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G.E. classes evaluated for effectiveness

By HEATHER NACHT
Staff Writer

Currently a selection of general education classes are being evaluated and altered in hopes of helping maintain a strong learning environment for SJSU students as well as to keep SJSU at par with what is expected of general education courses, said Associate Vice President of Undergraduate Studies Robert Cooper.

Each year G.E. courses are assessed on how well the students are learning the materials they are being taught, Cooper said. This process is called the continuous certification process.

The board of general studies, which consists of eight professors from different colleges, two students, the associate vice president of undergraduate studies and the dean of undergraduate studies, reviews information from professors.

According to Cooper, if a G.E. class seems to be struggling, the board proposes changes that would benefit the class. Cooper said classes do not need to change or alter the curriculum if the students are gaining the information they are supposed to.

“Our hope is that this ongoing support leads to a process of continual improvement,” Cooper said. “The program is intended to make sure courses are benefiting students.”

Some students appreciate the efforts the board of general studies is putting forward to ensure students are getting the education that they are paying for.

“I think it’s a good thing that they assess the classes because it seems like they basically find where the weaknesses are and improve the classes for the next semesters,” said Stacey Sargent, a sophomore child development major.

Sargent said she thinks the continuous certification process is a beneficial system because it makes sure that teachers are doing everything they can to ensure that students are receiving

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Students protest Coyote Valley development

By CHRISSEY RAMONEDA
Staff Writer

Some SJSU students are mobilizing against a proposed plan for building on Coyote Valley land.

Coyote Valley is rural land between San Jose and Morgan Hill. The Coyote Valley Specific Plan, which is funded by private developers, would build a city that is able to sustain 80,000 people, roughly the size of Mountain View.

The plan, which has been created under a task force that works with San Jose city, would develop 25,000 houses and generate 50,000 jobs on these farmlands.

Mark Anthony Medeiros, a junior sociology and environmental studies major, started a Save Coyote Valley organization in an effort to stop the development plans. The organization has at least 10 active SJSU student members who protest before the monthly task force meetings and distribute brochures informing the community, Medeiros said.

A concern among some students is the issue of animals living on the farmland not being able to migrate freely if the task force were to build on the land.

Tanya Diamond, a graduate student in biology, said Coyote Valley is an important gap of open space for animals to move through because land from San Francisco to San Jose has been urbanized.

“Animals from the East and the animals from the Diablo Range

need to get back and forth to find resources,” Diamond said. “It’s going to cut that off with housing being developed. With housing being developed, a lot of animals won’t be able to move through there, and the ones that do usually get hit by cars.”

Council member Forrest Williams, who is co-chair of the Coyote Valley Specific Plan, said the task force will examine the situation that exists on the farmland today and that animals will still be able to get through along the creek beds.

“In terms of connectivity, creeks aren’t enough,” wrote Nita Barve, a graduate student in environmental studies, in an e-mail. “When the CVSP development comes in, it will disturb their whole ecological cycle. We are encroaching on their space, and if more development occurs there won’t be any animals to walk on any creek beds.”

When asked how they would accommodate for land that would be taken to build a city for 80,000 people, Williams said, “I mean, we have to take some land. But we will look at those species that are crucial.”

Victoria Silva, an undeclared sophomore and member of the Save Coyote Valley organization, attended the task force committee meeting on Monday despite rainy weather conditions.

“Because I care about Coyote

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ANNE RIGOR // Special to the Daily

Mary D., an SJSU student, explains the history and symbolism behind the Smith-Carlos Statue at Tuesday’s “Take a Stand” event.

Anniversary of activism marked with ceremony

By SARRAH S. NGUYEN AND SARAH KYO
Staff Writers

Drum music, red flags and the voices of guest speakers surrounded the Smith-Carlos Statue on Tuesday to commemorate the 39th anniversary of the Olympians’ historic protest at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City.

“It was a historic day in my life,” Carlos said in a phone interview, reflecting on the protest. “It was a statement for humanity, and I think it is just as strong 39 years later.”

Professor Cobie Harris, the political science professor behind the creation of the 2005 statues, spoke about how the idea of the statues started, the democratization of SJSU and why he chose not to take credit for the statues’ creation until Tuesday’s event.

Harris started the project after he said the 30th anniversary of the Smith and Carlos’ stance in Mexico City went unrecognized.

Erik Grotz, one of Harris’ former stu-

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ANNE RIGOR // Special to the Daily

Fountainetta Coleman, a junior majoring in Sociology, plants a flag representing what she stands for by the Smith-Carlos Statue on Tuesday.

SJSU to offer satellite doctoral degree through MSU

By MANDIE MOHSENZADEGAN
Staff Writer

SJSU’s Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering held a signing ceremony on Tuesday to join together in a partnership with Mississippi State University which will allow SJSU students and faculty members to obtain an MSU doctorate degree within the comfort of their own university.

It will also give MSU students the ability to enroll in SJSU’s master’s program and engineering courses.

Attendees at the private ceremony applauded as SJSU Provost Carmen Sigler and Mississippi State Provost Peter Rabideau sat side by side to sign the Memorandum of Agreement, which solidified the two colleges in their joint doctoral and master’s programs.

Engineering professor Kevin Corker dis-

cussed the advantages of the program with SJSU engineering students.

“Obtaining a Ph.D. in a research environment such as we have here in the Valley is valuable under any condition,” he said. “The ability to get a Ph.D. through MSU is valuable because we have a direct connection between some of the leading industries in the Silicon Valley and the college at MSU, so there’s a strong academic industry connection.”

Dan Haber, a senior mechanical engineering major, said, “I think it’s a good opportunity for anyone here who wants to get a Ph.D.”

Corker believes the ability to obtain an MSU doctorate degree without physically moving to Mississippi is a great advantage.

“It gives you an opportunity to get your master’s degree and establish yourself in the Valley, both professionally and personally,” he said, “but at the same time have access to a first



KRISTEN MACFARLANE // Special to the Daily

Provosts Carmen Sigler from SJSU and Peter Rabideau from Mississippi State University sign an agreement Tuesday, creating the MSU/SJSU Engineering Ph.D. gateway program.

class university for a Ph.D. without having to physically uproot yourself and go there ... it’s very non-disruptive.”

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Oakland study says STDs among youth rising

By KRISTIN FURTADO
Staff Writer

A recent study by Oakland’s Public Health Institute Center for Research on Adolescent Health and Development found that the annual number of sexually transmitted diseases among California’s youth is much higher than expected and will cost the state billions of dollars in treatment each year.

In the study, researchers found there were an estimated 1.12 million new cases of eight major STDs, including Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), among 15 to 24 year olds in California in 2005—at an estimated direct medical cost of \$1.11 billion annually. These costs include doctor visits, diagnostic testing, drug treatments, and treatment for acute infections, as well as infections left untreated.

Santa Clara County has 34,090

new cases of STDs within this age group, according to the study.

