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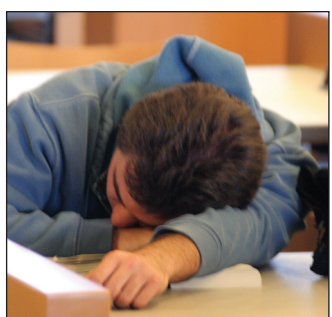
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Sigma Chi house burglarized

By EKENE IKEME
Staff Writer

The latest of the rash of thefts on or around the SJSU campus occurred Monday night on South 10th Street when a burglar or burglars ripped out a window screen and entered the Sigma Chi Fraternity house, stealing laptops and other electronic devices, according to one of the victims.

"They took my Toshiba laptop," said Geordan Bean, senior psychology major. "They took my cell phone and digital camera, and they got my roommate's Dell laptop and graphing calculator."

Bean, a resident of the Sigma Chi Fra-

ternity house, said he was surprised by how quickly the burglary took place.

"I just got back from the gym," he said. "I had my cell phone in my hand and put it down in my room and went to the kitchen. I heard some noise from my room from out the window and I went to my room and saw the screen from the window was ripped out and all my stuff was gone. It didn't even take five minutes."

Bean said the burglary occurred around 11 p.m. on Monday, and UPD arrived at the house at 11:30 p.m.

Sgt. John Laws, public information officer for the UPD, said Officer Tim Villarica responded to the theft complaint from the

Sigma Chi house residents.

"Officer Villarica arrived at the house around 11:30 p.m.," Laws said. "He filled out a police report and UPD is conducting an investigation."

Bean said he did not see any suspects commit the crime, but he gave them some important information to help the investigation.

"My Sprint cell phone has a GPS system on it," Bean said. "So we were able to locate the apartment building that the phone was in, and I gave that information to Officer Villarica."

The Sigma Chi burglary is the latest of

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POLICE TRANSPARENCY

Speakers, community leaders call for release of arrest records

By SAMUEL LAM
Staff Writer

Members of the San Jose community gathered in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library Monday night for a discussion forum on the San Jose Police Department. The Mercury News has reported that the department has been pressured to release arrest reports to the public.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California invited three speakers for the evening: Rick Callender, President of NAACP San Jose/Silicon Valley, Noreen Salinas, daughter of Steve Salinas, who died following SJPD use of tasers, and Mark Schlosberg, ACLU-NC police practices policy director.

"We want to give people an opportunity to talk about police conduct," Schlosberg said. "They don't need to withhold information."

One of the topics of discussion was the issue of the San Jose Sunshine Reform Task Force trying to get Senate Bill 1019 passed. According to the bill, if passed, the police will be required to release the public reports they generated for arrests, traffic collision and incidents where force is used against suspects.

JoAnne McCracken of the district attorney's office said the release of arrest information to the public could have a backlash.

"Ordinance can lead to retaliation due to people's fear to testify," McCracken said during the forum. "Criminals can use this to get ahead of the police."

Schlosberg also said he feels that the community is heavily affected by the police's refusal to release

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Left to right: Zubair Haidari, Ashfaqul Islam, Shafeeq Mojaddidi, Tawab Achakzai, Mohammad Yousef Samy, and Billal Asghar pray in reflection of Ramadan on Tuesday at the Student Union second floor balcony.

Muslim holy month begins

By SARAH KYO
Staff Writer

Carrissa Bishop-Sage, a sophomore comparative religions major, said the first student she met at SJSU last year was a Muslim.

Bishop-Sage said she asked the student about Islam and researched the religion.

Bishop-Sage said, "It made a lot of sense" to her, and she converted to Islam in January.

"It's a whole, complete, beautiful way of life," Bishop-Sage said.

This is Bishop-Sage's first year experi-

encing Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic-lunar calendar. This year, Ramadan began Sept. 13 and will culminate on Oct. 12 with Eid ul-Fitr, a celebration after the completion of Ramadan.

When talking about her experiences during Ramadan so far, Bishop-Sage wrote in an e-mail, "My experience would still be classified as 'rookie' as you can imagine, but so far, it is an amazing feeling and a great source of hope for me, as well as rejuvenation."

Carter McLaughlin, a junior nursing major, said he didn't know much about Ramadan, while Lawrence Chang, a senior

nursing major, said he knows "it's a month when Muslims fast and pray a lot."

From dawn to sunset during Ramadan, Muslims abstain from food, drink, smoking and sex, said Maryam Amir-Ebrahimi, a senior child and adolescent development major. Amir-Ebrahimi said that during Ramadan, Muslims also try to abstain from lying, gossiping and saying hurtful comments.

Amir-Ebrahimi is the president of the Muslim Students Association. He talked about wanting to improve herself during Ramadan.

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SJSU professor to premiere 'Democracy Left Behind'

By KRISTIN FURTADO
Staff Writer

Ever since the politically turbulent days of the 1960s, SJSU sociology professor Bob Gliner has made activism his daily bread and butter. And for the past 20 years, he has turned that passion into a full-time career, producing award-winning documentaries, more than 30 of which are to his name.

His newest creation, "Democracy Left Behind," a documentary he wrote, directed and produced, will premiere today at 4 p.m. in Engineering room 189.

The film explores the impact the 2001 legislation, the No Child Left Behind Act, had on schools and the effect it has on the role civic engagement plays in the classroom — that is a student's ability to learn how to actively engage in the community.

"After people see the show I'd like them to think about the role our public schools play in preparing students to be active citi-

zens," said Gliner, who took his camera to schools within California and across the country, interviewing teachers, administrators and lawmakers.

The film, which will be broadcast on KTEH and various other PBS stations in the coming weeks, includes interviews with SJSU professors.

"I think it's very exciting that this kind of documentary is coming out of our university," said Susan Meyers, the dean of the College of Education who also appeared in Gliner's film.

Elena Klaw, SJSU professor of psychology, co-produced the film. She hopes the documentary "spurs discussion" about the role public education plays in a democratic society.

