

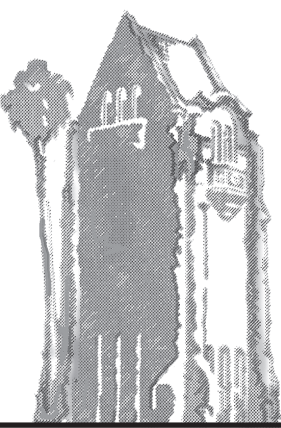
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## Sewing for 'America'



The television, radio, film and theatre department's production of "Angels in America, Part 1: Millennium Approaches," written by Tony Kushner and directed by Laura Long, opened in the University Theatre on Oct. 5.

On Sept. 26 students sewed and ironed wardrobe to prepare for the show, which has remaining performances on Oct. 11, 12 and 13 at 7 p.m., with two matinee performances Oct. 10 and 12 at 11 a.m.

ABOVE: Joy Cross, a senior sociology and behavioral science major, works on wardrobe for SJSU's production of "Angels in America."

LEFT: Katie Mathew, a junior theater arts major, irons wardrobe pieces for the cast members. RIGHT: Pearline Jones, a senior theater arts major, sews clothing for the production.

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## Fraternity member expelled; one suspended

By SAMUEL LAM  
Staff Writer

On Monday night members of Sigma Nu held a trial in the fraternity house to decide the proper punishment for members involved in theft and battery incidents that had occurred in the past month.

Decisions were made that member David Krause would be expelled from the fraternity for theft and battery while Andrew Mendes would serve a one-year suspension for theft.

After midnight on Aug. 26, Krause, a senior advertising major, and Mendes, a senior recreation and leisure studies major, stole a sign from the nearby Grace Community Center.

On Sept. 28 Krause was arrested on suspicion of battery on Sigma Nu president Daniel Ajeigbe. An

original report stated that Ajeigbe was arrested, which was false.

Ajeigbe, a senior double major in psychology and behavioral science, said that both Krause and Mendes were not allowed to drink alcohol after the first incident.

"We caught him drinking in the backyard," Ajeigbe said of Krause on the night of the battery assault. "He got violent and started fighting in the backyard."

Ajeigbe said that guests were over and he did not want to have a scene in the house, but Krause approached him in the bathroom. "He pushed me, knocked my hat off and spat on my face," Ajeigbe said. "He started mouthing off to UPD when they arrived."

University Police Sgt. John Laws said Krause was booked in jail that

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QUANG DO // Special to the Daily

The Sigma Nu insignia faces 11th Street from its SJSU chapter fraternity home.

## Drug and alcohol violations spike

By BRIANA HERNANDEZ AND MICHAEL RIZZO  
Staff Writers

An SJSU senior said she had a problem with the drug ecstasy.

She said she would "stay up all night and skip class." Her grades started to drop.

The student who declined to give her real name, recalled one night after taking ecstasy that she felt her heart start beating so rapidly that she considered going to the hospital. Instead, she waited it out and survived the night.

"There was a moment where I thought, 'What am I doing?'" she said. "But then, I just

did it again later."

She was 19 when she quit ecstasy without any professional help.

Since she wants to someday become a police officer, she said she was concerned for her future.

"At one point, I knew I needed to focus on my career," she said.

A Spartan Daily analysis of public University Police Department records found that between 2004 and 2006, during which Campus Village began housing students, the total UPD arrests for drug violations went up 31.96 percent.

Additionally, this semester, UPD has re-

ferred 66 drug violations to judicial affairs for university action, said Debra Griffith, chief judicial affairs officer.

Sgt. John Laws, UPD public information officer, said marijuana and alcohol are the most commonly found drugs on campus, and occasionally, prescription medications.

Laws also said, "It shouldn't be too difficult for students who want drugs to get them."

Off campus grounds and just within reach, a variety of drugs are available, said Officer

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## Student Health Center tackles drinking problems

By EKENE IKEME  
Staff Writer

For each alcohol-related violation that breaks the student conduct code, SJSU's judicial affairs is in charge of disciplining the culpable student.