“They’re not being safe in terms of using protection,” said Buu Thai, public affairs director of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte – San Jose/Coastal Region, referring to the youth within the demographic.

She said these numbers represent 15.5 percent of the population within this age group, leaving Santa Clara County to foot a \$29 million medical bill that year.

In the study, which was published in the September issue of the California Journal of Health Promotion, the findings are 10 times higher than the number of cases actually reported in 2005, and suggests that California is facing a hidden epidemic when it comes to STDs.

Thai said these cases largely go unreported because of a lack of education, adding that most young people rely too heavily on birth con-

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NEWS

STUDENT GROUP RALLIES AGAINST POVERTY

The Art of Living student group is scheduled to rally and march today to support U.N. goals to end poverty by 2015.

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MENS SOCCER TEAM PREPARES FOR TWO-GAME ROAD TRIP

The Spartans hold a 3-1 record in conference play and look to better it in MPSF play this weekend.

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EVEN WITH NO NAME, THE BAND ROCKS

Iguanas spices things up with an open mic and live house band every Monday and Thursday night.

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WE SHARE A LANGUAGE, A CULTURE, A HOME

Filipino Americans should know more about the culture and history of the Philippines.

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GE // Checks keep courses competitive

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the best education possible.

Alyssa Morrison, an undeclared sophomore, said that the G.E. checks make her feel confident that she is receiving a strong education that will help her in the future.

"A lot of students feel that G.E. courses are kind of a waste of time," Morrison said. "I think as students, we sometimes forget the value of general ed. It's good to see that SJSU is taking initiative to make sure G.E. classes are covering what they should be. Hopefully this will help students appreciate G.E.s a little more."

Suzy Ross, a lecturer in the hospitality, recreation, and tourism management department, said she feels G.E. checks are absolutely

necessary in order to give students an idea of how much work is put into general education courses. She said she feels that SJSU really tries to help students become well-rounded people by the time they graduate.

Ross also said she believes SJSU tries extremely hard to keep our curriculum just as competitive as the other universities.

Currently, there are 72 G.E. courses up for review this semester, according to the SJSU Undergraduate Studies Web site.

The Web site also offers lists of courses that have been approved to continue and classes that have been denied approval, discontinued or withdrawn from the curriculum, such as the Business 100W course that was withdrawn by its department a few semesters ago.

STD // 2.56 % of SJSU Chlamydia tests are positive

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control pills. She said some males don't think they have to wear a condom if their sexual partner is taking birth control pills — but she warns that birth control does not protect against STDs.

"When I was in college, I knew many students who had STDs," said 27-year-old Lara Borowski, an SJSU graduate student studying community health education.

"People don't know about it, but it happens all the time," she said.

Borowski, who has been in a relationship for the past four years, said she uses birth control pills but not condoms.

Despite the rising number of STDs, Thai said the rate of unintended pregnancies has gone down "tremendously," by 24 percent, indicating that this demographic is very educated when it comes to birth control but not when it comes to STDs.

"About 80 percent of the people don't know that they're infected with an STD because there's no symptoms," said Melinda Chu-Yang, a peer health education coordinator who specializes in sexual health.

Chu-Yang provides free one-on-one sexual health counseling for students on everything from what the most effective form of birth control is ("hormonal methods," which are 99.9 percent effective if used correctly) to how to tell your partner if you've been diagnosed with an STD.

The most common symptom of an STD? Not having a symptom at all, Chu-Yang said.

"That's the reason why the rates are so high," she said.

"There's always that risk," said Nick Underwood, a senior liberal studies major, about having sex with people one doesn't know that well. Underwood, who said he's been to the student health center for an STD screening before, said students need to be wise about having sex, especially when it comes to using protection.

Underwood goes to the campus Condom Co-Op at the Health Center, a free service that provides students with condoms. His friend, Edgar Raygoza, a senior international business major, believes that college students should take advantage of the resources on campus when it comes to sexual health.

"You have to worry about your health," Raygoza said.

While unintended pregnancy rates are pretty low, Chu-Yang said rates of Chlamydia and Gonorrhea are fairly common on college campuses.

Of the number of Chlamydia tests performed in the Student Health Center between April 1, 2006 and March 31, 2007, 2.56 percent were positive, wrote Dr. Cecilia Manibo, the medical chief of staff at the Student Health Center in an e-mail. Out of the number of Gonorrhea tests, less than 1 percent were positive.

"We cannot determine the prevalence rate of these infections on campus, as many students obtain health care off campus," Manibo wrote in the e-mail.

She said there were 849 visits for STD checks within this time period, but cautions that the number doesn't reflect how many actual students were checked because some of them may have come in more than once to be evaluated.

While unprotected sex is addressed during

individual visits to the SJSU Student Health Center, clinicians do not compile data on this information, Manibo said.

According to the California Department of Health Services, the rate of Chlamydia in Santa Clara County has increased by 24.4 percent, and Gonorrhea by 78 percent, between 2001 and 2005 — with women between the ages of 15-19 having the highest Chlamydia rates.

Furthermore, syphilis in males shot up 81 percent between 2003 and 2004 despite a consistent decrease throughout the '90s.

"Actually, it's rising throughout America, so it's not just in college," said Dr. Oscar Battle, SJSU Health Education Coordinator, who doesn't necessarily believe the rise of STDs indicates an epidemic.

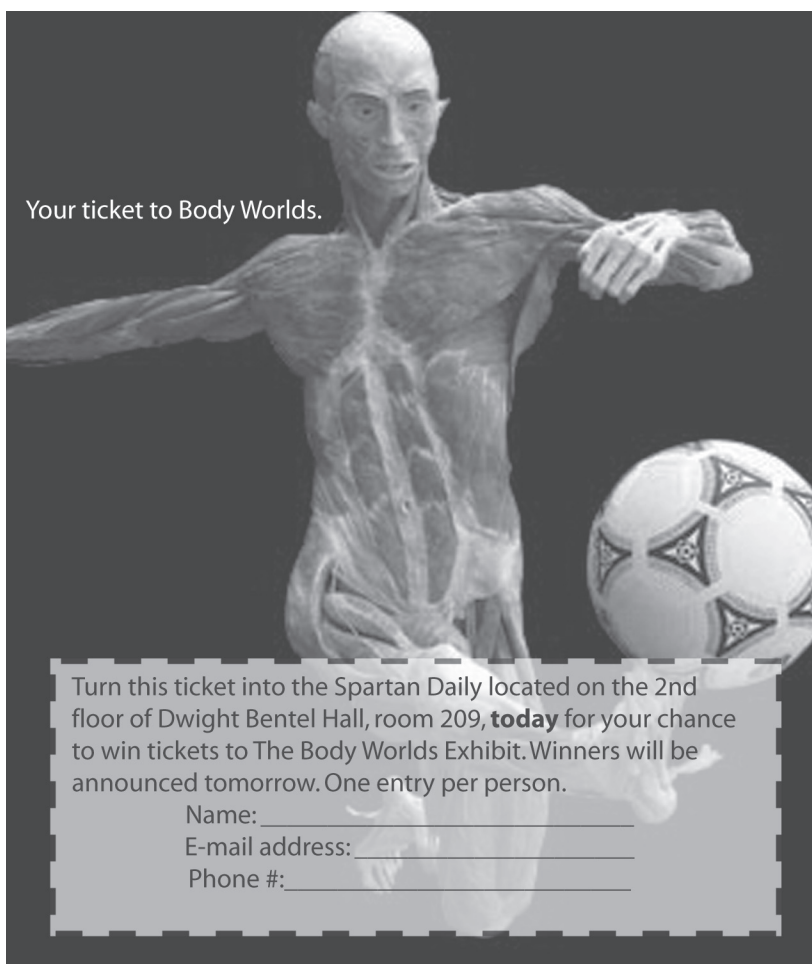
He said there are many resources available for students on campus.