"Democracy Left Behind," which was started more than a year ago, highlights the problems inherent within public education, said Gliner, who believes the No Child

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Radio show host Garrison Keillor to receive prestigious John Steinbeck award

By LEAH BIGELOW
Staff Writer

Garrison Keillor, host of the nationally-recognized radio show "A Prairie Home Companion," will be awarded the 2007 John Steinbeck Award on Sept. 25.

Keillor is receiving the literary honor because of his, "essential function in society," said Thomas Steinbeck, son of the famous author.

"I grew up listening to him," said Emily Finn, a graduate occupational therapy major. "My parents would listen to him every weekend."

According to a news release, the Steinbeck Award was created in 1996 by the Center for Steinbeck Studies. Steinbeck said the award was named "In the Souls of People," referring to the title of Chapter 25 from John Steinbeck's famous novel "The Grapes of Wrath."

Recipients of the award capture, "the spirit of Steinbeck's empathy, commitment to democratic values and belief in the dignity of the common man," according to the release.



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"If you're black or brown, don't go downtown," said Rick Callender, president of the NAACP San Jose/Silicon Valley chapter who spoke about racial profiling in downtown San Jose.



Garrison Keillor, host of "A Prairie Home Companion," will be presented the 2007 John Steinbeck Award on Sept. 25 at the Memorial Auditorium in San Rafael.

Steinbeck said his father adored great storytellers, and that is exactly what Keillor is. His shows created an accurate portrait of humanity, Steinbeck said, and his comedy is never done with ill intentions.

"I need a lot of entertainment in my life," Steinbeck said. "Garrison Keillor is always offering, always there."

Amanda Holder from the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas said the award is meant to "honor the spirit of Steinbeck."

She said this is the first time the center

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SPARTA GUIDE

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TODAY

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. 23

Local Author, Fan Wu, Speaks at King Library

King Library will host acclaimed local author Fan Wu on Sunday, Sept. 23 from 2 to 3 p.m. in rooms 225 and 229. Fan Wu will read from "February Flowers," followed by a discussion with the audience and book signing. For more information, contact Jenny Davis at jdavis@sjsu.edu.

Sept. 24

Pride of the Pacific Islands

Dance practice will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. in the aerobics room in the Event Center. For more information, contact (925) 639-6781.

KEILLOR // Steinbeck's son to present

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has played a part in this award, explaining that the Steinbeck family has usually chosen the recipient.

Keillor's possession of these characteristics, Steinbeck said, is what enabled the Steinbeck family to award the radio host this honor.

Steinbeck described Keillor as having "great writing, imagination and wit."

Paul Douglass, director of SJSU's Center for Steinbeck Studies in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, said Keillor is stopping in San Rafael for a city arts and lectures event, so both the Steinbeck centers will present the award there.

In the future, however, the

award will be given either at SJSU or in Salinas, Douglass said.

He said that up until this year, the Steinbeck Center, located in Room 590 of the King Library, has been the sole presenter of the award.

For this year, however, the award is jointly given by both the center on campus and the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas, he said.

Professor John Engell, department chair for English studies, said the Steinbeck center was created with large financial backing from retired SJSU professor Martha Heasley Cox.

The center, he said, was created by a group of professors who recognized John Steinbeck's importance in this area and wanted to have a special collection of his

material.

"When a university has special collections, it increases the stature of the school," Engell said.

The Steinbeck special collection, he added, is available to students who would like to use original work for their research.

The first Steinbeck Award was given to Bruce Springsteen in 1996, Douglass said.

Past recipients also include Arthur Miller, Jackson Browne and Sean Penn, according to the Center for Steinbeck Studies' Web site.

Thomas Steinbeck will present the award to Keillor during the award ceremony at the Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium in San Rafael next Tuesday, officials said.

FILM // No Child Left Behind Act will be focus of new documentary

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Left Behind legislation has exacerbated an already-divided public school system.

"I have some serious concerns about the impact of No Child Left Behind on current educational policies and some ideas about what changes I think need to happen in order to make sure that every child has a quality education," Meyers said.

She is concerned that sweeping standardized testing homogenizes education, reducing curriculum to two subjects: math and language arts.

But not everyone agrees the No Child Left Behind legislation is the sole culprit behind a failing educational system.

"I've heard of the program, and I think it's pretty positive," said Tiffany Wagie, a graduate student in school counseling.

Wagie, who remembers taking the standardized tests in her hometown of Colorado in high school, doesn't think civic duty is completely absent in the public school system.

"There were standardized tests, but there were things that engaged us in the community," she said, adding that her school required 15 hours of community service each year.

Darryck Saterfield, a senior history major, believes the federal program has not been evenly effective throughout the U.S.

"I'm not totally familiar with it, but from what I understand, there's issues in the school districts of who gets supported and who doesn't," Saterfield said.

In the film, Meyers said she discusses a study she and her colleagues in the College of Education conducted, in which more than 900 teachers were sur-

veyed in Santa Clara County. Meyers said the study found many schools had a narrow curriculum and that an average of 10 school days was spent preparing kids for standardized tests.

One of the teachers surveyed told Meyers, "Pigs don't get fatter by being weighed."

"Essentially, kids don't get smarter by being tested. It's about teaching not testing," said Meyers, who said there are some unintended consequences of No Child Left Behind.

For his part, Saterfield doesn't find the tests effective. "OK, you meet the numbers. OK, you get this funding," he said of the tests.

"Civic engagement is often missing in the curriculum," said Klaw who traveled around the country with Gliner and conducted most of the interviews. But the film also looks at schools where civic engagement is an educational component, she said, referring to one school in which children made quilts for homeless mothers and voted on which colors to use.

While Wagie believes citizenship is important, she doesn't think it's the sole responsibility of the public educational system to instill those values in children.

"It is important to learn to be a positive citizen in the U.S., but if it's not working in the schools, parents are responsible for teaching their children that as well," she said.

Gliner, who is currently working on a companion film focusing on college-level education, hopes the documentary will show teachers alternative ways of preparing students for civic engagement and have an impact on the No Child Left Behind legislation, which is due for reauthorization in Congress.

