

You are excited. And then your bubble is burst.

The first professional to speak says you are going to be entering "an industry that's fighting for its life right now."

**I have learned a lot about reporting ethically, telling the truth and writing in an informative way — but I need to learn more than just those things.**

As someone who has been paying attention to the shrinking of newspapers and their fledgling online operations, I already had an idea what was happening. But what I wasn't

prepared for was the same professional, Sean Gallagher, managing editor of the latimes.com, to tell us, a group of student newspaper editors, to "kill" our newspapers, "stop publishing" and focus exclusively on developing our Web sites.

"The model you're all following is a dead model," he said.

My friend and I looked at each other, raised our eyebrows and internally said, "Whoa."

I came to SJSU to learn how to be a journalist. Or at least that's what I thought I was doing when I transferred here. I've taken the majority of my journalism courses, as well as several in my minor, political science — my second love only to writing, at SJSU.

But now I'm beginning to think that I should've minored in computer science, not political science.

When a group of students returned from a university-organized trip to New York over spring break one of our professors put up posters in the hallway to show off the trip. On one poster was a giant quote that read, "Does anyone know Flash?" asked by one of the professionals that the students had talked to.

I'm told one person raised their hand.

Now in addition to learning how to talk to people and draw out their life stories, how to ask the tough questions, how to write a compelling story in an objective way, I have to also learn audio, video, computer and Web technologies.

I have learned a lot about reporting ethically, telling the truth and writing in an informative way — but I need to learn more than just those things.

At the Spartan Daily we have very little of that infrastructure set up. We're trying to get there, but previous executive and online editors have been trying to do the same for years, with limited results.

When it comes to creating multimedia, which includes learning how to create it, or new features for our Web site, we don't have a lot of support. We end up attempting to teach each other.

I'm not complaining; I like learning new technologies. I'm an adult and I take responsibility for my own education.

Students such as my colleague Kyle Hansen, who has been blogging and vlogging for a long time and just began an internship at the washingtonpost.com, are figuring it out.

I love what we do at the Spartan Daily, but I am concerned about what the future holds for me once I leave the safe cocoon of university.

I'm not ready to kill the newspaper, but I am ready to learn skills beyond what it has to teach. So keep reading the Spartan Daily, and start checking our Web site. New features will be appearing soon.

Sara Spivey is the Spartan Daily executive editor. "Off the Record" appears Mondays.

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## Quote of the day

"What would you have done? I'm O.J. Simpson. Who am I going to rob?"

O.J. SIMPSON

Asked to Ted Rowlands of CNN about the robbery of his memorabilia from a sports memorabilia dealer last Thursday at a Las Vegas hotel, Simpson was arrested Sunday.



# DEGREES // SJSU has 'one of the lowest' minority graduation rates

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pointing, the rates for African-American and Latino males are truly dismaying."

President Kassing said that in response to the committee's report, the administration has created the Inclusive Excellence Master Plan, which will analyze performance issues within ethnic groups.

"I think it's unfortunate that it's happening," said Alba Cardenas, a junior Spanish and photography major, referring to the low percentage of minorities who are graduating in the university-accepted rate of six years.

Rona Halualani, SJSU's director of in-

stitutional planning and inclusive excellence, said she was personally appointed by Kassing to take on the task of achieving inclusive excellence at the university.

"Overall, in the CSU system, we have one of the lowest graduation rates for African-Americans and Latinos," Halualani said.

She explained that it is her job to research programs at other universities and eventually create one that will improve minority graduation rates at SJSU.

Currently there are some programs on campus that are specifically intended for minorities, Halualani said, including the Educational Opportunity Program and the McNair Scholars Program.

The latter, she said, is intended to help mentor minority students who hope to attend graduate school.

Halualani said that there have not been any programs put into action recently because she is still researching the best plan for the school.

"We want to be really sure that we find a program that has been effective on campuses with populations like ours," she said.

Halualani said this fall semester she will be talking to focus groups about the factors that are causing low graduation and retention rates. She said that the ultimate goal is to help everyone, but improving graduation rates for black and Latino students has

become an urgent matter.

Robert Cooper, associate vice president of undergraduate studies, said that SJSU hopes to become a place where everyone feels comfortable sharing their ideas and where students can receive a "stronger, richer education."

He said that all groups of students have been making improvements in their graduation rates over the past five to 10 years, but SJSU is still looking for ways to make the results even better.

The university has created the MUSE and Success in Science classes to help freshmen in their first semester. These classes help not only minorities but everyone on campus

learn how to be successful, he said.

Cooper also said that the university opened a writing center in Clark Hall to coincide with the Learning Assistance Resource Center, which currently resides in the Student Services Center.

"These programs are designed to foster success for different groups, specifically those that are underrepresented," he said.

Kassing said that while the diverse student body is one of the school's strengths, he hopes to make a more intentional effort to have students benefit from it.

"We have a wonderful diversity here," Kassing said. "It is clearly a strength of the university."



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A copy of the SJSU housing application. Currently, applicants must specify their gender as male or female for housing assignment reasons.

## GENDER // SJSU counselor calls for Academic Senate to 'catch up'

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recently compiled its annual Gender Equality National Index for Universities and Schools by sending out more than 40,000 surveys to students, administrators, and faculty and staff members of accredited colleges.

The study is based on responses to the surveys, campuses' nondiscrimination policies and whether the schools provide gender-neutral bathrooms and housing. This year's results reflect 495 valid survey responses and encompass 278 campuses.