Students, he said, can make an appointment to see a clinician at the student health center for an STD and HIV screening. Chu-Yang also provides students with free HIV testing.

Battle also encourages students to arm themselves with knowledge before becoming sexually active.

"We want them to be good health consumers," he said.

How often students should get tested, Thai said, largely depends on the level of sexual activity that person engages in — and how many partners they have. She said having protected sex — namely wearing condoms — is very important when it comes to safeguarding oneself against the spread of STDs.



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TODAY

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The spiritual significance of dreams will be explored. Begins at 4 p.m. in the Montalvo Room in the Student Union. For more information, contact Chaplain Roger at 605-1687 or mail to: chaplain@sjspirit.org.

Counseling Services Session

Worried? Stressed? Anxious? Need someone to talk to? Attend a Counseling Services session from 12 to 1 p.m. in Clark Hall, Room 118. Learn about one of your best advocates on campus. For more information, contact Deanna Peck at 924-5910 or mail to: georgette.gale@sjsu.edu.

Re-entry Brown Bag Lunches

From 12 to 1 p.m. in the Administration Building, Room 269. Counseling Services is offering a social hour for re-entry students to discuss the challenges of returning to higher education. Students will discover new skills to succeed at SJSU. Contact Jane Boyd at 924-5910 or mail to: georgette.gale@sjsu.edu.

Book Discussion - Drinking Coffee Elsewhere

From 12 to 1 p.m. in the English Building, Rooms 285 and 287. For more information, contact Annette Nellen at anellen@sjsu.edu.

Catholic and Feminist Mass

Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. in the Spartan Chapel. All are welcome. Dr. Victoria Rue will preside. For more information, contact Dr. Victoria Rue at victoria@victoriarue.com.

Oct. 18

Getting your ZZZ's In: A College Student's Guide to Managing Sleep

On Thursday, Oct. 18, from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m., SJSU Counseling Services will be holding a free workshop on sleep management in the Administration Building Room 269. The workshop is the second part of a free 5-session workshop series. Additional workshops will be held on Oct. 25, Nov. 1 and 8. For more information, contact Angela Krumm at (408) 924-5910 or akrumm@sjsu.edu

Oct. 19

Academic Success Center Open House

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Oct. 22

Golden State Warriors Internship

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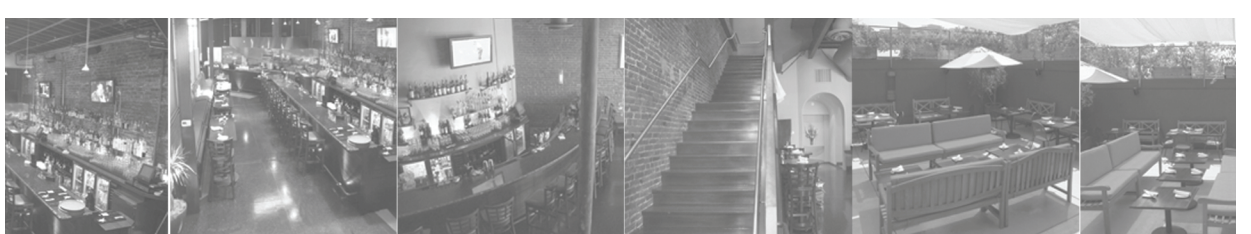
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Men's soccer team prepares for road game against Air Force

SJSU brings conference record to 3-1 after splitting weekend games

By MARK ASPILLERA
Staff Writer

The SJSU men's soccer team suffered one loss and earned one victory in two home games played last weekend.

The team's loss came against the University of New Mexico Lobos last Friday with a score of 4-1.

Their record now stands at 7-5-2 overall with 2-1-0 in conference games.

Forward Julio Gonzalez managed to land a single goal late into the second half against New Mexico with an assist from forward Colby Moore to prevent a total shutout by the Lobos.

Head coach St. Clair described last Friday's game conditions as "miserable," referring to the weather and other issues.

A heavy rain muddied the pitch early into the game.

The Friday game's referee was "one of the worst refs I've ever seen," St. Clair said.

St. Clair said, though, the team performed admirably under adverse conditions in both games.

The team picked up the slack in their Sunday game, winning a shutout victory against the UNLV Rebels with a final score of 3-0.

The first two goals came in the first half, giving the Spartans an early lead against the Rebels at the midway point.

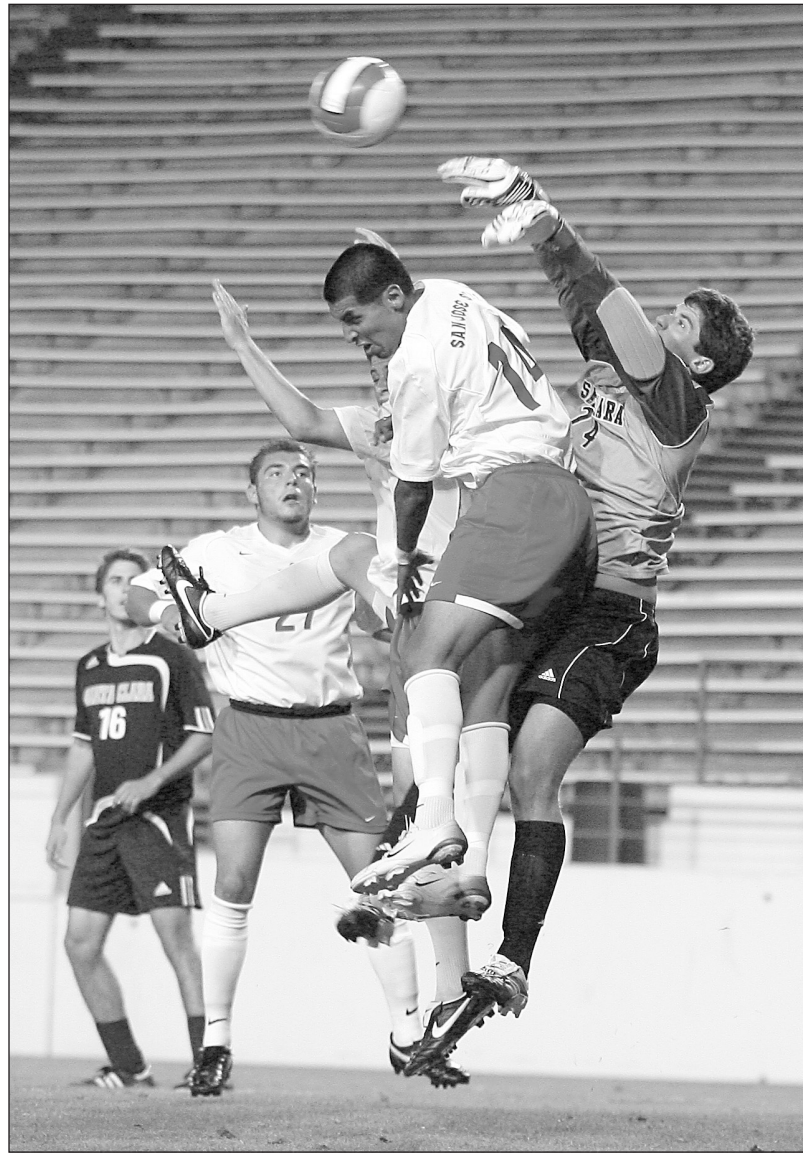
Forward Ismael Ibarra scored the first goal at 20:04 with an assist from defender Gavin Wenyon. The second came from senior Julio Gonzalez at 32:05 assisted by midfielder Efrain Burgos Jr.