"I think it makes a strong statement," said Gliner. While Saterfield hadn't heard about the film, he's interested in seeing it.

"I'll check it out," he said.

POLICE // NAACP discusses racial profiling

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Noreen Salinas, a daughter of Steve Salinas who died following SJPD use of Tasers, spoke out on behalf of her father on Monday.

necessary information to the public.

"We want to earn trust by trusting the police to help the community," Schlosberg said. "We're alienating the community we're working with."

Callender said racial profiling is another issue the public should be aware of.

"People are at guilt by the darkness of their skin," Callender said about the public's fear of the police.

Two weeks ago, Callender was stopped by an officer outside of a club late at night. Callender said he did nothing wrong that evening but was stopped because he was black.

San Jose Police Capt. Gary Kirby said after the forum that Callender's incident was a result of a robbery down the block, and the police were questioning people

within the area.

When asked about why it is difficult to obtain necessary records for the public's use, Kirby said that the SJPD is obliging to state law.

"Current state law is specific on what can be released," Kirby said. "There are rules and regulations that need to be followed. We want to move towards some resolve where the NAACP and ACLU can feel confident with us."

Members of the community in attendance spoke on their thoughts in the forum, with many of those who spoke wanting the police department to be more approachable to the public.

On Sept. 20 there will be a meeting at City Hall at 6 p.m. to get the San Jose Sunshine Reform Task Force to make police records public.

The ACLU is encouraging the community to take action in getting the police department to comply.

"California is one of the most secretive states in the country," Schlosberg said. "It's important that members of the community can trust the police department."

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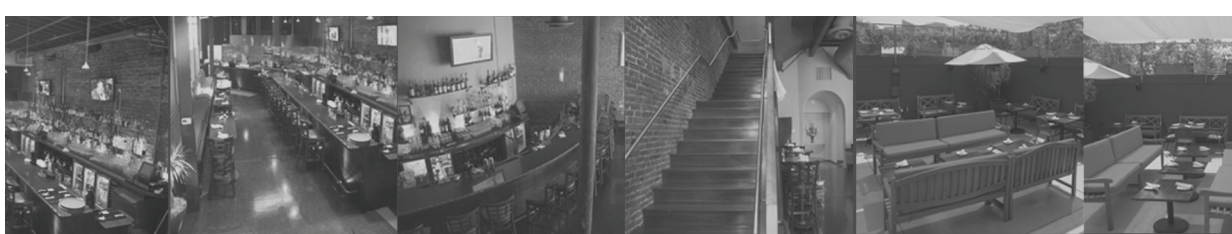
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HOLY // Followers celebrate Ramadan with fasting and special prayers

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"I hope to improve my character, as this outer action is a reflection of the state of my heart," Amir-Ebrahimi wrote in an e-mail, "and I want my heart to be clear, not to be filled with things like hatred, arrogance, jealousy or insincerity."

According to the Web site for the Muslim Community Association, a Santa Clara community center, each day Muslims usually have a meal before dawn called suhoor and a meal after sunset called iftar.

"In Ramadan, you sleep late because of special prayers and wake up early to eat before starting fast, so your sleep is less," Bishop-Sage said. "Then, of course, you

are fasting. So you are running on little sleep and food, but the energy is coming from the greatest source of energy of the human being, their spiritual well-being and their relationship to their creator."

Chang said he admired Muslims' devotion to prayer.

"When I see Muslims fast and pray a lot, I hope that Christians would have the same zeal," said Chang, who is Christian.

Omar Ali, a SJSU alumnus, hosts a radio show about Islam on 90.5 KSJS on Thursdays at 5 p.m. called MeccaOne.

Ali, who started off as DJ in 1999, said he started MeccaOne in May 2002 because of people's perceptions of Muslims after the terrorist attacks that occurred on

Sept. 11, 2001.

"After 9/11, I thought to myself, 'I have this audience,' Ali said. 'I have this medium. I have this equipment at my disposal.'"

Ali said it was tough to observe Ramadan when he was younger. He said he remembered that during lunchtime in high school, his friends would purposely make sounds while eating aloud. Ali talked about the importance of fasting during Ramadan.

"It teaches you self-control and makes you more firm in your beliefs," Ali said.

Ali said that fasting makes Muslims more empathic to those who lack food and water. During Ramadan, Ali said Muslims become more generous by doing more volunteer

work and donating more money to charities.

"I think everybody needs Ramadan," Ali said. "We're living in a day and age when we never take time to reflect."

Dian Alyan is the outreach director of the Muslim Community Association. Alyan, who is from Indonesia, said it was challenging for her at first to observe Ramadan during her first couple of years in the United States.

"I was working for a major corporation where we held many lunch meetings," Alyan wrote in an e-mail. "It was not so much that I wanted to eat but more being seen as different and foreign. I came from Indonesia, the most populous Muslim country in the world, where Ramadan

is felt in every town, every street corner, and suddenly I found myself in a place where I was the only one of a few doing fasting."

Alyan said fasting is not unique to Islam, since this ritual is observed in religions such as Christianity and Judaism.

Dana Merschon, a senior photography major, said for Yom Kippur, an upcoming Jewish holiday, Jews abstain from eating and drinking for 24 hours.

Merschon, a non-practicing Jew, said she has tried fasting for Yom Kippur a couple of times, but she said it was difficult for her.

"I just can't imagine doing it for that long," said Merschon, referring to fasting during Ramadan.

Interim dean named to counseling center

By MANDIE MOHSENZADEGAN
Staff Writer

The SJSU Counseling Services office is undergoing changes this semester with a new interim director Terri Thames and a stronger focus on educational counseling.

Located in the Administration office, the service is free to students in need of help at times when their college lives, both educational and personal lives, take their emotional tolls.

"I think it's a good thing for people, and if they want to seek out the help, then they should go for it," said English graduate student Christopher Mutshnick.

The Counseling Services' primary aim is to assist and help as many students as possible, Thames said.

"We do personal counseling for students who want to talk about issues — from how to handle anxiety, stress and depression — and we also have educational counseling to help students improve their skills," said Thames, who has worked at SJSU Counseling Services for 23 years.

