



Seeing it all differently

Richard Tucker's journey from sidewalk to canvas

By **DINA BASLAN**
Staff Writer

A 6-foot-7-inch, old, weathered black man travels down San Fernando Street every day — holding his back and limping with caution — from his apartment to the First Christian Church on Fifth Street.

Back and forth.

The church, for 61-year-old Richard Tucker, is a home that gives him comfort and a sense of belonging. His artwork is displayed on the walls of the Mary Dean Miller Hall facing the cross where stories of his life are told in color and paint.

"I see a culture that I'm not familiar with but that he represents beautifully," said Mary Raby, moderator of the church. "His art is colorful, and like he says, it shows his love for people and music — his love for humanity."

Back in the early '90s, Tucker almost gave up on the arduous journey through which his life had led him until one day those hardships became the reason for him to embrace his life with new meaning again.

"I wasn't an artist back then," Tucker said. "I was confused. That's when my art began in my head."

Tucker injured his back in 1975 while working on a construction site. He said his frustration over being disabled and unemployed pushed him and his wife apart. He ended up living in his Volkswagen van.

"I didn't want to take it out on her," he said. "Before I became a woman-beater — a woman-hater — I decided to divorce her."

Raby said Tucker is a lot like her father.

"He has so much pride and self respect," she said. "He has a great respect for women — he's a very old fashioned kind of guy."

Tucker decided to dedicate his life to school when he was 40 and enrolled in classes at San Jose City College.

"Instead of being angry at myself," he said, "I started thinking positive."

Then, his attention was called to

a history he was about to discover.

Searching into the past

His studies about African-American history allowed Tucker to dig into the roots of his past. One of his instructors asked him to interview his parents and "talk to history." His father died when he was 14, so Tucker interviewed his mother.

Since hospitals didn't allow black women to deliver babies at hospitals in San Francisco, Tucker was born at home in 1946. His mother told him that on the day he was born, the house was filled with women cooking and celebrating his birth into the family.

"It was the normal way to bring

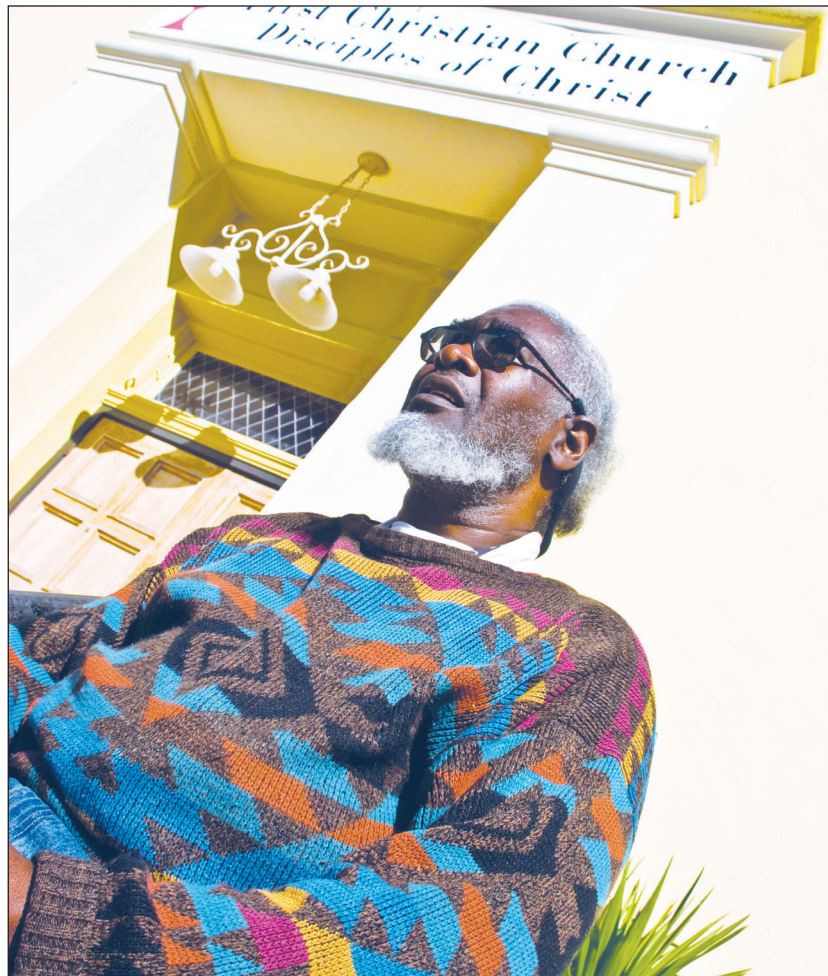
us to the world," Tucker said, who didn't get his birth certificate until he was 7.

While attending school, Tucker was unable to express his emotions and thoughts in writing. He couldn't even pass his history exams for which he knew the material by heart.

Tucker said he started looking at himself differently because of all the history he was learning. He discovered points of view that he strongly stood behind.

"(People) learn to hate because they are mistreated," Tucker said, "and that's why we have violence. We have wars, and we don't know why. We don't even know what's

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Top: Richard Tucker, 61, is a deacon at the First Christian Church on Fifth Street. Bottom: Tucker takes down one of his paintings, which, he says, was inspired by jazz music and literature.

Career fair draws 1,000

By **LIZA ATAMY**
Staff Writer

More than 1,000 students lined up dressed in professional attire, resumes in hand, waiting to sign up for the first Diversity Career Fair outside of the Barrett Ballroom at the Student Union. The event was organized by the Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineers, or BASE, and the SJSU Entrepreneurial Society.

"Our objective was to promote diversity," said Hewan Abebe, a senior business major and membership chair of BASE. "We mean diversity in all aspects, not just ethnicities, but in majors and in the companies attending as well."

According to BASE, 12 companies including Intel, IBM, Apple Inc., Hewlett Packard, Cisco and Price Waterhouse were at the event.

"We got a great chance to meet employees of every company," said Srikanth Singareddy, a graduate electrical engineering major. "It is very helpful to have events like this on campus so we are prepared for what companies are expecting when we apply for jobs."

Abebe added, "The companies were happy about the turnout and didn't know it would be so huge."

"There were about two representatives of each company, and had they known about the turnout of students, they would have brought more representatives," she said.

Some students were not able to get into the venue because it was overcrowded.

"We ended up taking resumes from students and gave them to all of the companies," Abebe said.

Vice president of BASE, Elias Aseged, a junior software engineering major, said that the organization had initially spoken to many companies and, based on their feedback, started to plan the event.

"We talked to a bunch of companies, and they told us there wasn't enough representation from groups," Aseged said. "So based on what they told us we figured we would have an event that would cater to our needs."

Pradeep Sarihaddu, a graduate electrical engineering major, said, "There was a lot of waiting, and finally, after an hour, I went inside. It was very helpful, though. The companies were explaining what kind of openings they have and the descriptions of the vacant positions."