Sanctions for the offense can include suspension, academic probation and expulsion.

Judicial affairs, however, does not just place an academic penalty on students. In some cas-

es they also make some students go through alcohol education and counseling sessions if they feel there is a bigger problem.

"If I feel there is a serious problem, I make them go through different alcohol-awareness programs to help students with their alcohol problem," said Debra Griffith, director of student conduct and ethical development for Judicial Affairs. "We work with the health center to provide students with alcohol education. We also work with counseling services, so students

can talk to a counselor if I feel they have a drinking problem."

Some students have opposing views on other students being forced to attend alcohol-awareness programs by judicial affairs.

"I think it's kind of a waste of time," said Molly Boudoures, a freshman health science major who has not attended any sessions. "I think it should be the student's decision to go to counseling."

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## University Housing to start neighborhood watch program for Campus Village, community

By SARRAH S. NGUYEN  
Staff Writer

University Housing Services is hoping to bring a Neighborhood Watch program similar to those found at many universities and neighborhoods to SJSU for student residents and surrounding local communities.

The first meeting to discuss the operations of the program will be on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 5:30 p.m. in Campus Village Building B Residential Activity Center, room C.

"At our first meeting we will discuss the program, present some poster campaign ideas, and elicit

ideas from the residents about how to keep our communities safe," said Stephanie Hubbard, associate director for Residential Life in an e-mail.

Details on what the program is, planning how to include surrounding communities and what role students could play will be one of the topics to be discussed at the first meeting, Hubbard said.

University housing staff, Campus Civility Coordinator Rosie Valdez, and Detective Manny Aguayo from the University Police Department are all expected to be at the meeting.

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Sports Editor Kris Anderson takes a look at attendance numbers for football home games and sets the stage for Friday's nationally televised game. BLOGS.THEPARTANDAILY.COM

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## TODAY

## Reach Program Brown Bag Lunch

From 12 to 1 p.m. in the Administration Building, room 201. Join us for a workshop on basic academic survival tools. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jane Boyd at [jane.boyd@sjsu.edu](mailto:jane.boyd@sjsu.edu).

## Oct. 11

## Farmworker's Daughter - Author Visit

From 3 to 4:30 p.m. in King Library, second floor. Books for sale at Spartan Bookstore and at event. For more information, contact Annette Nellen at [anellen@sjsu.edu](mailto:anellen@sjsu.edu).

## Book Discussion - Drinking Coffee Elsewhere

From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Clark Hall, room 105H. Coffee served. For more information, contact Annette Nellen at [anellen@sjsu.edu](mailto:anellen@sjsu.edu).

## Bible Study

Acts 2 Christian Fellowship has weekly Bible studies every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Guadalupe room. For more information, contact Justin Foon @ [jfoon1@yahoo.com](mailto:jfoon1@yahoo.com).

## Oct. 12

## "Deal Me In!" Men's Group

On Fridays, from 11:30 am to 12:20 p.m. A supportive group for men to discuss and explore relationship issues, family and gender expectations, sex, body image, conflict management, communication and other male concerns, while playing a friendly game of cards. For more information, contact Dr. Kell Fujimoto at 924-5910 or mail to: [georgette.gale@sjsu.edu](mailto:georgette.gale@sjsu.edu).

## Oct. 17

## Understanding Your Dreams

Students are invited to an event exploring the spiritual significance of dreams. Attendees will learn how to begin to understand their dreams. The event will be held at 4 p.m. in the Montalvo Room in the Student Union.

## Oct. 19

## Academic Success Center Open House

Need Help with your studies? Want to learn some new technology? This is your opportunity to learn about the different services in the Academic Success Center that are here to help you be a success. Refreshments will be provided. The Academic Success Center is located on the first floor of Clark Hall. The event will be held from noon to 3 p.m. For more information, e-mail: [academic.success.center@sjsu.edu](mailto:academic.success.center@sjsu.edu)

## DRUGS // Some residents say marijuana is easily purchased

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Jermaine Thomas of the San Jose Police Department.