UNLV's closest attempt at a goal came from the Lobos' Richard Abrego in the second half at 67:03 with an approach that eluded the Spartans' defenses, but the ball deflected off the left goal post.

Goal number three for the Spartans snuck through in the second half at 77:37, scored by forward Colby Moore, his fifth of the season.

Midfielder Hiroki Akiyama praised the team's forwards for their early goals against the Rebels.

"The forwards worked hard," he said, adding that the center-



ANDREW VILLA // SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Edward Murillo-Jimenez, a sophomore midfielder on the SJSU men's soccer team, attempts to head the ball past Santa Clara University goalie Kevin Klasila in a contest Sep. 20. The Spartans lost 2-0.

fense did a good job as well.

St. Clair did not identify individual players for accolade after the Sunday game. He said the win belonged to the full team.

"It was a complete team performance," he said.

Neither Akiyama nor St. Clair found any surprises in the Rebels' game.

"We knew that they play low-pressure defense," Akiyama said. With that knowledge, the team knew they could control the game, he said.

"We prepared well and the players were patient," St. Clair said.

Despite Friday's loss, St. Clair does not plan on making any changes to strategy going further into the conference.

"Nothing new under the sun," he said, referring to whether either of the two home games indicated a need for changes in the team's approach.

He said that the team has "had some knocks" but was in

good shape at second place in the league.

Midfielder Akiyama said he wanted to work on some things before the next game.

"As a center-mid, I have to touch the ball more," he said, describing the skills he wished to improve on in the near future.

The Spartans go up against the Air Force in their next away game on Friday, Oct. 19.

Men's soccer upcoming games

- Fri., Oct. 19 @ Air Force
- Sun., Oct. 21 @ Denver
- Fri., Nov. 2 vs. Air Force
- Sun., Nov. 4, vs. Denver
- Fri., Nov. 9 @ UNLV

Judo team hopes to send three to the '08 Olympics

Coach among athletes with Olympic wishes

By SARAH KYO
Staff Writer

When the U.S. Olympic team stops by SJSU next summer, some of the school's judo athletes may be among the contenders.

At least three members of the SJSU judo team have a chance to compete in the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, coach Chuck Jefferson said.

Before flying off to China, though, the judo athletes will have to get past the June 2008 Olympic trials in Las Vegas.

Jefferson said the top eight from each weight class are eligible for the trials.

The top athletes in each weight category at the trials will join the U.S. Olympic team.

One potential team member is coach Jefferson himself, an alumnus of SJSU and its judo team.

Jefferson, who has tried out for the Olympic team before, earned a bronze medal in August at the German Open for the 73kg (160.6 pounds) division.

Jefferson's other accomplishments include first place at the 2004 and 2005 Senior Nationals, the 2002 and 2003 Pan American Games, the 2002 and 2003 U.S. Open and 2002 New York Open.

Jefferson said at the age of 31, this would probably be his last attempt to join the U.S. Olympic team.

"It all comes down to trying to make the Olympics," Jefferson said. "I know what it's like to lose."

Jefferson said another SJSU prospect for the U.S. Olympic team is junior Marti Malloy, who he said has good chances of making the team and doing well at the Olympics.

Malloy said she has been part of the SJSU team for six semesters, but she became involved with the sport at the age of 6.

"My dad did judo in college and then he wanted my brothers to do it," Malloy said. "I have three brothers. When they started doing it, I was like, 'Oh that looks like fun,' and so I convinced my dad to let me

do it too."

Malloy said her accomplishments include first place in the U.S. Nationals in Miami and ninth place at the world championship in Rio de Janeiro.

She also placed fifth in the Pan American games in Rio de Janeiro and first for three consecutive years at the Collegiate Nationals.

Malloy, whose previous weight division was 57 kg (125.5 pounds), is competing at 63 kg (138.6 pounds) this year.

"Basically, what that means is that I haven't accumulated enough points," said Malloy, who has to earn enough points to be within the top eight of her new weight division.

"I'm really nervous," she said. "I guess everyone is, but for me, I've always wanted to go the Olympics."

Malloy talked about the prospects of possibly going to her first Olympic trials and mentioned she would be "upset" to not make it onto the team.

"When you miss one, you have to wait a long time before another one comes along," Malloy said.

Another prospect, Jefferson

said, is junior Kenny Hashimoto, who joined the SJSU judo team this semester.

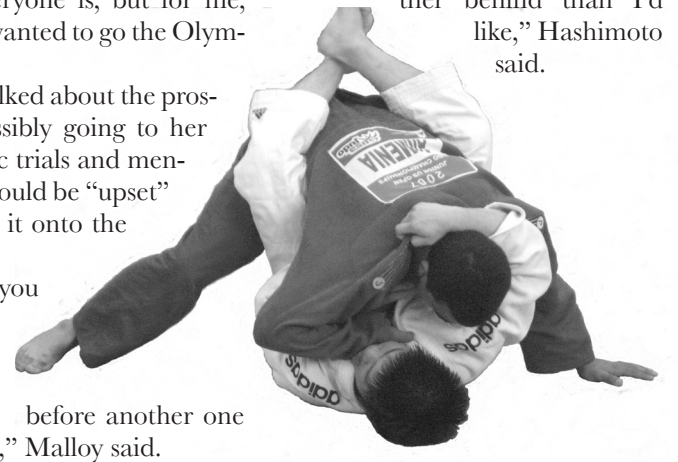
Hashimoto said he has been involved with judo for 16 years, since the age of five.