Abebe said the event was just one more outlet of opportunity for students to get their resumes out and talk to representatives to see what they're looking for when they hire.

"This event was smaller and more intimate," Abebe said, referring to the number of companies that were at the event. "It was beneficial from the companies' perspective because there were less competitors."

Faisal Gowani, president of the

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LUKE CUNNINGHAM / SPARTAN DAILY

Jean-Marc Hachey delivered his third speech of the day in the University Room at SJSU.

Speaker gives lesson about job hunting afar

By **ANGELO LANHAM**
AND **DINA BASLAN**
Staff Writers

Sixty-three students gathered in the University Room on Wednesday afternoon to hear author Jean-Marc Hachey's thoughts about international job hunting.

Tina Yu, a senior accounting major, said she was inspired by the seminar.

"I think he's great, informative, very encouraging," Yu said, "I always think negative things — that it's hard to find a job."

After the seminar, though, Yu said she wanted to get out there and be in the world.

Speaking with subdued excitement, Hachey lectured using personal anecdotes to inform the audience about the tricks of the trade for international job hunting.

Hachey spoke for two hours and emphasized differences in domestic and global job searches, country hopping and knowing the ins-and-outs of

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Faculty talk over \$386M

CSU budget cuts cause lecturers to fear for jobs

By **COLLEEN WATSON**
Staff Writer

In a small room on the outskirts of the campus, behind the ATM kiosk on the east side, 11 people crowded around a small table, munching on sandwiches and chips, talking about the future of San Jose State University.

The group was composed of SJSU lecturers and members of the California Faculty Association. The meeting was a chance for lecturers to talk to officers in the CFA from SJSU and other campuses. Not only were individual problems discussed, but the impending \$386 million budget cut was the main topic of conversation.

Elizabeth Cara, president of the association's SJSU chapter and associate professor of occupational

therapy, said, "Everything we are doing is about providing a quality education to the students."

She added that the association has been consistent about fighting fee increases for students.

Cara said the California State University system provides more than 50 percent of the engineering, agricultural and business degrees granted in California.

Governor Schwarzenegger's plan to build more infrastructure and hire 100,000 more teachers would be impossible if the budget cuts go through, as the CSU system is the main producers of these types of workers, according to a faculty association handout.

"By gutting the CSU, you're taking away the solution to the problem," said Elizabeth Hoffman, faculty association associ-

ate vice president of lecturers. "If we lose the classes for students, we can't turn out the professionals we need."

Hoffman said the CSUs provide the work force that is needed to combat the economic crisis and that the budget cut would end up making things worse.

"If the budget gets cut, the lecturers are the first to go," said Elena Dorabji, a political science lecturer and one of the SJSU faculty association lecturer representatives.

She added that most lecturers were overworked and underpaid and that lecturers usually teach the larger undergraduate classes.

Lecturers are considered part-time faculty and are not tenured.

She said that by cutting the lec-

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From the Wire

Associated Press

NEWS BRIEFS

S.F. MAYOR SIGNS MEASURE ASKING RESTAURANTS TO BAN TRANS FATS

San Francisco
San Francisco is now the latest city to officially declare war against artery-clogging trans fats.

Mayor Gavin Newsom has signed a city measure that rewards restaurants for voluntarily banning the use of the unhealthy hydrogenated oils. Restaurants that comply will be issued a decal to display on their windows telling patrons the place is free of trans fats.

Newsom says the voluntary ban is just the first step toward a mandatory ban like ones in place in New York City and Philadelphia.

The Golden Gate Restaurant Association, representing about 800 of the city's eateries, backs the voluntary measure and says it would also back a mandatory ban.

MEXICO'S PRESIDENT SAYS U.S. SHOULD NOT CLOSE ITS DOORS TO MIGRANTS

Sacramento
Mexican President Felipe Calderon on Wednesday said the United States would not prosper if it closed its doors to Mexico, striking at a controversial issue playing out in states along the border.

In a speech before a joint session of the California Legislature, Calderon said the United States must work with Mexico to ensure growth in both economies.

"Our nations will never find prosperity by closing their doors," he said.

The three leading presidential candidates have supported building a border fence between the United States and Mexico. It's a sensitive topic for Democrats Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama in Texas, where a fence is widely opposed in the Rio Grande Valley.

Calderon, who was making his first visit to the United States since

winning office in 2006, added to the issue as he made immigration a centerpiece of his stops in New York, Massachusetts and Chicago.

SEE'S CANDIES RECALLS 16-OUNCE BAGS OF SEMI-SWEET CHOCOLATE CHIPS

San Francisco
Just before Valentine's Day, See's Candies has announced it is recalling 16-ounce bags of its Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips.

The company says the candies may contain undeclared traces of milk. People with severe milk allergies are warned that eating the candies can result in serious or life-threatening allergic reactions.

Concerned consumers who bought the product should return them for a full refund to the shops where they were purchased.

See's says the product was sold through See's retail shops in California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Colorado, Idaho, Hawaii, New Mexico and Illinois. The company says the candies were sold by licensees in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Texas and internationally in Japan and Hong Kong.

BUSH SIGNS ECONOMY-RESCUE BILL

Washington
The checks aren't in the mail, but they will be soon.

President Bush signed legislation Wednesday to rush rebates ranging from \$300 to \$1,200 to millions of people, the centerpiece of government efforts to brace the wobbly economy. First, though, you must file your 2007 tax return.

More than 130 million people are expected to get the rebates, starting around May. Congress, Bush, the Federal Reserve and Wall Street are hoping the money will burn such a hole in people's pockets that they won't be

able to resist spending it. And the spending is supposed to give an energizing jolt to a national economy that is in danger of toppling into a recession if it hasn't already.

Whether people actually spend the money remains to be seen. A recent Associated Press-Ipsos poll indicates that most people have other plans. Forty-five percent said they planned to pay off bills, and 32 percent said they would save or invest it. Only 19 percent said they would spend their rebates.

The measure Bush signed — a \$168 billion rescue package passed with lightning speed by Congress last week — includes not only rebates for individuals but also tax breaks for businesses to spur investment in new plants and equipment. That, too, would help bolster U.S. economic activity. The package also contains provisions aimed at helping struggling homeowners clobbered by the housing collapse and the credit crunch refinance into more affordable mortgages.

The emergency plan marked a rare moment of cooperation among political rivals fearful that an ailing economy during an election year would invite voter retaliation.

Bush, who called the measure "a booster shot for our economy," praised the bipartisan cooperation. "We have come together on a single mission — and that is to put the people's interests first," he said.

Who gets a rebate? Most people who pay taxes or earn at least \$3,000, including through Social Security or veterans' disability benefits. Singles making more than \$75,000 and couples with income topping \$150,000, however, will get smaller checks, up to the top limits for any rebate: incomes of \$87,000 for individuals and \$174,000 for couples.