"Crack cocaine has always been here," he said. "But the most common is methamphetamines."

Drugs don't discriminate based on age, Thomas said. Both teenagers and the elderly have been arrested for possession — in quantities small enough for personal use and large enough for sale, he said.

Andrew Agan, a senior accounting major, said he doesn't encounter drug use on campus. "People are here for school, not for drugs," he said.

Stacey Reyes, a junior psychology major and San Francisco native, said the drug scene in her hometown is bigger than San Jose's. As a result, she feels that SJSU is a safe campus.

The number of students arrested on charges of drug violations in campus housing in 2006 was more than double the number of arrests in 2004 before the opening of Campus Village,

according to university crime reports.

Judicial Officer Griffith said that "99.9 percent" of all on-campus drug violations are marijuana-related.

Nathaniel Miller is one example.

On Sept. 24, UPD arrested Miller, an 18-year-old resident of Joe West Hall, on investigation of possessing marijuana and prescription medications that officers suspected he was selling to other campus housing residents, according to police records.

Laws said UPD turned over a list of suspected marijuana customers to housing services and the office of student affairs for university investigation and possible action. Miller's preliminary trial was scheduled for Tuesday.

Depending on the severity of the offense, Griffith said a student could face probation, suspension or expulsion for any violation of SJSU's conduct code. She does not anticipate expulsion, however, for any of this semester's 66 offenses.

"Weed's easier to get than alcohol" in the residence halls, said a senior who declined to

give his name. He said he used to buy marijuana from someone on campus a few years ago but smoking got old after a while.

Resident advisers are expected to contact the UPD upon catching the scent of marijuana in the resident halls.

Jeremy Mallard, resident adviser for the ninth floor of Campus Village Building B, said reporting incidents is part of his duties.

"If I smell it, I have to take care of it," he said. "Students know they're not allowed. RAs take that into consideration. You know better, and it's a clear violation."

Terri Thames, director of counseling services at SJSU, said students don't usually request drug-counseling service. The top three reasons students do come to the counseling center are stress, depression and low self-esteem, she said.

If a student gets in trouble with judicial affairs for a drug violation, they may be referred to counseling services.

"Together the student and the counselor would find the best course of action," Thames said.

## WATCH // Some say program will increase safety

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Aguayo was asked by housing staff to be present at the first meeting to give advice on how to start and conduct the program.

"If they feel a need for the program based on recent trends, then we'll be there to support that," Aguayo said about the starting of the program.

Some student residents are already confident in the security for campus housing.

"I see cops around all the time and there isn't any major threat," said Graham Stanton, a sophomore kinesiology major.

Osagator Ogiemien, an occupation therapy major, said since there are no apparent threats on campus, the program may not be a necessity.

"I feel it increases people's awareness, but I don't feel it's necessary," Ogiemien said.

"There's no threat. At least I don't feel threatened by anything.

"I think we have five access cards to get into the buildings," Ogiemien said. "I think it's pretty safe. I don't feel threatened any time. I feel comfortable like I'm living at home."

Other students felt the program could increase safety after the break-ins in Campus Village Building C at the beginning of the semester.

"I think it should focus on watching who's coming in the building," said Jazmine Dailey, a sophomore business major.

Nate Miller, a freshman international business major, suggested the program focuses on issues like physical violence among students.

"I think it's a better and easier way instead of having a cop patrol, because if anybody sees anything at hand they'd know how to deal with it," Miller said.

One of the goals for this developing program

is to gain student participation, Hubbard said.

"The main goal is to raise awareness of the community environment and to educate residents on how to engage in that process," Hubbard said.

Jennifer Carter, a freshman health science major, said the reason why she feels safe living on campus is because she never needed to use the blue call boxes.

"Yeah, I could participate and be aware," Carter said.