Edith Crowe, a librarian at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library and a member of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Faculty and Staff Association, said the rights of transgender individuals should be a part of any organization's policies.

"It's the cutting edge right now," she said. "It's a way of determining whether or not you're paying attention."

Britney Hoffman, the gender advocacy group's youth program director, said the idea of students struggling with this issue is "a new evolution" for many university administrators.

Wiggy Sivertsen, an SJSU faculty counselor, calls herself "the campus pit bull" for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues, and wants the Academic Senate to "catch up" with state law. She's written the chancellor in hopes that he will add gender-neutral bathrooms and an updated nondiscrimination policy to the senate's agenda.

"It shouldn't take very long at all," she said. "Probably a couple of months. The bathroom thing is a no-brainer."

Single stall bathrooms that lock can easily be converted into unisex bathrooms by simply changing the sign. The task, Hoffman said, is "extremely low cost."

"Make it gender-neutral and

you're not forcing people to make a decision every time they want to use the bathroom," she said.

Campus Village Building B was designed with transgender students specifically in mind, said Susan Hansen, the director of housing services, via e-mail. The building's architect added more studios and single-rooms than had originally been planned and, for the sake of privacy, toilets and showers were built in rooms separate from sinks and vanities.

"We were lucky enough, at that time, to have some very brave students who spoke out about some of the cultural and architectural issues that made them feel marginalized," Hansen said.

When it comes to housing, giving students the option of not stating their sex on an application provides them the opportunity to be paired with roommates without having to deal with gender-based restrictions, according to the gender advocacy group.

"You can't ask a transgender male who chooses to be female to live with all men if it makes them uncomfortable," said Liz Deetz, a junior nursing major.

Students have varying opinions about the level of tolerance at SJSU.

"I think we're a very tolerant campus," Sandajan said. "I don't think we can afford not to be. We can't escape that we're a super-multicultural campus."

Derrick Quema, the chairman of Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice, a campus gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender student organization, agreed, for the most part.

"Last year, we had an event — the National Day of Silence," he said. "Once in a while, while we were around the table, people would go by and call us faggots and walk on. But mostly, whenever I meet someone they seem pretty tolerant. And I never heard anything blatantly bad."

Aaron Hernandez, a junior

film major, sees the campus differently.

"Everyone pretty much ignores each other," he said. "It's not tolerance so much as they're just stuck in their own little bubble."

He added: "Transgenders are just as normal as straight people and should be treated equal."

But Deetz said that she thinks being gay, lesbian or transgender is a "personal choice," and that ridicule is something these students must accept that they're going to face.

"You should expect giggling and laughing because you do look silly," she said. "But, no one should abuse you physically or verbally."

Sivertsen does not agree that being a member of this community is a choice.

"It's no more of a choice than heterosexuality is," she said.

No transgender students attending SJSU were able to be reached for this report. Sivertsen said that identifying oneself as transgender is more common in adulthood.

"As time goes on and more information gets out, we see younger and younger individuals beginning to identify themselves as transgender," she said.

Fernando Gallegos, a junior anthropology and behavioral science major, called harassment and discrimination issues on campus "self-explanatory."

"To each his own," he said.

"Equal rights for everyone."

Gender Public Advocacy Coalition was incorporated in 1999 and is based out of Washington, D.C. According to its Web site, the group works to provide safe learning environments for all youth, "whether or not they meet expectations of masculinity or femininity."

Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice meets every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Almaden Room of the student union and maintains a Web site at <http://studentorgs.sjsu.edu/qtip>.

## REFORM // Disagreements arise between lawmakers and governor

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the centrist governor, who began the year with a much-publicized promise to bring bipartisan cooperation to the fractious state capital.

On health care, for example, Schwarzenegger and the Democrats cannot agree on how much to charge employers to fund an expansion of insurance. The state needs to raise billions of dollars to cover the 4.9 million Californians without insurance, since will many need subsidies.

With no hope of gaining Republican approval for the tax increases they want, Schwarzenegger and the Democrats plan to ask voters to approve it for them instead, probably on the November 2008 ballot.

A ballot measure could include levies on employers and hospitals, as the governor has proposed, as well as a sales tax

increase proposed by business.

But businesses that supported the sales tax to avoid new taxes on employers may revolt if both are included in a ballot measure.

Schwarzenegger is also trying to avoid directly endorsing a sales tax, a delicate issue after he spent last year telling his Republican base to stick with him because he would not raise taxes.

Labor, meanwhile, is leery of the sales tax and wants employers to pay as much as possible, to take the pressure off workers to pay rising health costs. Unions supported a Democratic plan that would have nearly doubled the tax Schwarzenegger proposed.

In the delta, lawmakers are grappling with a collapsing ecosystem, sea levels that are projected to rise because of climate change, crumbling levees and unchecked proliferation of invasive species.

Water supplies also were cut

back this summer because of the low snowpack in the eastern Sierra Nevada and the dwindling population of the delta smelt. A federal court ruling that blamed pumping for much of the delta smelt's decline could cut water exports much more — by as much as a third, according to state officials.

"The federal judge really threw down the gauntlet," said Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland. "He said either you guys get something done, or you are not going to have any water."

Republicans say new dams should be built, in part, to allow more water to be stored elsewhere. But environmentalists reject dams because they change the natural flow of rivers and trap fish.

Earlier this year, Democrats rejected a \$5.9 billion proposal for two new dams as a subsidy for wealthy farmers, who would get a share of the water.

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