CLINTON DEFEATS IN VIRGINIA, MARYLAND SHOW MARGINS WITH WHITES, WOMEN, OLDER VOTERS SLIPPING

Washington
Hillary Rodham Clinton's crushing losses in Maryland and Virginia highlight an erosion in what had been solid advantages among women, whites and older and working-class voters.

Although this week's results can be explained by those states' relatively large numbers of blacks and well-educated residents — who tend to be Barack Obama supporters — her presidential campaign could be doomed if the trends continue.

Clinton is holding onto some

of her supporters who are largely defined by race and often by level of education, such as low-income white workers and older white women, exit polls of voters show. She's been losing other blocs, again stamped by personal characteristics, such as blacks, men and young people both black and white, and better-educated whites.

The latest defeats have slowed the one-time favorite's political momentum at a bad time. With Obama winning eight straight contests and easily outdistancing her in money raising, she must now endure three weeks until primaries in Texas and Ohio that she hopes will resurrect her campaign.

Clinton's losses have also enabled Obama to take a slight lead in their crucial fight for convention delegates. With 2,025 needed to clinch the nomination at the party's Denver gathering in August, Obama has 1,275 delegates to Clinton's 1,220, according to the latest count by the Associated Press.

CLEMENS TAKES LUMPS ON CAPITOL HILL: 'YOU'RE ONE OF MY HEROES, BUT IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE'

Washington
Separated by only a few feet, Roger Clemens and his accuser were never further apart.

There they sat, the star pitcher and his former personal trainer, Brian McNamee, sharing a wooden witness table Wednesday while speaking to Congress under oath and facing blistering questions. For 4½ hours, both men stuck to their versions of the he-said, he-said disagreement over whether McNamee injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone.

Clemens insisted it never happened. McNamee insisted it did.

His reputation and Hall of Fame candidacy potentially at stake — not to mention the possibility of criminal charges, should he lie — Clemens said: "I have never taken steroids or HGH. No matter what we discuss here today, I am never going to have my name restored."

For some members of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Clemens' denials rang hollow, particularly in light of a new account of his discussion of HGH use, revealed by his friend and former teammate Andy Pettitte in a sworn affidavit.

"It's hard to believe you, sir," Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., told Clemens. "I hate to say that. You're one of my heroes. But it's hard to believe."

SPARTA GUIDE

EVENT CALENDAR

Today

LIVE MUSIC: FACULTY RECITAL

Works by Ravel, Duparc and Turina. Featuring Joseph Frank on tenor and Gwendolyn Monk on piano. 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. at the Music building Concert Hall. Contact: Joan Stubbe, 924-4649, jstubbe@email.sjsu.edu

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Pilates and Salsa at noon. Hip-hop dance and aqua-core at 5:30 p.m. All classes at the Event Center Sport Club, expect aqua-core, which is at the Spartan Complex pool, Room 79. No advance sign-ups are necessary. Classes are open to students, faculty, staff and their friends. Contact: Dana Moore, dmoore@as.sjsu.edu. More info: ASCR main office, 924-6218 www.as.sjsu.edu/ascr

BIBLE STUDY

Acts 2 Christian Fellowship weekly Bible study. 7 p.m. in the Contanoan room. Contact: Justin, 415-786-9873, jfoon1@yahoo.com

Tomorrow

WORKSHOP: POWER PLANNER, BECOME HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE AND EFFICIENT

This is an advanced time-management

workshop for people who use planners or are considering using a planner. You need to bring your planner to this workshop.

12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, Room 269. Contact: Deanna Peck, 408-924-5910, georgette.gale@sjsu.edu

Monday

MOVIE SCREENING: AUDIO REBELLION AND Q&A WITH FRED HAMPTON JR.

Presented by Hip Hop Congress. 4 to 7 p.m. at the Student Union Pacifica room. Contact: Nick Underwood, 619-602-9320

WORKSHOP: CONCENTRATION CAFÉ

We all lose our concentration at times, but for some people a lack of concentration can impair their schooling, their personal life, and their work. Come to the Concentration Cafe to find out what may be causing your difficulties and what you can do to increase your focus and attention.

3 to 4 p.m. at Administration Building, Room 269. Contact: Deanna Peck, 924-5910, georgette.gale@sjsu.edu

DANCE PRACTICE

Pride of the Pacific Islands. 8 to 10 p.m. at the Event Center, Studio A and B. Contact: Lisa, 925-639-6781

Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff members. The deadline for entries is noon, three working days before the desired publication date. Space restrictions may require editing of submission. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received. **Submit entries** online at thespartandaily.com or in writing at DBH 209.

INSIDE the DAILY CRIME BLOTTER

THEFT

A report was taken for a theft at the Fourth Street garage.

Friday, Feb. 8, at 11:31 a.m.

LOST PROPERTY

A report was taken for lost property from the North Gate of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

Friday, Feb. 8, at 12:27 p.m.

THEFT

A report was taken for theft of a parking permit from the Seventh Street garage.

Friday, Feb. 8, at 2:43 p.m.

PARAPHERNALIA POSSESSION

A 44-year-old man was cited and released for possession of para-

phernalia.

Saturday, Feb. 9, at 12:10 a.m.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

A 26-year-old man was arrested in suspicion of driving under the influence at Third and San Antonio streets.

Saturday, Feb. 9, at 3:07 a.m.

UNLICENSED DRIVER

A 37-year-old man was cited and released for being an unlicensed driver.

Saturday, Feb. 9, at 11:31 a.m.

ALCOHOL

A report was taken for furnishing alcohol to a minor at Campus Village.

Sunday, Feb. 10, at 1:29 a.m.

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turer staff, the university will not be able to offer the same amount of classes because it will not have teachers for them. And it will take more time and money for the students to graduate because they can't get into the classes they need.

For the students, fewer lecturers will equal "more time, more money and less selection," said Wynn Ray, a lecturer in materials and chemical engineering and chemistry.

Brenda Serrano, also a materials and chemical engineering and chemistry lecturer, said that with the larger enrollment last Fall and more students expected again, her depart-

ment has trouble meeting the needs of her students. The classes fill up and the students don't always have enough sections, she said.

"Our classrooms are bursting," she said. "Classes keep growing."

The association says it intends to fight the budget cuts and that is working closely with the administration, a group it has disagreed with in the past, to further this goal.

"We think the cuts are not inevitable and the faculty are united on this," said Hoffman, the CFA's associate vice president. "We think the state of California knows that the CSU is a great university and makes a great contribution to the economy."