One new service involves workshops geared toward educational counseling.

"We have a series of workshops that we're putting forward that have to do with study skills, time management, procrastination, things like that," Thames said. "It's not a how-to, but a how-not-to."

Myla Domondon, a senior health science major, said, "I didn't know they offer workshops, but I think it's really helpful for students, especially for help with procrastination."

Deanna Peck, the coordinator for educational programs, discussed the workshops further.

"Last semester we had 14 different workshops, and this semester we have 27 workshops that are being offered," she said. "We try to help students make decisions on what they're doing, how to meet their goals and be better students."

The workshops are in collaboration with the Learning Assistance Resource Center and Career Center.

Last year, Peck developed a learning skills certificate for students who go to a certain number

of workshops, but she has changed the title this year to "The Spartan Success Series," and will be handing out bronze, silver, and gold certificates, depending on how many workshops are attended. A variety of counselors and individuals facilitate the workshops.

New interim director Thames said she is feeling excited about her new position.

"I absolutely love this university and our students," she said, "and I often tell people I have the best job in the world working here."

She said she will be serving as interim director for a year, after which the vice president will do a search for a permanent director.

"I told the vice president that I want to see if I can contribute," she said. "If I feel like I can keep contributing past this year, then I will probably want to keep this position."

Thames expressed her relief about former director Wiggy Sivertsen's decision to continue to stay on as a counselor.

Sivertsen has served as director for the past 11 years, and she has been

with the department for 40 years.

Sivertsen discussed some of her accomplishments during her time as director.

"I wanted us to have an ongoing, post-doctoral training program to make this a more diverse center and to do a lot more outreach to students," she said. "I feel like I really did those things, so now it's time for me to go back."

Thames said of Sivertsen, "she is very powerful and knowledgeable and a real student advocate."

"Truthfully, I came here to be with the students, not to play with management," she said. "I just want to get down to spending more time with students and do more outreach. I'm really in the twilight of my career."

Counseling Services is advertising for new counselors in order to serve more students.

"The most important thing is for the students to know we're here and to take advantage of the service when they get stressed out and the world is getting a little bit crazy," Sivertsen said.

Dole recalls bagged lettuce amid another E. coli scare

By LISA LEFF
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A package of Dole salad mix that tested positive for E. coli has prompted an international recall, just over a year after the company issued a massive recall over baby spinach contaminated by the bacteria.

The tainted bag of Dole's Hearts Delight salad mix was sold at a store in Canada, officials said. Neither Canadian health officials nor Dole Food Co. have received reports of anyone getting sick from the product.

The voluntary recall, issued Monday, affects all packages of Hearts Delight sold in the United States and Canada with a "best if used by" date of September 19, 2007, and a production code of "A24924A" or "A24924B," the company said.

The product was sold in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces in Canada and in Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, Ohio,

Pennsylvania and Tennessee starting around Sept. 8, said Marty Ordman, a Dole spokesman.

The romaine, green leaf and butter lettuce hearts that went into the blend were grown in California, Colorado and Ohio, then processed at Dole's plant in Springfield, Ohio, on Sept. 6, according to Ordman. Eighty-eight cases — or 528 bags — were distributed in Canada and 755 cases containing 4,530 bags in the U.S., he said.

Last year, an E. coli outbreak traced to bagged baby spinach sold under the Dole brand was blamed for the deaths of three people and for sickening hundreds more across the U.S. State and federal authorities ultimately identified a Central California cattle ranch next to spinach fields belonging to one of Dole's suppliers as being the source of the bacteria.

"Our overriding concern is for consumer safety," Eric Schwartz, president of the Monterey-based Dole Fresh Vegetable division, said in a statement of Monday's recall.



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Catch some ZZZs on campus

Students reveal their favorite and least favorite places to catch some shut-eye. So sleep on, San Jose State.

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A.S. House picnic tables

The picnic tables next to the A.S. House have to be the best place to rest and take a nap.

The tables are actually more comfortable than they look, and the place always looks clean.

Unlike other spots, the picnic tables near the A.S. House are peaceful, quiet and in an area where there aren't many things to distract you, such as those annoying squirrels or students constantly walking by.

Ekene Ikeme

Spartan Stadium football game

The best place to nap is the hallowed, I mean hallowed, Spartan Stadium during a football game. You'll sleep peacefully because the fans next to you don't cheer. Oh, wait. Where are they? Oh, that's right. There are no fans next to you or in general.

It's the best place to just lounge around, not work toward anything, fall asleep and dream.

After all, the players set that example.

Michael Pasava

Student Union lower level

Saunter down to the lower level of the Student Union on early weekday mornings and you will most likely find me curled up on one of the soft, cushioned benches located in the corners sound asleep. Granted, it is right next to the bowling alley, but the continuous sound of pins being knocked down serves as a surprisingly pleasant lullaby. In the early afternoon you may be lucky enough to fall asleep to the sounds of Beethoven or Mozart. The only problem with my unveiling this great napping spot? You're probably going to steal my bench.

Mandie Mohsenzadegan



HANNA THRASHER // SPARTAN DAILY

Students take a nap on the lower level of the Student Union.

Where are the best and worst places to take a nap?

BEST



“ Best nap places — the grass. We have beautiful lawns on campus. ”

Phillip Teachout
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WORST



“ The food courts — and the food isn't that good. ”

Simrat Dhadli
freshman
business management



“ I like the music room. That's the best for me. ”

Nisha Jassal
junior
business



“ The worst — maybe right here (El Paseo de Cesar Chavez) in the sun. ”

Gabriela Hernandez
freshman
business



“ It's kind of weird when you see students on the floor, but probably the Student Union. ”

Michael Cardenas
junior
political science



“ The hard metal benches at Clark Hall. ”

Marlon Delgadillo
freshman
computer science

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Nap spots

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WORST

Tower Lawn

The worst place to lie down and take a nap has to be Tower Lawn, the on-campus lawn with the fountain in the middle of it.

I don't understand how anybody can take a nap there.