Hubbard encourages student residents to participate in the program by reporting any suspicious activity or persons to UPD or residence hall staff.

"Neighborhood Watch counts on residents to work with the university and law enforcement to keep a trained eye and ear on their communities," Hubbard said. "We would also like to engage the local community that surrounds the residential community as well."

CONSUMER CONFIDENTIAL COLUMN:

## Paying the price for free speech

By DAVID LAZARUS

Los Angeles Times

If you're displeased with the way a company treats you, you're free to air your feelings in public, right? Not necessarily, if you receive high-speed Internet access from AT&T or Verizon.

Buried deep within both companies' service contracts is language that says your Net access can be terminated for any behavior that AT&T or Verizon believe might harm their "name or reputation," or even the reputation of their business partners. The language came to light

the other day after AT&T sent notices to thousands of customers revising their service contracts as part of the company's merger last year with BellSouth.

It follows an incident in September in which Verizon Wireless blocked an abortion-rights group from sending text messages over the company's network, deeming the messages too controversial. The company subsequently backtracked from the decision.

Before that, AT&T was caught in August censoring political comments made by Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder during a concert Web cast. The company

later said it had made a mistake.

AT&T and Verizon say they've never enforced the can't-criticize-us contract terms, which have been in place for years.

But the provisions highlight yet again the danger to free expression when a relative handful of private companies serve as gatekeepers to information networks. Whether it's a rock star ranting against President Bush or a disgruntled customer griping about shoddy service, how free is free speech in the digital era?

"Not being able to speak your mind about something is contrary to public policy," said Frank

Tuerkheimer, a law professor at the University of Wisconsin who focuses on Internet-related issues.

But it's apparently not illegal. The First Amendment, Tuerkheimer pointed out, doesn't apply to private entities.

You have to wade deep into AT&T's 14,000-word service contract to find the one-line disclaimer in which the company reserves the right to slam the door on any Internet customer who might bruise the company's feelings.

Along with specifying behavior that is "defamatory, fraudulent, obscene or deceptive," the contract says service may be suspended or terminated for any behavior that "tends to damage the name or reputation of AT&T, Yahoo or their respective parents, affiliates and subsidiaries."

In Verizon's case, you have to make it all the way through the company's 10,000-word contract to an attached document laying out the "acceptable use policy."

This is where customers are informed that, among other things, they aren't allowed to post material online that's "obscene, indecent, pornographic, sadistic, cruel or racist in content, or of a sexually explicit or graphic nature; or which espouses, promotes or incites bigotry, hatred or racism."

It's also where the company says customers are similarly crossing the line if they "damage the name or reputation of Verizon, its parent, affiliates and subsidiaries, or any third parties."

Jon Davies, a Verizon spokesman, said the language is there "to stop people from setting up Web sites that look like Verizon's" or engaging in other ploys frequently used by scammers to con people into revealing personal info, including Social Security and credit card numbers.

However, Verizon's contract explicitly states elsewhere that such behavior can result in termination of service. So it would appear that the "name or reputation" clause is asserting a broader prerogative on Verizon's part.

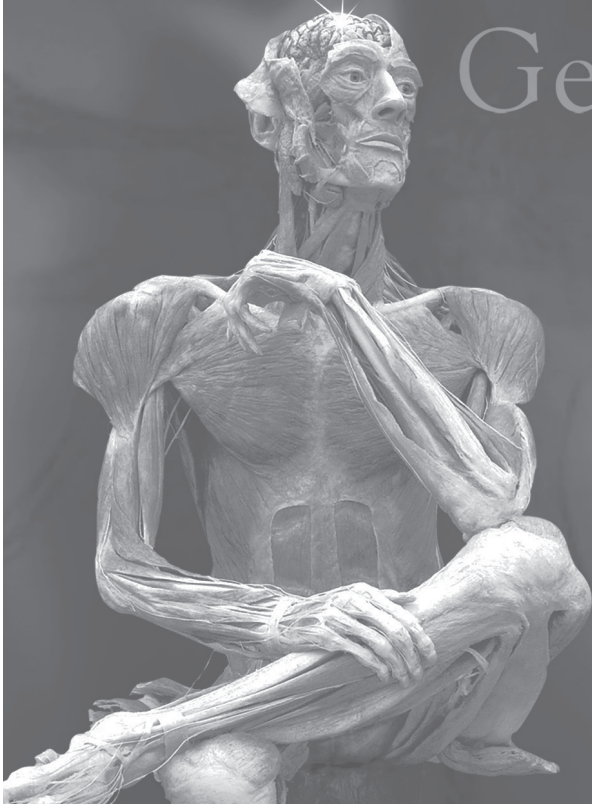
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# A home away from home