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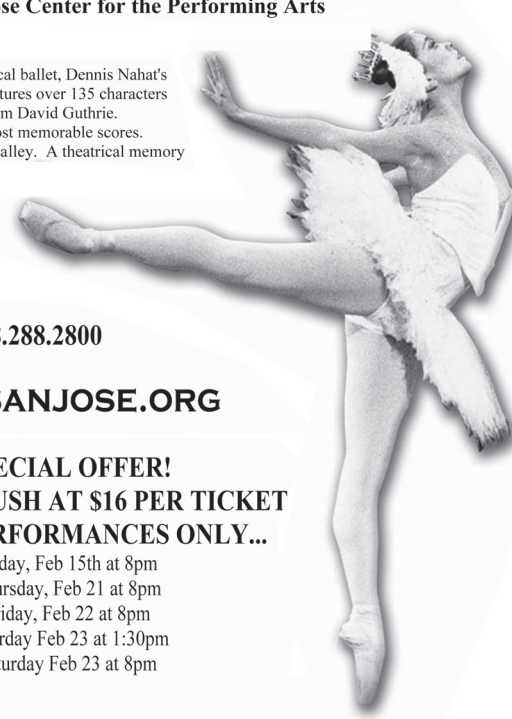
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DIVERSE | 30 companies at next fair

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Entrepreneurial Society at SJSU and marketing and management major said, the event focused on four different areas: management information systems, business, computer science and engineering majors.

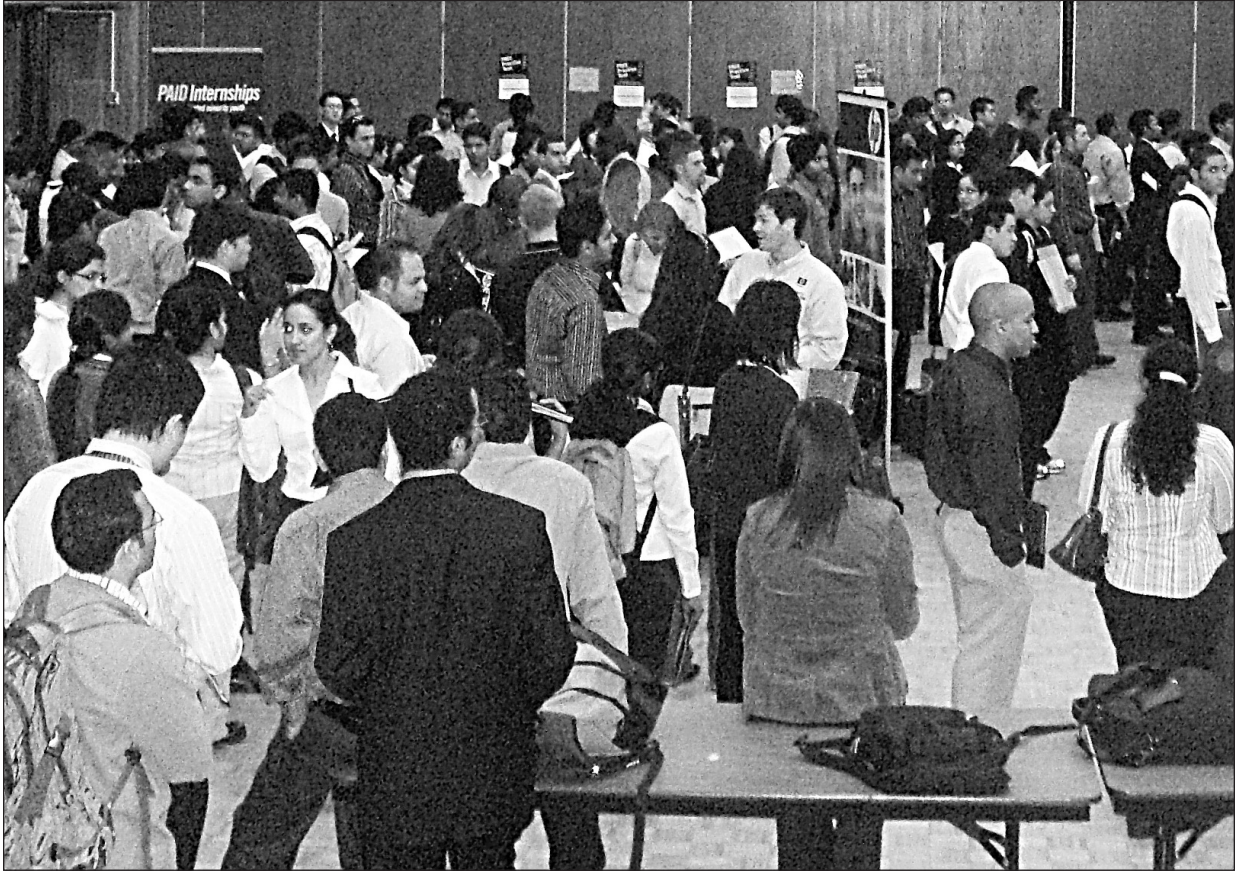
“The wonderful thing about this was, being that it was early in the

semester, students really got to look for those internships before they end up at the Career Fair that the Career Center organizes,” Gowani said. “(The Diversity Career Fair) is put on by the students, and that way, we know the need of our fellow students.”

“We do have contacts and are hoping to bring them in next year because we really want this diversity

idea to grow,” he said. “This is just a seed that has been planted this year, and we’re hoping next year we can expand it to a larger, grander event that benefits the entire student body at San Jose State.”

The Diversity Career Fair will be an annual event, BASE membership chair Abebe said, and the organization is hoping to go from 12 to 30 companies for next year’s fair.



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Over 1,000 students crowded into the Barrett Ballroom in the Student Union for the Diversity Career Fair on Wednesday. Space was a concern, as coordinators had to turn some students away.

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cross-culture working environments.

“Forty percent of the room is international,” he said after a show of hands proved that close to half of the room was not native to the United States.

Students listened intently, took notes, asked questions and stared at the slideshow presentation while Hachey dug deeper and deeper into his travel experience and theories, showcasing a vast assortment of information about the world’s business practices.

International resumes, for example, are different than domestic ones, said Hachey, author of “The Big Guide to Living and Working Overseas.”

During the presentation, he emphasized showing one’s personality in international resumes as opposed to the calculated list of qualifications

often found in an American resume.

He also mentioned that in many Third World countries, people aren’t supposed to make the soles of their feet visible, as it is offensive and therefore unprofessional, and that in Korea, people stand much closer together than people in other cultures do.

The seminar, which was dedicated to students, was the third of the day for Hachey, who had also hosted 8:30 a.m. and noon sessions.

“It’s exciting. My first two presentations were with senior administrators at the university, and they understand the importance of international careers,” Hachey said. “They were out in grand numbers — deans, vice deans, faculty. It was very powerful that they came out here.”

Nikki Platania, a senior majoring in sociology, also said she appreciated Hachey’s diverse travel knowledge.

“It was pretty awesome. He gave a lot of examples you could apply to

yourself,” Platania said.

Cheryl Allmen-Vinnedge, director of the Career Center, was responsible for Hachey’s presence at SJSU. She said she heard him in New York at a conference and decided that “our students need to hear this message. So we contacted him and brought him from Toronto, Canada.”

She said the event was made possible through a grant from the Division of Student Affairs, alongside Career Center dollars.

Hachey’s book, which usually goes for \$59.99, was sold at a discounted price of \$40 for the event.