The itching from the grass, the squirrels running around only a couple of feet away from you and the thought of old dog pee all over the grass should be enough to keep students from taking naps on that lawn, but they still do.

Ekene Ikeme

The grass

Grass sleepers should be careful instead of carefree. I know Red Bull costs more than a nap, but random dogs don't do their business on your can. A field of green might fit the image of the perfect place to sleep tight, but Mother Earth's bed bugs bite. You've seen "Aladdin." You know the words to "A Whole New World." At least bring a blanket and pretend it's a magic carpet. Maybe then those dreams will come true.

Michael Pasaoa

During class — any class

Contrary to popular belief, the worst place to sleep is in the classroom. For one thing, you are losing out on the education that may have broken your bank account. But that is nothing compared to what may happen to you if you have classmates with a middle-school mentality.

You may feel like you are catch-

ing up on some sleep, but all of a sudden, one of those classmates grabs a permanent marker.

The next thing you know, you are walking around campus and everyone is laughing and pointing at you. That seventh-grader in disguise has written or drawn a derogatory item on your face.

Oswaldo Castillo



HANNA THRASHER // SPARTAN DAILY

A family relaxes near the fountain on Tower Lawn, a grassy area that appears to be the ideal place for a nap but isn't.

For a multimedia presentation on the best and worst places to take a nap, visit www.thespartandaily.com



Alabama Slammer

• 1/2 oz. Southern Comfort • 1/2 oz. Amaretto Disaronno • 1/2 oz. Sloe Gin •

By OSVALDO CASTILLO
Staff Writer

I usually do not like fruit-flavored alcoholic drinks. I go for those hard-hitting, thizz-face making drinks like Jack and Coke, Seven and Seven, Long Islands, shots of Jose Cuervo and Jaeger.

The drinks that make you say "Whoa!!" and can put hair on a man's chest.

But once in a great while, I opt for something different. Something that goes down smoothly but will still accomplish the task that my usual drinks do. That drink is the Alabama Slammer.

The bartender at Mission Ale House gave me a strange look the other day when I order an Alabama Slammer.

"Are you sure you want that?" he asked.

He brought out a bottle of Sloe Gin from somewhere

way behind the bar. "This is the only bottle of Sloe Gin I have. It is all dusty. Are you sure you want it?" he asked again.

It consisted of a half ounce of Southern Comfort, a half ounce of Amaretto Disaronno and a half ounce of Sloe Gin. The drink is filled with equal parts of orange juice and sweet and sour. A cherry and lemon is used to give the drink a fancy appearance.

The three types of alcohols are liqueurs, which are fruit flavored.

Good old Southern Comfort is peach flavored. This is the most recognizable of the three. Amaretto Disaronno is almond flavored but tasted more like cherry to me.

Sloe Gin is the least known. A sweet, red, blackthorn plum or sloe plum is used to make this gin-based liqueur. This red liqueur gives the Alabama Slammer its color.

"We used to drink that straight up in the '80s," said the old timer sitting next to me at the bar. He was implying that the drink can also be poured in shot-form.

"We used to call it the Alabama Slamma," he said.

It may be difficult to order the Alabama Slammer when the bar is crowded because some bartenders may not be familiar with it.

The best time to go is during happy hour or on a Sunday afternoon. There will be a lot less noise, which will help the bartender hear the recipe.

Aside from Mission Ale House, I have also gotten the drink at Smoke Tiki's Lounge and ViVid Nightclub, both in downtown San Jose. The Alabama Slammer goes for about \$7.

This drink is difficult to "baby-sit," or to drink slowly. The smooth taste leaves one asking for more. It is just like drinking fruit punch. Both guys and gals will enjoy this drink. But as always, be careful not to drink too much, especially since the drink contains Southern Comfort.

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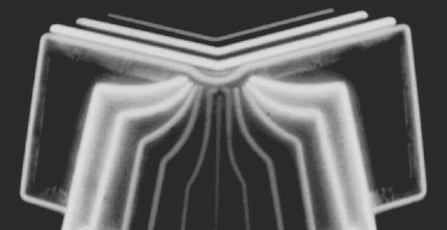
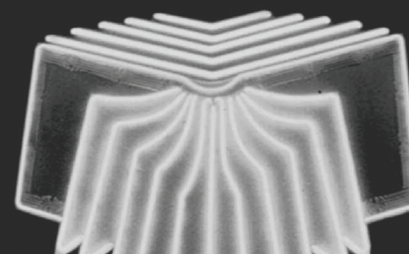
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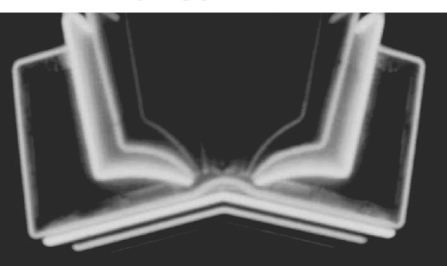
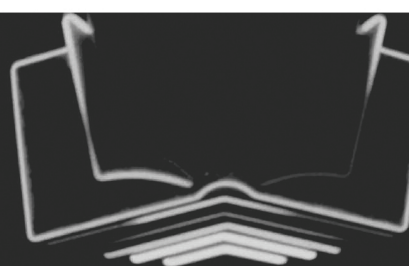
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CRIME // UPD chief to meet with officials

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several burglaries on or around SJSU this semester.

So far, UPD has not found any connections among the recent thefts, however Santos said the only commonality between the thefts is "that they're all laptops."

According to Laws, the prevalence of laptops is the reason they have become a common object of theft nationwide.

"They're expensive. They're portable. They're easy to take," Laws said. "Laptops have simply become the car stereo of the 2000s."

UPD Sgt. Michael Santos said the department doesn't have any specifics on a person or group, but

that "More often than not, the thefts that have been occurring have been impromptu incidents."

UPD Police Chief Andre Barnes said the number of thefts reported this semester surprises him.

"I've been here for three-and-a-half years," Barnes said. "I have never had this many theft incidents at this magnitude."

Barnes went on to question the security of the houses and said his department would run on-site reviews and recommend changes to make fraternity houses more secure.