By **SARAH KYO**  
Staff Writer

Three European students who live in the International House talk about their experiences of attending San Jose State University and the differences between the United States and their home countries. They share their reasons for choosing SJSU and some observations they've made during their time in the United States.

## STEFAN POHL: GERMANY

Stefan Pohl, an international business management major, is from Recklinghausen, located in the most populous district in Germany. Pohl, however, attends a university in the Netherlands called Saxion Hogescholen, where his classes are taught in English.

"The thing is that in Germany, we don't have the system of bachelor's and master's studies, but we try to introduce it to get a more common system within Europe," Pohl said. "But in the Netherlands, they're more experienced with this study."

Pohl said when he looked into studying in the United States, he noticed that California was heavily promoted.

"I don't know why," Pohl said, "but German people, they really like to come to California, since we always think, 'Oh, California, it's something like sunshine 360 days a year and it's close to the beach,' so of course that attracted me."

Pohl said he wanted to apply to Stanford University, but he missed the deadline. Instead, he said he chose San Jose because he heard it was the safest metropolitan area in

the state and one of the best places to live. He said he also heard that SJSU has one of the best business schools.

Pohl said when he arrived in San Jose, though, he was a little disappointed in the architecture and how the city was situated.



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"I thought it would be cleaner, safer, more beautiful," Pohl said.

However, Pohl, who will attend one semester at SJSU, said he likes the small class sizes at the university. He said some classes at German universities can have 2,000 students, another reason why he chose to study in the Netherlands instead of his homeland.

**"I thought (San Jose) would be cleaner, safer, more beautiful."**

STEFAN POHL  
international business management

Pohl said something that annoys him about American culture is the "fake interest" some people show when asking others how they are doing. On the other hand, he said he appreciates people's open-mindedness in the United States and the variety of cultures.

"That really shows you have a great integration system," Pohl said, "that people quickly adapt to the culture and really have a feeling that they're American."

## Cristina Diez: Spain

When looking into universities to study abroad, Cristina Diez said she had two choices: California and North Dakota. Diez said she made the right decision.

"North Dakota is in the middle; it's very cold," Diez said. "Here I think there's a lot of diversity. I think it's more interesting. It would be harder for me to be in North Dakota, I think."

Diez normally goes to school in her hometown at the Universidad de Burgos, where she is a civil engineering major. Burgos is in northern Spain, two-and-a-half hours away from the capital, Madrid.

Diez said people around the world think they know a lot of things about the United States, thanks to American films and television programs.



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"But I think this is not the right idea," she said. "And I wanted to come here to know the culture and relate with American people and learn about them; and learn about the good things and also about the bad things."

Diez said as a high school student, she lived with a family in Boston for a month, so she was a little bit familiar with the U.S. educational system before arriving in San Jose. One difference, Diez said, is that American students ask more questions and actively participate in class, while Europeans listen to the lectures.

Diez said she plans to stay in San Jose for one year before returning to Spain to finish up her education. In the meantime, she said she is happy to be in San Jose and live in the International House to learn about American culture, as well as cultures from various parts of the world.

## Ian Silva: Portugal

Ian Silva, a civil engineering major, hails from Aveiro, which he said is known



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as the "Venice of Portugal" for its canals and taxi-like boats.