Platania, like some students who attended, said she would like to have the book but that she couldn’t even afford the discounted price.

He did hand out a free 21-page pamphlet, titled “Helping Students Understand International Careers,” which is an in depth summary of all major points of Hachey’s presentation.

TV show seeks inventors for a ‘light-bulb’ moment

‘Everyday Edisons’ appeals to business students, innovators

By LIZA ATAMY
Staff Writer

Inventions of all sorts are being developed at SJSU, and students have the opportunity to develop their ideas and gain perspective, which may help them succeed in finishing their products through a reality-based television show.

“Everyday Edisons,” a PBS inventions show that is starting its third season, is looking for “ordinary people with extraordinary ideas.”

Casting calls for the show will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center downtown.

“We are looking for 12 great ideas,” said Michael Cable, executive producer of the show. “We are not a reality show, and all of the 12 contestants will have their idea patented and fully developed at our cost.”

Cable said the 12 finalists will have a 20-year annuity and 10 percent of full gross sales of their product.

or BMW, the device can read the oil temperature and air pressure of your car.”

Gowani said that building the GPS device, including the LCD screen, cost the student \$400.

Opportunities for students are possible through different avenues at SJSU, one of which gives students the opportunity to showcase their ideas.

The winner of the Wanda Ginner Award at the 2007 Business Plan Competition, Peter Shao, invented the AlconoMist which is an innovative product used to reduce blood alcohol and eliminate hangovers, according to the College of Business Web site. The product development will take two years and the estimated gross profit will be \$40 million in the first three years of the product launch, according to the Web site.

SJSU students have another chance to submit their ideas and win a cash prize of \$10,000 at this year’s Silicon Valley Business Plan Competition.

Students from all majors have the opportunity to meet with professionals and work on developing their ideas further.

The competition will be hosted by the College of Business, College of Engineering, Entrepreneurial Society and the Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship.

More information on the competition will be disclosed later this month.

The Neat Ideas Fair, hosted by the Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship, has featured ideas and inventions, including a motor-cycle that was built by a student in his garage that is completely battery and hybrid powered.

Another invention that won 2nd place Best Exhibit Award last year was the Net Secretary, which is an Internet-based service that helps executives and their employees coordinate their calendars online, according to the College of Business Web site.

“With these programs and competitions, we have more cross-discipline interaction of students from business, engineering and industrial design majors,” said business Professor Anu Basu, director of the Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship, which has a chapter at SJSU.

“The point of these events organized by the College of Business is to encourage students to present their ideas,” she said. “It is up to them if they want to carry it forward. We are just the kick-start, the catalyst for them.”

Gowani said, “Some of the students with these great ideas come out of the Entrepreneurial Society and participate in such events like the Neat Ideas Fair.”

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2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35; + Fri-Mon at 11:50am

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*DEFINITELY, MAYBE (PG-13)

(1:50), 4:25, 6:55, 9:25

*JUMPER (PG-13)--(1, 2:05, 3:05), 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:45; + Fri-Sat at 10:35pm, 11:50pm

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*WELCOME HOME, ROSCOE JENKINS (PG-13)--(1:30), 4:05, 6:40, 9:15

*27 DRESSES (PG-13)--(1:25), 4, 6:30, 8:50

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MICHAEL CLAYTON (R)--7 Oscar Noms! (2), 7

*TAXI TO THE DARK SIDE (R)--Oscar Nom! 9:20

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Need Saving?

Finally, a drink that will give you a second chance at life: the liquid lifesaver

By KATE TAYLOR
Staff Writer

After a long day and an even longer face garnering sympathetic stares, a liquid lifesaver from Rock Bottom Brewery is true to its name.

It offers the effects of four shots of alcohol with almost none of the taste.

Michael, the bartender at the restaurant, handed me a martini glass with a layer of red liquid at the bottom, blue liquid filling up the rest and a slice of orange wedged on the side.

"It's got a very good success rate," he said.

I wasn't exactly sure what he meant by "success rate," since one full glass of the delicious concoction was enough to get me to call a cab.

The drink combines two types of citrus vodka with four alcoholic flavor additions, creating a taste not unlike blue sour straws.

I'm talking about the candy that, as a child, made my mouth ache because I didn't know when to stop eating it.

Like the candy, the drink's punch is all in its aftertaste.

Michael said the Blue Curacao, Apple Pucker and Chambord are the most important ingredients

to achieve the blue-to-red layer of color as well as the tartness.

He also said the drink was his own creation.

The sour, fruity flavor of the alcoholic medley and sugar-dipped, martini-glass rim had mixed reviews among my friends, most of whom thought it tasted cheap and reminded them of rocket fuel.

DRINK of the WEEK

I, however, didn't think it was bad at all. In fact, the more I drank, the better it got.

If I could graph the quantity-to-succulence relationship of a liquid lifesaver, it would have a positive slope — it might even be parabolic.

This is my kind of drink.

Rock Bottom Brewery is located in the PruneYard in Campbell and brews its own beer in addition to creating its own mixed drinks.

Make it yourself:

Dip rim of glass in
granulated sugar
½ oz. mandarin vodka
1 oz. Apple Pucker
1 oz. Sweet N' Sour
½ oz. 7-Up
¼ oz. Blue Curacao
½ oz. Chambord
½ oz. Citron Vodka
1 each fresh-squeezed
lemon and orange



KATE TAYLOR / SPARTAN DAILY

To all the Valentine's Day Scrooges:

Feeling down? Mired in self-loathing? Don't have the courage to ask the cute blonde sitting next to you in English 1B to be your Valentine? No fear, Liza Atamy is here to offer some Valentine's Day alternatives for all you Bah Humbugs

The day of amour has graced its presence once again, and for those who do not have a significant other to celebrate with, it can be a daunting presence.

Valentine's Day for "lovers only" is so 20th century. Like computers, cell phones and iPods, this day has also been revolutionized.

Today is a great day to express love to family members and friends. Better yet, it is a great day to brush up on your social skills and pick-up lines by going out on the town and mingling with fellow V-Day boycotters.

There are plenty of fun Valentine's Day alternatives for the single crew and those couples who find it demeaning to have just one day to shower one another with gifts.

Some bars and lounges in downtown San Jose are on the same page as you and are refraining from making tonight all about love. If you want to keep the evening casual and stay away from anything that gushes the day of romance, here are a few places to try out:

If you're a soccer fan and want to spend the evening lounging and playing games while listening to tunes pleasant to the ears, Britannia Arms Pub located on 173 W. Santa Clara St. is the place to be. Order a

drink, kick back with some friends and enjoy the games on big screen televisions. In the mood to take your frustration of not having a valentine out on something? Shoot some darts or play many other games that are available in the pub.

Located on 5420 Thornewood Drive, 300 San Jose is a "strikingly different" ultimate indoor entertainment experience, according to Citysearch, an online lifestyle guide. With a full-service bar and lounge, you will receive an "upscale club, sports bar" service. Fifty-nine state-of-the-art bowling lanes are featured. There is a casual dining menu for worked-up appetites as well.