Barnes said that he is organizing a meeting with the captain of patrol and officials from the department of housing to discuss the thefts and possible action the campus might take to make SJSU more secure.



Map of recent campus-related burglaries

1. August 15: Mark Aherne is arrested for burglarizing 16 cars in the Campus Village parking lot.
2. August 24 & 26: Three different burglary incidents occur in Campus Village Buildings A and B, resulting in 40 stolen laptops.
3. September 9: Burglars break into the Delta Upsilon Fraternity house, resulting in the theft of more than \$2,500 worth of electronics.
4. September 17: Sigma Chi Fraternity house is broken into resulting in two laptops and a cell phone stolen.



HANNA THRASHER // Spartan Daily

Jasmine Taylor, a freshman biology major, practices playing her bagpipes on the roof of the Spartan Stadium on Tuesday. Taylor has been playing the bagpipes for three years, and even though she isn't Scottish, she says she is Scottish at heart.

Classifieds

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- 13 Had on
- 14 Tibet's capital
- 16 Kind of stick
- 17 Raises
- 19 Give homework
- 21 Oxygen source
- 22 Bourne gat
- 23 Express relief
- 25 Sand mandala
- 27 Rhythmic sound
- 31 Dirty spot
- 35 Big League event
- 36 Ohio tribe
- 38 Tailor's needs
- 39 Game for (2 wds)
- 41 Bangs
- 43 Retiree's kites
- 44 Looks as if
- 46 Gives a high-five
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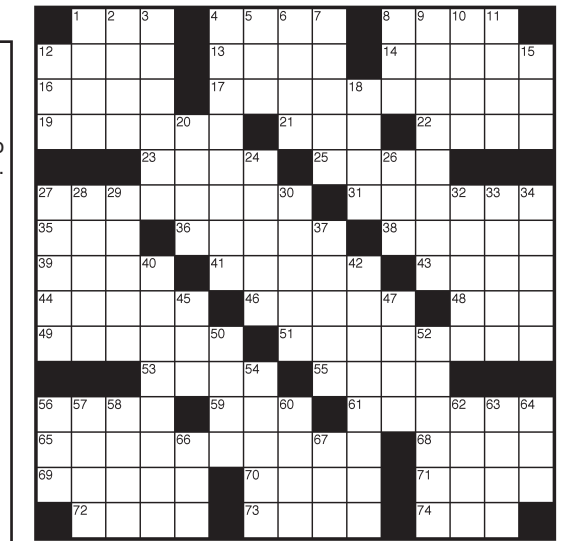
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- 9 Word finders
- 10 Vat
- 11 - - - spumante
- 12 Fitness center
- 15 Nile reptile
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- 24 Grabs a cab
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- 47 Close tightly
- 50 Sudden foray
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- 60 Wine valley
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- 63 Yacht basin sight
- 64 The lady
- 66 Volleyball need
- 67 Legal matter

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Too busy to think of our soldiers overseas?



JOSH WEAVER

The Way I Live

I have become immune to the war in Iraq.

If you ask me the number of American soldiers who have been killed, wounded or committed suicide as a result of the war, I wouldn't know.

It bothers me that I am so self-absorbed in my daily activities I neglect to take a measly five minutes out of my "busy" schedule and pray for the soldiers whose lives are at risk every second of every day.

This is not true for everyone, but we as Americans tend to put the issues that don't directly affect us in the back of our minds and

keep issues of work, school, dating and how to get home from the bar Friday night at the forefront.

It's a shame and downright selfish, but it's the truth.

I have noticed I only think about what is going on in that desert country when I hear about another gruesome death of an American soldier, or when a highly populated area of Baghdad is decimated by a suicide bomber.

Recently, I became aware of my aloof behavior when I heard about a young man named Carlos Gil Orozco, who was killed during combat in Iraq last week.

He graduated from Willow Glen High School, the same school from which I graduated.

My brother, a classmate of Orozco, texted me that night after hearing about the Marine's death and said that he had played soccer with him in high school.

Here is this kid, a year younger

than I am, dead, leaving behind a wife and a young child.

Even though I didn't know Orozco personally, his death stopped me in my tracks, and I thought about his family and friends and what they must be going through.

Of course I have been aware of soldiers born and raised in California who have paid the ultimate price, but this localized the war.

This 23 year old was from the same community. We probably hung out at some of the same places.

Three days after Orozco's death, my sister's boyfriend, a member of the Army National Guard, returned from Iraq after completing a 12-month tour, which was preceded by three months of training.

After four years, the war, something I knew was happening but subconsciously ignored, was all of a sudden surrounding me.

He brought back photographs

depicting the desolate landscape of the sandy terrain. He brought back video that included the sounds of gunfire in the background coming from an in-progress firefight.

As I sat watching, my curiosity grew with every image and I developed a newfound respect.

How did he keep his composure?

How did he remain calm escorting the convoy, knowing full well a roadside bomb could instantly blow his Humvee away?

Imagine for a moment having to live with that overwhelming fear. I know it gives me the chills.

In April, CNN.com conducted a poll reporting that 66 percent of Americans oppose the war while 32 percent said they support the effort.

Although the war is looking more and more like a lost cause, we cannot forget our brothers and sisters, our friends and neighbors,

who voluntarily answered the call to battle.

ABCnews.com reported that President Bush plans the withdrawal of roughly 23,000 troops by next July, leaving approximately 137,000 to remain in the Middle East.

Here is this kid, a year younger than I am, dead, leaving behind a wife and young child.

Despite the gradual withdrawal, we can't let those who will stay behind stray from our thoughts.

We should be grateful for them and their dedication to uphold peace.

I know that I couldn't do what they do, which makes my mun-

dane and often frustrating retail job seem like a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Complaints about having to get up early for a 7:30 a.m. class seem unjustified when half-way across the world there are men and women carrying out missions that may span a period of days, without any time dedicated to rest.

It is a merciless and often thankless job.

I will make a concerted effort to be more appreciative of our service members and challenge everyone, no matter your stance, opinion, or beliefs about war, take five minutes out of your day and think about our military overseas.