According to the USA Judo Web site, Hashimoto was an alternate for the 2004 U.S. Olympic team for the 60 kg weight class (132 pounds).

He transferred from Northern Colorado University, where he was on the wrestling team.

Hashimoto, who is now in the 66 kg (145.2 pounds) weight class, said Northern Colorado University doesn't have a judo team, and he came to SJSU to improve his chances of making it to the Olympics team.

"I'm number three, a little further behind than I'd like," Hashimoto said.



LEAH BIGELOW // SPARTAN DAILY

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MUSIC THAT SIZZLES

BY BRIANA HERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

Downtown San Jose's Iguanas brings the fire not only with its tasty Mexican dishes, but also with an open mic and house band every Monday and Thursday night. The showcase called "Creative Haven" often runs from 8:30 p.m.

to about midnight, with live music and a variety of performances by local musicians, poets or anyone who simply has something to say. Filling the small side room of Iguanas with bodies was a gradual task for the house band, also named "Creative Haven," last Thursday. The band started playing instrumental jazz and blues with



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Nate Mercereu, the lead guitarist for the "Creative Haven" house band, said he enjoys playing jazz the best of any genre.

The "Creative Haven" house band played several cover songs such as, "Just My Imagination," by the Temptations on Thursday night at Iguanas.

five members. One of whom was guitarist Nate Mercereu, who has been playing for the past six years. His big, clunky, rockabilly guitar

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seemed a little out of place playing bluesy riffs. Mercereu said, however, that jazz is his main genre. "But improvising is the fun part," he said.

That was apparent. The band played a lively, free-form jam complete with a three-piece horn section and two electric pianos.

In fact, as the set went on, the lineup eventually expanded into 12 musicians, utilizing every single

square-inch of floor space available. The band, however, played comfortably.

Saxophonist Andre Barton was the virtuoso of the horn section, often playing fluttering and masterful solos.

Even though the floor was crowded with musicians and ears couldn't possibly take more sound, a bassist was missing. Amazingly, bass lines were being laid down by one of the keyboardists at the same time he was playing melodies.

Mixed into the refreshing original compositions of rap infused with jazz and blues were great spins on cover songs such as The Temptations' "Just My Imagination."

The finale, however, was the most pumped-up and "pimped-out" version of D'Angelo's "Brown Sugar," extended to maybe triple its original length. It was the perfect wrap-up to good, plain live music.

The audience, on the other hand, was not rocked on their feet, but this could have had a lot to do with location. If the same set had been played at a bar or club, the response might have been much greater. It is just so unexpected to see something like this in a small burrito shack.

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Singer Jonah Johnson, a former SJSU communications major, coordinates the bi-weekly event.

Johnson said the only guideline for open-mic performers at the event is clean language. The event is all ages, and on Thursday children

were in attendance. He also stipulated that each performer is allowed to do two pieces at the most.

Throughout the house band's set, several people signed up to do their own performances. One of the most soulful was a one-man acoustic set, which had one song in English and one in Spanish. It added diversity and flavor to the whole night and reminded those present of the culture of San Jose.

The event, overall, attracted an impressive crowd that didn't seem to mind being packed into a small room in a taqueria. Everyone was respectful to the open mic performers, which is actually a rare phenomenon at these types of functions.

The mix of poetry and music made for a nice atmosphere, even if you weren't there for the show and just wanted to grab some take-out.

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Art of Living student club holds rally, silent march against poverty

By SAMUEL LAM
Staff Writer

In September 2000, the United Nations, in agreement with 182 other countries, designed a Millennium Campaign to help end poverty in their respective countries. Eight goals were set at the summit, which includes ending world hunger, promoting gender equality and combating HIV/AIDS and malaria.

Students in support of developing solutions to end world poverty will hold a rally on campus today. The rally, which is based from the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, will meet at 11 a.m. at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library and will begin a silent march to the Student Union Amphitheater at noon.

Organized by the Art of Living, the SJSU chapter of the nonprofit educational and humanitarian organization of the U.N., the "Stand Up, Speak Out" rally plans to help achieve the development goals set by the U.N. in 2000.

According to the United Nations Web site, last year, more than 23 million people worldwide participated in the rally, setting a new Guinness World Record.

Rekha Kodialbail, youth leader for Art of Living, said a large turnout for the rally would be vital for the goals to be reached.

She said that comes from being present at the rally.

"We're just coming together to help bring awareness," Kodialbail said. "Adding water drops together can make an ocean."

Kodialbail said that she hopes students can make an immediate impact, even though there is a long-term goal.

"The goal is to end poverty by 2015," Kodialbail said of the U.N.'s goal. "I hope the students can act with awareness."

Gautam Gulati, a freshman business administration major, said he hadn't heard about the rally, but said he sees potential in it.

"It's a good cause," Gulati said. "If they carry the rally out well, I think the cause will go well."

Wilson Chen, a freshman electrical engineering major, said that it may be difficult to reach the goal by 2015.

"It's a noble effort," Chen said. "I'm wondering how they will cover all this by 2015."

Harold Bell, a senior marketing major and president of the Heifer International club, said the club will join in on the rally. Heifer International is a national organization that focuses on helping end world hunger as well as training farmers to grow livestock.

"We both want to promote sustainability," Bell said. "Heifer wants to help eradicate world hunger for people and to help them to sustain life."

Kodialbail said San Francisco is the only other city in the Bay Area that she knows is partaking in this worldwide rally. She said that people in the community can help bring awareness to the community.

"We have the power to help the community," she said. "We can do service programs to re-empower the youth, to help better their minds and bodies."

The silent rally is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. at the library and will march to the Amphitheater at noon, Kodialbail said. There will be an open mic where leaders and students can speak about making a difference to help the world.

"When they see this, it strikes them," she said about students becoming aware of the rally. "It can translate to being responsible. We need to support them and we need this to happen."

VALLEY // Open space is important, some say

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Valley," Silva said. "I think there should be space for animals and nature. And there shouldn't be 20 million cities. Nature's good for people."

Medeiros, who is currently taking an environmental economics class at SJSU, believed the task force's numbers are misleading.

"One of the first things we learned about cost analysis was that you can fudge these numbers whichever way is convenient," Medeiros said. "In reality, the cost to the public of the plan is going to be much higher, and it's money that should be spent on the residents of San Jose."

Craige Edgerton, the executive director of the Silicon Valley Land Conservancy, also felt the money estimated in the plan is incorrect.

"My job is to preserve farms and ranches," said Edgerton. "If we were to go out and buy those serpentine grasslands or the conservation easements, the amount of money they set aside is not enough to do what they're talking about. Based on my experience, that's not going to be enough."

The proposal to City Hall for the development of the planned city has been delayed due to problems with the draft environmental impact report, which outlines effects on the environment.