Want to keep the evening light in order to save your energy (and money) for the weekend?

Make tonight movie night with fellow single friends and/or boycotters. Catch a flick at Camera 12 Cinema on South Second Street and get a bite to eat at one of the dozen or so restaurants in the area.

On Friday evening, you can head over to the V Bar, located on 355 Santana Row, looking your best and lounging in an upscale, serene, Asian-themed ambience with plenty of oversized couches surrounded by candles and enjoyable music. The drinks



LUKE CUNNINGHAM / SPARTAN DAILY

Yuri Mikami, a senior animation-illustration major, browses through the Valentine's Day table in the Spartan Bookstore for last-minute gift ideas. But why waste your money on gifts when you could spend it at a full-service bar at one of Downtown San Jose's hotspots?

may be a bit pricey for your college budget, but they are definitely worth spending a few extra dollars. There is an outdoor seating area surrounded by fountains and heaters as well.

If you're in a financial pickle and do not want to be in a loud and overcrowded environment full of people who are most likely under the influence, try going home to pay a visit to

the 'rents and perhaps help cook a delectable dinner. What better way to celebrate today than with the people who gave you life thanks to their love?

Want to forget about the obsessive, burdensome realizations that you're about to graduate and finally start your professional life, yet you have don't have that "other half" beside you as you grow in your ca-

reer? Get a group of friends together at your place and order pizza. Plenty of food and alcohol will make your worries fade away all the while engaging in stimulating conversation (or ranting rather) about how much love sucks and how relieving it is not having to adjust your day to someone else's schedule.

Downtown San Jose caters to the

needs of its diverse community with venues that are suitable for couples, singles, friends and families.

Spend the evening by taking a nice walk downtown and exploring. Happy overpriced bouquet, thigh-torturing chocolate, artificial romance day!

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NEWS COMMENTARY

1,510 years
later:
HallmarkBy JOHN ELLIS
Staff Writer

Centuries ago men and boys went into an ancient Roman cave where they sacrificed goats, an animal they saw as the embodiment of sexuality.

After the slaying, two boys were required to laugh, and long strips of flesh were cut out of the victims and dipped in sacrificial blood.

The boys then ran about slapping everything within reach, mostly women, with the blood-soaked meat-whip to achieve fertility for the land, the animals and the people.

Afterward, a number of young women would write their names down and place them into an urn, where an equal number of young men would draw the names out and couple-up for a year, which often resulted in marriage, according to Encyclopedia Britannica.

This Pagan ritual, known as "Lupercalia," lasted in like-fashion well into the rise of Christianity until it was deemed un-Christian by Pope Gelasius and outlawed. The pope created a similar holiday to celebrate love in 498 A.D. named St. Valentine's Day, according to the History Channel.

A quote from the February 14, 1853, edition of the New York Times sums up the transition in celebrations and its long history.

"It is generally believed that the ceremonies are of Roman origin, but that some jovial Christian liking the fun, ignored its heathen parentage and fathered the customs in some way or other upon poor Saint Valentine," the article stated.

Valentine's Day is one of those mysterious historical conundrums that is doomed never to be solved. What St. Valentine had to do with the 14th of February and the symbolism of a boy with wings shooting arrows, heart-shaped everything and romantic scribbles may never be known.

No one even knows which St. Valentine was made the figurehead of this Pagan/Christian holiday, but people today, in many places around the world, exchange cards and letters of love and courtship.

At the post office in the campus bookstore, Valentine's Day is second only to Christmas as the busiest mailing holiday of the year.

"People think they have to participate," said Ashley Tow, a freshman kinesiology major who works in the postal and customer service department of the Spartan Bookstore. "The guys always want to make sure the package will be on time."

Ben Eberle, a graduate student in fine arts, sent a package to his girlfriend in Connecticut. He said he usually doesn't do anything for Valentine's Day, but last year he received multiple gifts from his girlfriend and wanted to return the favor.

"I have a really cool girlfriend back home," Eberle said. "She doesn't care, but I wanted to do it anyways."

Students think of loved ones besides their significant others.

Stacy Schwartz, a graduate student

"I'm doing something real nice and special for my girl. You know what I am saying?"

YA YA POWELL
visiting from Sacramento State University

in art history, sent a handmade card back home to her parents.

"I've done it every year since I've been away at school," Schwartz said. "Sometimes they send me one but not always."

Schwartz, a native of Kansas City, the headquarters of Hallmark, said that even though it is too commercialized, she has Valentine's Day plans with her boyfriend this weekend.

"It's just a really good excuse to do something, especially when we're so busy," Schwartz said.

One student was planning to spend money on not-so-Valentine's Day gifts, while still keeping to the ancient February spirit of coupling and passion.

"I'm doing something real nice and special for my girl. You know what I'm saying?," said Ya Ya Powell, a Sacramento State student visiting her girlfriend at SJSU for the week. "It's a surprise, though. I told her I'm taking her to McDonald's."

Campus Voices

What are you doing for Valentine's Day?



"We call it 'Black Thursday.' My cousins and I are going to dinner in Alameda, just the three girls."

Becky Plaza
not a student



"Getting drunk and watching Sleepless in Seattle."

Corinne Speckert
junior
journalism



"Going to the movies."

Anastasia Liznenkora
freshman
business management



"Sleep, work."

Jarad Smith
junior
biology



"Hopefully find a girl and take it from there."

Chad Stein
sophomore
radio, television, film and theatre



"Making an extended Valentines, going to the country for the weekend toward Yosemite."

Rebecca Kuechler
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I think of each morning
when I rise. You're the last
thing I think of when I
close my eyes.
I love you
Adlana!

Edith –
I am proud to be with you.
Happy Valentine's Day!

Love, Paul

Attention Sophisticated Ladies of Sigma Omega Phi
and all of our lovely prospects,

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY !! My workoholic Jak-a\$\$
boyfriend is working, so imma be at home alone.
Come play Wii with me!!

Love,
Destyny

Gregory,
Thank you for the past three
years of friendship, romance,
and support. You are an
amazing man and I feel so
lucky to be with you. I love
you! Xoxo.
Jessica

As time goes by from year
to year, one thing is surely
true my dear; no one else
could take your place. You'll
always be my love and best
friend. Luv u Archie!
Lety

I hate you for
making me pay for this!
I'll remember this!
Better watch your back!
I love you.

I just wanna tell you that
the night we shared that
ca"jun" chicken was the
most spectacular night of
my life!
Love,
Your JuPa

Thank you for this past
year of being together.
I love you Galicia.

Lisa,
I am glad you're here. I
love you with all my heart.
You make the best
sandwiches a guy could
ask for.
I love you!