Silva attends the University of Aveiro, which he said has the largest university campus in Europe.

He said most of the majors, such as civil engineering, are "pretty much the same" throughout Europe.

"I wanted to go study abroad in a place where my major would be quite different," Silva said. "Obviously the rules that we use are the same because the steel in Portugal is the same, has the same behavior as the steel in the United States, but are completely different approaches, methods and everything else."

Silva said a difference he has noticed in teaching methods between SJSU and the University of Aveiro is that in Europe, classes are taught in two parts: a lecture format and a more hands-on portion in

which students apply what they've learned during the lecture.

Another difference between the educational systems in Europe and the United States is the workload, Silva said. During a semester, people in the United States may take three classes related to their major and an additional class that may be easier, Silva said, while European students may take at least five or six classes all related to their majors.

Also, he said, Europeans mainly focus on the final exams, instead of having multiple assignments, reports and tests.

"I'm not used to having so much work during the semester," Silva said.

Silva, who will live in San Jose for one semester, said he wanted to study abroad in an English-speaking country to improve his language skills. Silva said he also plans on studying abroad in another country, probably Spain.

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## WHERE IS HE NOW?

Former SJSU hockey club goalie Ryan Lowe fills us in

Recently, the Spartan Daily caught up with former SJSU hockey goalie Ryan Lowe who graduated in the spring of 2007 with a degree in business management and entrepreneurship.

He earned back-to-back 1st team All-West Region honors during the 2004-05 and 2005-06 seasons, along with 1st team All-American honors during 2006. For the 2006-07 season he earned 2nd team All-West Region honors. He finished his senior season with 800 saves with a 91 percent save rate.

**SPARTAN DAILY:** Where have you been after SJSU?

**RYAN LOWE:** This summer I've gone to tryout camps in Detroit (Central Hockey League) and Pennsylvania (Mid-Atlantic Hockey League). I'm at the Fresno Falcons training camp now.

**SD:** Have you already signed with a team?

**RL:** I've already signed a one-season contract in the Mid-Atlantic Hockey League with the Valley Forge Freedom, but I'm trying to get into the central or southern professional league.

**SD:** So you're not bound to the Freedom?

**RL:** If I can get something better I'm not bound, but if not, then I'll be playing for the Valley Forge



HANNA THRASHER // SPARTAN DAILY

Ryan Lowe, former goalie for the SJSU hockey team shown in a photo from the 2006-2007 season, graduated last spring and is currently trying out for a spot on the Fresno Falcons a ECHL team.

Freedom. If I were to make the Falcons I'd take that. They're in a better league.

**SD:** Do you know anyone else that made it professionally from SJSU?

**RL:** I'm the first one to sign a professional contract from SJSU hockey.

**SD:** Are you willing to travel anywhere?

**RL:** I'd go anywhere that's good for my hockey career.

**SD:** Do you feel confident about being around new players and a new league?

**RL:** This past week I've spent in Fresno has given me confidence, and I can play at this level. I can succeed and have the motivation to go with the Valley Forge if nothing else works out and progress my hockey career as far as I can go.

**SD:** When did you decide to play hockey? What got you interested?

**RL:** When I was six, I attended a clinic in L.A. done by the L.A. Kings and fell in love.

**SD:** Do you feel like SJSU is your home?

**RL:** That team will always be a part of my life forever. I was at the opener and it

Was great to see young guys. I will try to make as many SJSU hockey games as I can throughout my life. I'm a Spartan.

**SD:** Your favorite game?

**RL:** In 2005-2006, us beating Michigan State 3-1. They had like 50-something shots. They beat us 12-1 last year, so it was our biggest win.

**SD:** So you stopped most of the goals?

**RL:** Yeah, they got one. They

were defending champions.

**SD:** Worst goal scored against you?

**RL:** In 2005-06 against the Liberty (University) in the first game at nationals, they scored from their blue line off a bad bounce, and I just missed it. It was pretty embarrassing.