"What happened was there were so

many questions," said council member Williams. "We're responding to them right now. It's just a horrendous number of comments."

The task force is required to prepare a draft environmental impact plan that can be circulated to the public and public agencies to comment on and review. The committee received over 1,200 pages of comments, Williams said.

These comments included statements from the State attorney general, the California Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife service and the Santa Clara Valley Water District, said Leila Forouhi a graduate student in regional and urban planning whose masters thesis is on alternative building for Coyote Valley.

N.Y. probe ends with Facebook announcing new protections

By JOSEPH MENN
AND JESSICA GUYNNE
Los Angeles Times

Facebook Inc. on Tuesday ended an investigation by New York's attorney general by agreeing to changes designed to shield minors from pornographic images and improper advances from adults.

The fast-growing social-networking site promised to respond to complaints within 24 hours and to follow up within three days, Attorney General Andrew Cuomo and Facebook Chief Privacy Officer Chris Kelly said at a joint news conference in New York.

"Facebook will be safer," Cuomo said in closing the investigation, which centered on whether the Palo Alto, Calif., company was deceptive in promoting its site as safe for young users. "We've established a new model for child protection on the Net."

After hearing from con-

cerned parents in recent months, Cuomo's investigators posed as young teens on Facebook and were harassed and invited to adult-oriented groups. When they posed as parents and reported the incidents, Cuomo's office said, Facebook failed to act.

Such issues will be handled quickly from now on, the two sides said Tuesday. An independent examiner approved by Cuomo's office will monitor Facebook's handling of complaints and report on the matter for two years.

Facebook will post on its pages an e-mail address for complaints, abuse@facebook.com, and an unusual warning to parents that their children aren't guaranteed an inoffensive environment.

"Our agreement with Attorney General Cuomo will set new industry standards to stop abuse online," Facebook founder and Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg said in

a written statement. "We applaud the attorney general's leadership and are committed to working together to keep Facebook safe."

A task force created by several other states is continuing to press Facebook and its larger rival MySpace on other issues related to teen safety. Many states want such online gathering spots to verify the ages claimed by users and to require parental permission for those younger than 18 who want to post personal information.

Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, a leader of the multistate group, praised the New York deal. But he warned that issues such as "access by minors to adults who may be seeking sex, or predators having the ability to reach minors (and) inappropriate ads that target minors ... are every bit as much in need of action as well."

MySpace has resisted age-verification as impractical,

predicting that it would tempt children to use their parents' identities. After coming under fire a year ago, the News Corp.-owned site made other moves, such as shielding the personal pages of 14- and 15-year-olds from searches by adults and checking its registered users against databases of convicted sex offenders. Unlike Facebook, MySpace prescreens images and videos to block pornography.

MySpace declined to comment Tuesday.

Facebook executives said that they were caught by surprise when Cuomo went public with his concerns last month but that they immediately began working with him.

"We see this as a call to arms for every other site out there to offer the same service levels," said Chamath Palihapitiya, Facebook's vice president of product marketing and operations. "We are committed to having resources in place that are dedicated to solving these problems."

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He said MSU has an excellent academic reputation and has "real areas of strength in computing, mechanical engineering, transportation engineering and industrial and systems engineering."

Guna S. Selvaduray, associate dean of research in the Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering, said he believes the partnership will be beneficial to SJSU's College of Engineering.

"When you bring two institutions like this together, there will certainly be a lot of overlap," he said. "But we can also form new alliances in areas of expertise that we don't have and areas of expertise that they don't have."

Selvaduray also moderated the Tuesday event.

Provost Rabideau said in his speech that according to the most recent report from the National Science Foundation, MSU rated 44th in research expenditures in Engineering.

James Bagley, executive chairman of Lam Research and an MSU alumnus, told the audience he is very excited about this partnership and believes that despite the two universities' differences, they share a similar objective and their joining together will make a large impact.

"Mississippi State University is similar to San Jose State University in that we are very important to the economic health in the region that we serve," he said.

MSU Provost Rabideau echoed Bagley's thoughts in a personal interview and said he also sees a similarity in SJSU and MSU students in that they are all hard workers.

"While on the surface it might seem like an odd partnership given the geography, I think it will work very well."

Dean Belle Wei concluded the ceremony and said, "This new program enables our top master's students to pursue advanced education without leaving their jobs and families in the Silicon Valley."

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Accused of negligence, HMO doctor remains on job

By TRACY WEBER AND CHARLES ORNSTEIN

Los Angeles Times

Late one April night, the first of Sarah Valenzuela's twins arrived with little trouble, but the second stayed put.

Though the baby was not in distress, Kaiser Permanente perinatologist Hamid Safari attached a vacuum extractor to the boy's head to draw him out. Again and again Safari tugged, but still the baby would not come.

He vigorously shook the vacuum, up and down, side to side, according to government documents and hospital incident reports.

It took 90 minutes and six tries — the last with Safari on his knees, pulling. Horrified staffers — and the boy's father — looked on as baby Devin finally emerged. His skin was a bloodless white, his neck elongated and floppy.

His spinal cord had been severed.

Safari lashed out at a nurse. "What did you do to that baby? I gave you a good baby," he said, according to a complaint letter the nurse sent to her union representative.

Staffers at the Fresno, Calif., birthing center were devastated and angry — and not just because of the twin lost that night in 2005.

Over the years, doctors and nurses repeatedly had complained to higher-ups — including Kaiser's top medical officer in Northern and Central California — about problems they saw in Safari's skills and behavior, according to interviews and documents.

A year before Devin's death, the doctor had waited more than three hours to do a Caesarean section even though the baby girl was in distress and her family said they had been pleading for the procedure, according to interviews and government records. She was deprived of oxygen and died months later.

As far back as 2002, a physician review committee at the hospital concluded that Safari provided "inappropriate" care and that his "conduct needed significant improvement," according to a

lawsuit later filed by two of his peers.

Still, the doctor continues to work at Kaiser Fresno, practicing under restrictions that staffers say have not been explained to patients.

Regulators acted only recently. This July, the state Department of Managed Health Care fined Kaiser a record \$3 million for its haphazard handling of complaints and physician errors. Officials said in an interview that the Safari matter played a significant role in their decision to investigate the HMO's practices.

In late September, the state medical board accused Safari of gross negligence, seeking to revoke or suspend his license.

The board also has faulted Kaiser, the nation's largest HMO with 6.5 million members in California. The health plan made the board's investigation of Safari "protracted and difficult" by providing incomplete medical records, a spokeswoman said.

"I've been telling these guys for years that he was going to kill someone, and no one would listen."

DR. GILBERT MORAN
Former OB-GYN Chief
at Kaiser Fresno

Kaiser did not allow senior officials to be interviewed — and warned staffers at Kaiser Fresno not to talk, several said. In a statement, hospital administrator Susan Ryan said the HMO has cooperated with the medical board and is "committed to ensuring the safety of our patients."