Hey Baby,
You're smart, funny, sexy,
pretty, hard working,
respectful, family oriented,
loving, caring, and you
put with me... Where do
you find the energy?
Love,
Joe

Hey C!
You make my aperture open
wider, and my heart rate
increase more everyday!
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love,
J

Matthew,
You have made me smile and
laugh each of the 1,215 days
we have been together. You
make me so happy and
I love you very much
Love,
Kimmie

Courtney Pong,
Roses are red
Vilets are bleu
Wut in the world wud I do
without you. I can't weight to
see you tonight!
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Happy Birthday B-Toria!!

Love you tons,
Da-Baby

The Ladies of Kappa
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and students a very
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With love,
KΔ

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comming back for more!
Love,
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Roses are red. Chocolates are brown.
Hoping this Valentine proves that we're down.

Fraternally,
The Gentlemen of Pi Kappa Alpha

Sandra Arroyo,
En este día de San
Valentin, te quiero
decir con todo
Corazon que es una
bendicion estar a tu
lado.
265 Luis G.

John Mayer,

Let's make out!!!

Courtney Pong

~~Wanted:~~ Found: One of a
kind, perfect boyfriend
(will sell cloning rights for
\$500,000,000.00).
I Love You James!
Love,
Girlfriend

Jennifer,

Your sunshine smile
melts my heart
every day.

Chris

Valentines

Dear Thuy Pham 0204

In the recent months we have been together, there wasn't a day that went by that I didn't think of you. Even now, the images of you always appear in my mind everyday. A day without talking to you and without hearing your voice, laughter, and seeing you wouldn't be a day at all. I miss you and I wish I could still be there to care for you and I'll always be by your side whenever you need. Anh nha em nhieu!

From: AT 0724

Emily – The trouble with describing in words how much I love you is that they never adequately tell you I love you.
– Tom

Chris S.
I just wanted to say I love you and can't wait for the rest of our lives together!
Love,
Jenna J.

Dearest K,
It's been an amazing year with you so far. I can't wait to see what the future holds for us.
Happy Valentine's.
–John

Happy Valentine's Day!
I love you Stephanie R.
From: Herb Real

A special day,
a special time when
I am glad you are mine.
I love you Pupu!
– Love Dudu

Courtney Pong,
yes you're the sweetest girl
that's why I wrote you
a song, for the record
I'll never do you wrong.
Lee West

Happy Valentine's Day
to Blake, Stephanie,
Kirk, Andrea, and Steven.
Ditto to the Spartan
Daily Staff.
Love, Mom

Roses are red,
violets are blue...
And baby I love you!!!
Happy Valentine's Day
Zzleepy!
- Love
DPZ

To: Angelica Cortez
Happy 20th Birthday Ading
Angelica! Sorry I can't take
you out today, but I will
make it up to you.
Love, Ate
Karen

Cupcake-
Smile!
For you are incredible!
I love you.
–Your Sweetie
Pumpkin

I miss you like the sun
misses the flower.
Like the sun misses
the flowers in the
depths
of winter.

Tavian,
You will always be my
little man and you will
always have my
unconditional love.
Love,
Mommy

Hey Samantha C.
a.k.a. Sammy.
I think you're really cute.
From Marco S.

Dear Diane,
When I think of you, I think of
the song Lemonade. You make
me smile everyday and every
moment with you is great.
Love,
Angelo

Monah,
You are my best friend and
you will always have my
unconditional love.
Love,
Mommy

Even though ur a work-a-holic
Jak-a\$\$ and leaving me alone
on Valentine's, I still love you
because since we've moved in
together, every day has been
Valentine's Day.
Love,
Baby Jak

Erica, Amanda,
Joella, Andrea,
I'll see you later.
Kim too!
–Alvyn

To Ann, my love,
Have a spectacular
Valentine's Day.
From: Your soul mate
J.W.
With love
always.

Dear Mar,
Happy anniversary! It's been
seven awesome years with
you, and plenty more to come!
Thanks for always being there
for me! I love you so hella
much!! You're one and
only Jose P.S.
you're freaken
gorgeous

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Peach flaVored water "Ewww! It's gross, try it"
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6am master garden shOw
21hrs Black Friday camp oUt

LOVE YOU Matthew

SJSU softball team squeaks by Cal

Late-game heroics and gutsy pitching propel Spartans to victory

By **CHRIS BAUSINGER**
Staff Writer

Spartans’ junior catcher Brittany McConnell’s single in the bottom of the sixth inning drove in the game-winning runs in SJSU’s 3-2 victory over the UC Berkeley Golden Bears on Wednesday.

With the game tied 1-1, senior left fielder Elizabeth Perez singled down the third baseline with one out, to start the late-game rally. The following batter, junior shortstop Kelli Fangonilo, was hit by a pitch and put two Spartans on the base paths.

A wild pitch put the two runners in scoring position, and McConnell promptly brought them in with her clutch single.

Head coach Peter Turner said he was pleased his team was able to capture the home opener, but he is already preparing for the team’s next game against Seton Hall in the Louisville Slugger Desert Classic in Las Vegas.

Turner has seen the Spartans fall four times in the later innings this season and understands the importance of Wednesday’s victory.

“We need to learn to win every inning and create some distance so we have some margin for error,” he said.

Spartans’ sophomore first baseman Natasha Hawkins said she was excited about the late-game win. Hawkins went 1-3 with a double and was batting .308 for the season going into the game with Cal.

“We are learning to come back in the end,” she said.

SJSU took an early led when junior center fielder Sarah Taylor led off with a double and was later driven in by Fangonilo with a sacrifice fly.

The Spartans, led by left-handed



ANDREW VILLA / SPARTAN DAILY



ANDREW VILLA / SPARTAN DAILY

Above: Shortstop Kelli Fangonilo is congratulated by third baseman Danielle Brown after her defensive gem.

Left: Fangonilino went all-out to make a diving play, then turned the double play — throwing the runner out at first base.

Louisville Slugger Desert Classic

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SJSU takes the field Friday, Feb. 15, to face Seton Hall and bounces back the 16th for doubleheader action against Texas-El Paso and BYU.

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CAMPUS VOICES

Do you agree with SJSU's ban on blood drives?



"I've never been allowed to donate blood myself because I don't meet the weight category. And if we were going to talk about discrimination, I could consider it a discrimination as well. ... But again, it comes back to the safety issue. They're trying to look out for my safety. ... So, it's more to me a science, health, bio-health issue — not discrimination or anything like that."

ZEBHA KHAN
senior
justice studies



"I really don't care one way or the other because I'm sure if somebody wants to give blood, then there's more than enough opportunity to do so. But, on the other hand, I'm sure it would probably be better if it was on campus because that would get more people who wouldn't do it otherwise or are lazy."

DYLAN GREGORY
junior
social work



"I think they're safe. I've done it before. I have no objections toward them. I support blood donations freely. I think that anyone who wants to donate blood should, especially with students living on campus. They don't really have much access to donate blood elsewhere other than San Jose State campus."