And be thankful it isn't you trapped in the 130-degree heat.

Josh Weaver is the Spartan Daily assistant editor. "The Way I Live" appears once a month.

Pop quiz: Name three U.S. presidential candidates



KEVIN RAND

From the Hip

Hillary who? Rudy what? Barack O'huh?

Welcome to America.

If you've ever seen a segment of "Jay Walking" on the Tonight Show with Leno, you know exactly what I'm talking about.

And if 11:35 p.m. is past your bedtime, let me quickly explain.

So Jay and his camera crew walk the streets to interview random (or dumb-looking) people about politics and popular culture.

And guess what?

Big surprise — we know when the girl in the photo is Nicole Richie, but we think a mug shot of Dick Cheney is the real-life guy on the oatmeal box.

Something tells me this is not just a Southern California thing.

It's an American thing.

Since the good ol' boys in suits are doing nothing but doing nothing in that huge room on CSPAN, I say we start from the top and elect a new celebrity president.

At least, then, the Jay-walkers might actually know what they're talking about.

Without further adieu, I present to you Election '08.

Here's a list of who would run and why you'd love it.

- Rap star Nelly — It would be fitting to see him flying in his "Errr Force One."

- Shaquille O'Neil — Imagine the song, "Hail to the Chief" and picture this guy walking up to the podium to give his address.

- Oprah Winfrey — Her first or-

der of business: rename the Oval Office the "O" Office.

- Triumph the Insult Comic Dog — "I understand Prime Minister. Your free-trade-agreement proposal would be great ... for me to poop on!"

- Tom Cruise — We would finally have a president who we know is paying child support. Can't wait to see him propose the new "one nation, under L. Ron Hubbard" amendment to the pledge of allegiance.

- Howie Mandel — "Listen up, North Korea. If you point your nukes the other way, we'll take our troops off your border. Deal or no deal?"

"I understand Prime Minister. Your free-trade-agreement proposal would be great ... for me to poop on!"

TRIUMPH THE INSULT COMIC DOG

2008 presidential candidate

- Will Ferrell — Then we can see someone do an impersonation of *him* on Saturday Night live.

- The "Can you hear me now?" Verizon guy — "I'm sorry, President Putin, but my nighttime hours ended 30 seconds ago. And, besides, we don't even use the same carrier. This conversation is over."

- Tom from MySpace — Who's not on his friend's list? Think about it. Finally. World peace.

- Barry Bonds — Hmm, no more congressional investigation into alleged steroid use in the major leagues? Check.

- Paris Hilton — If she can get a 40-day sentence reduced to a day-and-a-half, then she'd be out of the White House within two weeks.

This one wouldn't last. "Mommy!"

- Snoop Dogg — You know exactly where those White House towels will spend most of their time: under the crack of the door.

- Ryan Seacrest — First vote-by-phone president ever elected.

- Charleze Theron — Hey, this is my fantasy.

- Lil' John — All those opposed, say, "No." All those in favor, say, "Yayeah!"

- Posh Spice — I don't think she talks, so the Daily Show would have no clips of her to make fun of.

- Tiger Woods — A president who plays golf all day. No, really?

- Marilyn Manson — He might not be the first female president, but at least we could say we have one who wears eyeliner. Baby steps, people.

- OJ Simpson — A president who plays golf all day. No, really? (Like he's really going to jail. He's the Teflon Juice!)

- Jennifer Aniston — Swept of her feet by a charming smooth-talker. Then dumped for her husband's seductive coworker. Sounds more like a first lady we've heard of before.

- Ashley Simpson — As long as she could keep her lips moving in time with the audio, she'd be a better speech-giver than Bush.

- Queen Latifah — President Queen Latifah. Now that just sounds powerful.

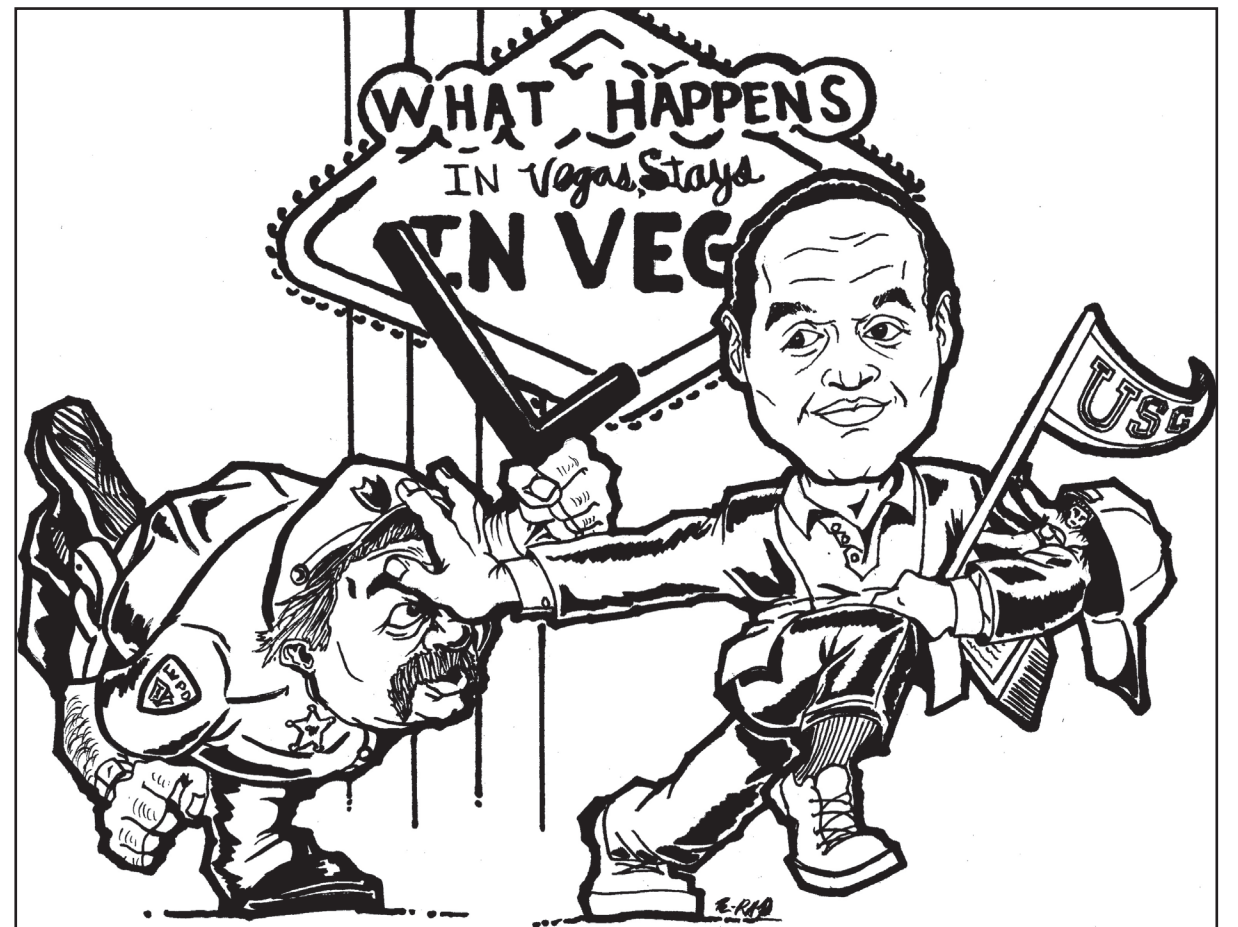
- Kanye West — A Louis Vuitton swivel chair in the oval office. Pimp.