In July 2005 — three months after Devin's death — Kaiser imposed its restrictions on Safari, barring him from performing vaginal deliveries and requiring him to be monitored by another physician or an advanced-practice nurse, Ryan said. The restrictions became permanent in April 2007. Kaiser and other hospitals typically do not notify patients of such actions, officials said.



CARLOS CHAVEZ // Los Angeles Times

Tanella Bessard's baby daughter Paris died after a difficult few months of life. Kaiser Hospital in Fresno settled with her for an undisclosed amount. The pregnancy and C-section were handled by Dr. Hamid Safari.

Safari, 49, declined to comment. His lawyer, Stephen D. Schear, said the accusations are "completely unwarranted" and that Safari intends to challenge the medical board's action. Safari, he said, has the support of many at the hospital and in his department.

"If you're doing thousands of high-risk deliveries over the years, it's almost inevitable that there's going to be some unfortunate cases where children die, where things don't go right," Schear said.

But doctors and other staffers allege that Devin's death was the culmination of Safari's troubles, not a fluke.

"We do not feel that our perinatologist is competent," reads an August 2005 petition signed by eight of Safari's peers, about half of the ob-gyn department. Kaiser was "misleading our patients and the pub-

lic" by advertising that it had a perinatologist on staff even though his practice was restricted, said the petition, which was addressed to the hospital's medical director.

The petition, complaint letters, depositions and other documents are part of the ongoing lawsuit by the two doctors and arbitration cases against Kaiser or have been provided to state regulators investigating Kaiser and Safari.

Dr. Gilbert Moran, one of the doctors who sued Kaiser and its affiliated Permanente Medical Group, alleges that they punished him and others who complained, rather than address their legitimate concerns.

"I've been telling these guys for years that he was going to kill someone," said Moran, the former ob-gyn chief. "And no one would listen."

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Careful discrimination



KEVIN RAND

From the Hip

My mother first arrived to the United States in 1972. She was one of eight in her family to flee the Philippines just prior to then-President Ferdinand Marcos' declaration of martial law.

In 1981, she married my father. He's a native New Yorker, the son of a Russian-Jewish man and an Irish-Catholic woman.

I have spent most of my life in the company of my mother's side of the family, my Filipino side. Naturally, I have taken to the customs of Filipinos and Filipino Americans.

So I grew up knowing I was a Filipino — feeling like a Filipino — with what I considered were minor details of having a white-American father and no "Filipino" physical features, besides my dark skin.

When anyone asked, or asks about my ethnic background, I tell them I'm Filipino, but only half.

I can count on one hand, minus three fingers, the amount of

times I remember having faced prejudice because of my ethnicity. Prejudice is not fair. It's not fun; and facing prejudice is a difficult position for anyone to be in. But I consider myself lucky that I basically do not encounter discrimination as a part of my life.

So where am I going with all of this?

The last few weeks the front pages of the Spartan Daily have headlined three crimes having racial or discriminatory implications.

There was the defacing of the Smith-Carlos Statue. A ceremonial Jewish Sukka tent was found partially burned on campus; and most recently a student found the word "fag" etched onto the hood of his car after he was called a "cracker" and the aforementioned homophobic slur during an SJSU parking garage incident.

These occurrences have raised the question: What is a hate crime?

The gray areas encountered when categorizing certain attacks against blacks, whites, Asians, Latinos, homosexuals ... the list goes on ... as hate crimes can often make the term a loaded one.

I will never, by any means, tell the victim of a hate crime that he

or she needs to thicken his or her skin and leave alone the discrimination issue.

We should, however, question the media's usage of the term.

Is it just me, or does "hate crime" get thrown around too cavalierly in the news? Are we already numbed by it? And, most importantly, does its flippant use do injustice to dare I say real hate crimes?

When Matthew Shepard was murdered in 1998 because of his homosexuality, he was undoubtedly the victim of a hate crime.

Is it fair then to group such an act with the etching on the hood of a car?

The motivation behind a crime should determine whether it is an act of hate. The graffiti on the statue and the burning of the tent may very well have been compelled by hatred and prejudice, but for now we do not know.

Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised their fists in '68, along with many other black Americans, in defiance of prejudice. The Sukka, by any definition, is a symbol of a culture, a religion. And homosexuality, I believe, is not a choice.

Any acts targeted specifically toward blacks, black symbols, Jews, Jewish symbols, homosexuals or

any group — though I "hate" to say group as it perpetuates a form of discrimination — I would describe as discriminatory and hateful.

I pass no judgment on the Spartan Daily, my Spartan Daily, for raising the question these past few weeks. We, society, are not evolved enough to eschew prejudice as a thing of the past.

The media and the law should shun crimes of hate. In the same fashion, they should exercise careful "discrimination" when discerning between hate crimes and other crimes.

The media loves buzzwords. Even "buzzwords" is a buzzword.

We live with heightened "terror threats," in fear of "hate crimes" and with affiliations to the "radical" right or left.

Everything cannot be so neatly packaged.

It may be easy to shrink-wrap broad ideas behind a few words. It is at the risk, however, of equating real terror threats with inane fears, hate crimes with non-discriminatory crimes and radical beliefs with moderate ones.

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Filipino Americans: show some pride for the homeland



By TRUTH ESGUERRA

Staff Writer

It was Oct. 6 and I was lucky to get off work early.

My manager begged me stay for a little while longer, but I had to leave.

I had to rush to my friend's house so I could witness one of the greatest sporting events of the season.

I'm not talking about the Stanford v. USC game, though it was spectacular event. I'm talking about the rematch between Manny Pacquiao, a Filipino Super Featherweight boxing champion, and Marco Antonio Barrera, a Mexican boxing legend.

The reason I was so excited over the Pacquiao bout was because he is one of the few Filipinos who's on American TV, and I feel he is a representative for the Filipino community.

When I arrived at my friend's house, all of the seats around the TV were occupied by his family and friends.

The first couple of rounds were nerve wracking for me, due to the

Are they unaware that their Filipino jokes are hurtful?

amount of national pride at stake.

In the end, Pacquiao won by unanimous decision, and everyone in the room cheered with relief.

Not only did this battle feel like a victory for the country, but it also added to the reasons I am proud to be Filipino.

Since I was young, I've been proud of my heritage and have loved the Philippines and my countrymen there.

My parents encouraged me to develop a sense of nationalism.

They taught me how to speak Tagalog, which I still speak fluently.

I still read Filipino newspapers and watch Filipino programs.

I know a great deal of Filipino history as well the culture.

But for some reason, I do not see Filipino nationalism among the Filipino Americans I meet.

I feel that a majority of Filipino Americans, especially the youth, have forgotten or have never had a chance to know about true Filipino culture.

It saddens me to know that those same Filipino Americans would ridicule and poke fun at native Filipinos.

I don't understand why a majority of Filipino Americans laugh every time someone speaks with a Tagalog accent.