In the last game at nationals in Fort Collins, Colorado, we were down 5-0 but then tied it 5-5 in the third. Then we lost from a horrible call in overtime. It was the most heart-breaking loss.

The rule is, if the net comes off or dislodged before the puck goes in, then it's no goal. But the ref said the puck was in the goal before the net came off, so it was a goal. It was pretty hard for all the guys. I ended my career on that. We have all the video evidence we needed but it did no good.

Story compiled by Spartan Daily staff writer Michael Pascoa. Visit [www.thespartandaily.com](http://www.thespartandaily.com) to view the entire transcript.

FROM THE SPARTAN DAILY BLOGS:

## To all SJSU football fans: What will the nation think?

SJSU's contest against the University of Hawaii this Friday will be, bar none, the biggest game for the school since the last year's New Mexico Bowl.



KRIS ANDERSON

Sports Editor

The real question is: Do 20,000 people care enough to show up? Or better yet, 25,000? A sell-out crowd maybe?

With decent — but not stellar — numbers to start the season, 17,431 against UC Davis and 16,289 for Homecoming against the University of Idaho, SJSU students, faculty and anyone else with a heartbeat needs to show up Friday.

Even if these people hate football, they need to show up to prove to the nation that SJSU isn't some small school on the West Coast that blipped onto the map last year.

For almost a decade, Spartan Stadium's upper deck remained empty — excluding 2006's home contest against Stanford University and 2003's Literacy Classic against Grambling State University.

The bleachers behind both end zones are never filled. The stadium is never quite loud. In fact, the Spartan Stadium presence this season is lacking.

The media (us, cough-cough) can be critical of the team's play because we can quantitatively analyze the team's performance. But rarely do we turn the scope toward the fans and examine the culture in the stands.

Albeit, this season looks to be quite promising in terms of atten-

dance, but this Friday's game will be the best measuring stick thus far. Just look at the story lines:

Hawaii is ranked 16th in the nation. It has a hobbled Heisman Trophy candidate playing quarterback. ESPN deemed it worthy to be broadcast to what might turn out to be more than one million homes. SJSU is on a three-game winning streak and has won 10 of its last 11 home games dating back to last season.

That home loss was in front of 21,742 against a Boise State University team that was undefeated and ranked 13th at the time.

By ESPN broadcasting this game nationally, they have, in effect, given SJSU a tryout.

But we're trying out for the nation, for recruits, for exposure, etc. And don't think the players are ignoring it.

Travis Jones, a sophomore linebacker expecting to see more of the field following Ryno Gonzalez' injury, said the players are all aware of the stage they are being given.

But that speaks also to the stage the university and its supporters are being provided.

LSU's Tiger Stadium holds 92,400 people. With the attendance from last week's Homecoming game, our fans wouldn't fill an end zone for one game.

At Texas A&M University, fans refer to themselves as the "12th Man" because their noise creates such a harsh environment for opposing teams.

What can SJSU fans do this weekend? Can they prove to the nation they can hang with other college football fanatics?

With a national stage and a chance for an upset, all the pieces are in place. So, the real question is: Do 20,000 people care enough to show up?

### Upcoming Events at The Event Center



**Nov. 2**  
**Brand New**  
& Thrice & mewwithoutYou  
Friday, 7:30pm  
Tickets: G. A. \$23.50

**Nov. 10**  
**Kelly Clarkson**  
& Jon McLaughlin  
Saturday, 7:30pm  
Tickets: Reserved Seating \$39.50

**Nov. 14**  
**Evanescence**  
& Sick Puppies  
& Julien-K  
Wednesday, 7:30pm  
Tickets: G. A. \$35.50

**Nov. 24**  
**George Lopez**  
Saturday, 8:00pm  
Tickets: \$49.50 - \$54.50

**Nov. 29**  
**Fall Out Boy**  
& Plain White T's  
& GymClassHeroes  
& CUTE is What We Aim For  
Thursday, 7:00pm  
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