But seriously, folks. Seriously.

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"Where did you get all my f---ing personal s--t?"

OJ back in the news



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Quote of the day

"What did I do? Get off me ... man. I didn't do anything. Don't Tase me, bro, I didn't do anything."

ANDREW MEYER

A University of Florida student said, after being Tasered for resisting arrest at a campus forum featuring Sen. John Kerry.

Comments from our readers

Bad for your health: texting and driving

I can understand the frustration with our government pinpointing one specific age group with this new "no-texting-while-driving" law (*cant text now, im driving, omg close one lol. tytl*, Sept. 18). But, at the same time, I am sure that this new law did not face extreme opposition from lobbyists from the cell-phone industry. The cell-phone industry ... is full of companies that will do anything and everything to protect every penny of profit. However, I am glad that at least this is a start, and like many laws that start out this way toward a smaller, specific group, they eventually branch out to the rest of the country.

-Ace

Some fearful of the end of news on paper

Journalism departments need to do more than teach students to write clear, accurate and stylish stories. Truth is, Sara's experience at the recent industry conference is nothing new. I attended the Associated Press Managing Editors conference in 2005 in San Jose, when I was still a student in the SJSU mass communications graduate program. I noticed a look of fear on the faces of dozens of front-line editors, as if the ground was crumbling beneath them.

- Tony Burchlyns

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Volleyball team set for Santa Clara, WAC play

By **CHRISTINA GULLICKSON**
Online editor

"New" is the name of the game for the Spartans this season.

With a first-year coach, freshmen recruits and revamped strategies, SJSU's volleyball team is progressing toward a goal of consistency — one game at a time.

"We have a belief within the team of being in the moment," said head coach Oscar Crespo, who was hired from the University of Nevada to replace Craig Choate.

That belief means the Spartans are approaching each opponent, expecting to try their hardest and intending to win.

"I think we've got a pretty good core of junior and senior players."

OSCAR CRESPO
Head coach, SJSU volleyball

Part of that approach includes watching tapes of other teams before going against them on the court. That practice was absent last year, said middle blocker Keri Anglin, a senior majoring in kinesiology.

"It makes us so much more prepared — not going in blind," Anglin said. "We know what to expect."

But knowing what to expect doesn't mean the Spartans can avoid losing. After a loss to Utah State on the road in Western Athletic Conference play Saturday, the Spartans have gone 6-5 overall and 0-1 in the WAC so far this year.

The Spartans finished 19-12 overall and 9-7 in the WAC last season, led by Jennifer Senfleben



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First-year head coach Oscar Crespo talks to his team in a huddle during a match against the University of San Francisco Dons on Sept. 12.

who finished the 2006 season in seventh place for all-time kill leaders at SJSU with 1,274 kills over the past three years.

Senfleben knocked out another 171 kills this year and was rejoined by Anglin and junior Colleen Burke.

"I think we've got a pretty good core of junior and senior players," Crespo said. "Keri and Colleen have been key, and, obviously, Jennifer on the left has been strong."

Another key player is Archbishop Mitty High School graduate Emily Burke, a freshman setter who has already amassed 115 digs, averaging 2.45 per game, according to the Spartan Athletics Web site.

"I love all of our freshmen," said Burke, an English major. "They all have a great attitude. They come in every day, working hard, just trying to earn their own spots and not be called freshmen anymore."

And that work lent itself to the Spartans creating a feeling of unity among the players.

"Our team is really tight on and

off the court," Anglin said. "We try to act as a family. We always have each other's back no matter what."

"We have a new team, a good team. I think we can show up a lot of teams."

EMILY BURKE
Freshman setter

Burke and Anglin listed Santa Clara University as the team they would most like to defeat in the coming months.

"We went five (games) last year with them and it was a heartbreaker," Anglin said. "We're looking to have some upsets this year."

SJSU plays at Santa Clara at 7 p.m. on Friday.

"We have a new team, a good team," Burke said. "I think we can show up a lot of teams."



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ABOVE: Freshman setter Emily Burke goes for a dig against the Dons.

BELOW RIGHT: Outside hitter Jennifer Senfleben leaps above the net for a spike.

Spartan Volleyball 2007 Team Statistics

TEAM AVERAGES

Games played: 45
Kills per game: 15.29
Assists per game: 14.04
Service aces per game: 1.42
Digs per game: 16.87
Blocks per game: 2.42
Points per game: 19.13

TEAM TOTALS

Total attendance: 509
Kills: 688
Assists: 632
Aces: 64
Digs: 759
Total Blocks: 109

SOURCE: SPARTAN ATHLETICS



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