Are they unaware that in the Fili-

pino alphabet there is no letter "f"? That is why a majority of Filipinos, who do not have English as a first language, struggle with some English words.

"Ang hindi magnahal sa kanyang salita

Mahigiti sa hayop at malansang isda."

The quote is from Jose Rizal, a national hero of the Philippines, who said, "(those) who do not love their own language are just are as good as animals and smelly fish."

I also feel some Filipino Americans lack a lot of knowledge about the country itself. This is why some newly arrived Filipinos dislike Filipino Americans.

My girlfriend, who recently moved to the United States, told me she would feel uncomfortable being around Filipino Americans because she felt that they might laugh at her English.

It is weird that those same Filipino Americans who claim to have a lot of Filipino pride are the ones laughing at their countrymen.

Are they unaware that their Filipino jokes are hurtful?

There are a lot of benefits when you have a sense of nationalism.

I work at Marshalls at the Great Mall and the majority of the workers there are Filipino immigrants.

My Filipino co-workers told me they are proud that I can relate to them and I can communicate with them in their own language.

Also, my parents told me they are proud of my nationalism as well.

If these Filipino Americans lack certain knowledge about the Philippines, there are several things they can do.

There are some language-teaching kits available at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

They can learn some Filipino history by reading books about the Philippines. Also, Filipino Americans can take Asian American Studies 125, a class on Filipino American Experience in the United States taught by Assistant Professor Estella Habal.

There are many ways Filipino Americans can develop a sense of nationalism. It just takes a lot of effort.

It would become a serious issue if Filipino Americans did not develop any nationalism.

Imagine when this current Filipino American generation had children.

With this generation's lack of knowledge about the Philippines, how would their children know about Filipino nationalism?

If issues similar to the "Desperate Housewives" and other racial slurs against Filipinos happen again, what will the next generation of Filipino Americans do?

Guest columns appear Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

I walk down the aisle of life



JOSH WEAVER

This Is the Way I Live

My brother got married last weekend. Wait, let me start over, my younger brother got married. Don't get me wrong, I am extremely happy for him and I wish him and his wife all the luck in the world, but there is a part of me that is thinking, "How did this guy get married before me?"

Throughout the entire reception I had to field questions tossed at me from family and friends about when I was getting married.

"When is it your turn?"

"The next time we do this it will be for you, right?"

Eventually I just smiled and nodded. I was like a robot.

You see I have been with my girlfriend for five years. Yes I know it's a long time and you might be wondering why I haven't taken the plunge.

It's simple really. I am not ready. The timing just isn't right.

We all progress in life at our own pace and in a generation that is hell-bent on making money, competing to find out who's best and obsessing over success, I have chosen to take my time in graduating college, beginning my career and starting a family.

Of course this wasn't my original plan. I had lofty ambitions. I was going to be a professional baseball player, become rich by 25 and have a wife and two kids by 30.

Well, I am now 24, still in college and according to my tax return form I am "impoverished." And a family? Forget about it.

Despite my failure to become a famous

athlete, I recently came to the realization that I am content with where my life is right now and I'm excited about the opportunities that lay ahead of me.

My first four years after high school I spent wasting time, taking general education classes at three different junior colleges. Completely bored, discouraged and frankly pissed off with the college education system, I enrolled at SJSU in Fall 2005 not having the slightest idea of what I wanted to do.

I weighed my options and thought about what it was that really sparked my interests. And then it hit me.

I enjoy writing. I like to communicate through the written word.

There is just something about being

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able to channel the thoughts that are racing through my brain and express them in an engaging manner. A feeling of complete freedom encompasses me when I sit down at my computer and begin typing.

With my baseball background I figured sports writing would be the best fit for me.

And because I repeated Math 105 at De Anza College I was able to put two and two together and decided to take a leap of faith, declaring journalism as my major at the end of my first semester.

Besides, I've always been a curious guy, fascinated with the human race and all the emotions of life.

Over the past two years I have learned more about myself and what I'm capable of than at any other point in my life.

I've taken a challenge head on for the first time and not once have I considered giving up. There was a time when I stared adversity in the face, turned around and walked away.

Now I welcome the sometimes-daunting task of completing a story on deadline, and I don't settle for just average anymore.

I've learned how to take criticism with a grain of salt. Everyone makes mistakes and it is how you learn from them that makes you better.

But because I seek perfection, accepting criticism gracefully is an area I still must work on to improve.

Recently, someone reminded me that six months ago I was a shy, soft-spoken guy.

The remark was humbling, but it also made me think about just how much I've grown over the past semester and a half since joining the Spartan Daily staff.

Working on the Daily in a way has opened my eyes, and I've come to the conclusion that it doesn't matter how quickly you graduate.

It doesn't matter if the path I took was, to borrow a line from Paul McCartney, "a long and winding road." The thing I have to remember is that it is my road.

And the reward of accomplishing a goal, no matter how long it takes, should overshadow how I arrived.

I've learned to measure my success not by the standards of everyone around me, but by the way I feel about myself. It's the way I live my life that matters most in the long run.

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Quote of the day

"This isn't a toy. But the overall exposure of the public in general is a problem, especially for children. It's a reproductive hazard. It could be a kidney hazard."

RICK HIND

Said the legislative director for Greenpeace's toxin campaign against Apple Inc. because of alleged toxins in the iPhone.



ANNE RIGOR // Special to the Daily

Cobie Harris, left, and colleague shake hands after Tuesday's ceremony.

EVENT // Students wrote values on flags

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dents, said he was inspired to join Harris' mission to bring the Smith-Carlos Statue to SJSU after a debate about injustice.

"And it was a sense of justice that led him to organize a movement in the student government to put forth the proclamation to get these statues built," Harris said of Grotz's efforts.

"Whether I was recognized is not the point," Harris said at the event. "My legacy is these statues and the legacy of all the students and of all the student government officials, along with administration that allowed these statues to be put here."

Students got involved at the event by writing personal messages on red flags and planting them in the grass in front of the statue.

"I wrote 'equality' because I feel it is something that everybody needs," said Jessica Alvarez, a freshman psychology major. "It's something important. It was the first thing that came into my head."

"This applies to all Americans. If nobody stood up for what they believed in there would be no process."

BENJAMIN HENDERSON
Associated Students president

Aumornai Edinburgh, a sophomore art education major, said, "I stand for peace,

love, freedom and religion, because they all have personal meaning to me, and I think everyone should value those."

Benjamin Henderson, Associated Students president, one of the many who contributed to organizing the event, spoke to an audience of more than 50.

"This statue of John Carlos and Tommie Smith does not only apply to African-Americans," Henderson said. "This applies to all Americans. If nobody stood up for what they believed in there would be no process."

Some students voiced disappointment at whoever defaced the statues last week.

"It kind of just makes you angry," said Joshua Hartnett, a sophomore sociology major. "Why would somebody do something like that to something important? Go tag up a fence or a wall. Don't do it on something that has meaning."

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