JOHN JOINES
transfer student
digital media



"I believe there should be blood drives on the campus. I believe that not everybody's going to be HIV affected and if there's a way of detecting it, then I think you should go ahead and do that. And that would be, what, 1 percent of people who have HIV? Just out of my head, it would be 1 percent because I'm sure people are quite educated these days, and I'm sure they're protecting themselves."

PRIYA SUBRAMANIAN
freshman
business

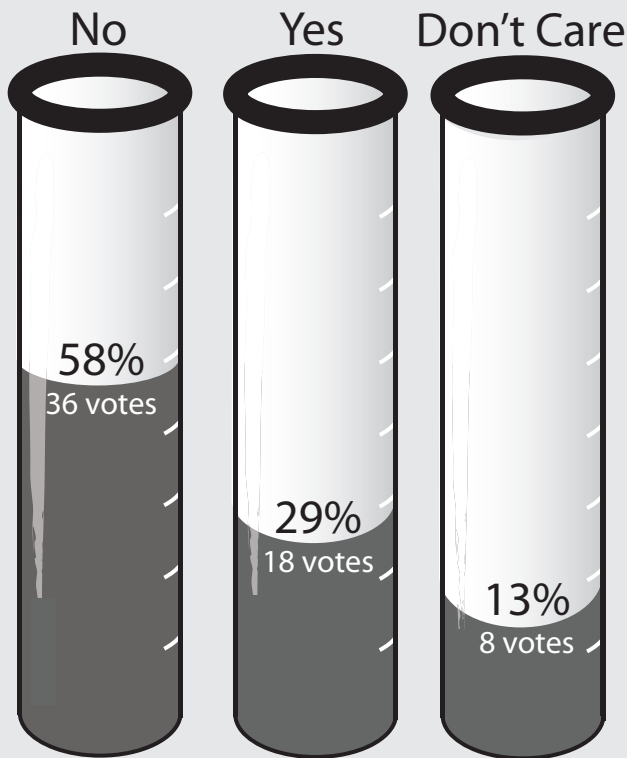


"I'm kind of against it, I think. I mean, I don't have that much research on it, but if they have ways of detecting if they have AIDS or not, then, I don't see what the problem would be, especially if it can save somebody else's life. I find it hypocritical for (the FDA) to ban (gay men from donating) seeing that somebody might have AIDS when we already can determine that fact."

VARUN PATHAK
senior
finance

ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Do you agree with SJSU's ban on blood drives?



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Throw a monkey wrench into that box of chocolates



By MICHAEL PASAOA
Senior Staff Writer

I was a virgin of Valentine's Day dates until last year. You always remember your first. Right before she went home that night, I said, "I have something for you. It's the same thing you gave me the first time I ever saw you." She looked at me confused. "You gave me butterflies," I said, showing her a butterfly keychain. I'm saying all this now because it's probably too late for you to do anything original if you haven't already

done so. You're probably looking at your roses right now thinking you're so creative because you bought them from Safeway.

I mean, if you got her that glowing rose from "Beauty and the Beast," well that's a different story.

Speaking of Disney, I took this girl out for sushi and told her, "There's plenty of fish in the sea, but you're my Little Mermaid."

Some of my friend-girls told me they'd rather hear something like that instead of what they normally get.

"I don't know what else to get her," my friend-boy whined, after grabbing a teddy bear, roses, chocolate and a Hallmark card.

He should buy her a pillow, because, yawn, that made me so sleepy.

Singles and couples alike complain about all of the stencil ideas that most use, but we should take this time to celebrate most couples' unoriginality.

Thank them for being so boring with their jewelry and candy because our impact will be amplified when we do something creative.

Please don't tell me you listened to those Verizon commercials and bought someone a pink phone. OK, don't panic. If you did, at least say, "It's because I'll always be here for you to call on."

I already used that line though, so try harder. Like, if you plan on having sex tonight, say, "It's because my body's calling for you."

My suggestion is to get something that's commonplace and just splash some meaning into it.

Get her a condom and look into her eyes softly and say, "Baby, I'm always here to protect you from all the nuts in this world."

Wait, I did that for someone's Co-tillion already.

Get her an A-cup bra and tell her

you'll never bounce and will keep it real like a flat chest.

Draw a map of her heart and tell her that you want to know her routes/roots like MapQuest.

Maybe you could take her on a mountain while "Truly, Madly, Deeply" plays from your stereo and whisper, "When we're quiet, I can hear your heart race. I don't need the sky, in your eyes I could stargaze."

That's why Valentine's Day is my favorite, not because the weak-ass movie "Jumper" finally comes out, but because there's so many ways to break away from this generated romantic aura yet still do something special.

I don't know most people on campus, but I'm hoping all the couples have open minds and have the ability to joke around with each other when it comes to these setup holidays.

To me, that's the only way to go about it.

Letter to the editor

The letter below refers to Michael Rizzo's column "Bad Blood" from Feb. 7.

Column inspired first-time blood donation

I have been following the SJSU Blood Drive Ban, and first off, I would like to say that I found Michael Rizzo's editorial immensely brave. And perhaps it was a little unsettling for some readers, but I found it disturbing because I realized he was right. California's blood shortage stems from eligible donors not donating. I am proud that SJSU and Kassing are standing up against discrimination, and I fully support their decision. That being said, as a straight female with so-called "good blood," I felt the urge to stand up and do my part to help with the blood shortage. So last Friday, I became a first-time blood donor, thanks to Michael Rizzo's editorial. I believe the blood drive is discriminatory, and the policies should be changed, but while we wait for the progressive movement to start, those who need our blood should not be deprived. But we should all remember the words of Martin Luther King: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." And here on SJSU's campus, I stand behind President Kassing's decision to no longer participate in government-sponsored discrimination.

-Karlina Paredes
senior, history major

Aunt Sam's Log Cabin

Hug 'em, then log 'em

Gay Republican. It should be an oxymoron. But it's not.

Mark Patrosso, 52, told me he's always been on the more "moderate, centrist wing of the party."

In 1990, he founded the Silicon Valley chapter of the "nation's leading voice for fairness, inclusion and tolerance in the GOP" — the Log Cabin Republicans. It's a gay political activist club.

"We come in dressed just like them," he said. "We have real jobs. We're real professionals. So they can't just say, 'You're a bunch of weird people.' Plus, we write checks."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I respect (Barack Obama) and the campaign he has run. But there is going to be time when we have to get into specifics, and I have heard not every speech he has given, obviously, but they are singularly lacking in specifics.

SEN. JOHN MCCAIN

Said to more than 4,000 people at a fairgrounds in Robstown, Texas.

TUCKER | ‘You need to learn your own history’

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the fight all about.”

“You need to learn your own history,” he said.

Colors painting a new path in life

“I wanted to express what I learned from history,” Tucker said. “So I started putting it on canvas, and that’s how I accumulated these paintings.”

Tucker started learning about different artists when he attended San Jose State University in 1992. He said he got his inspiration from artists such as Henri Matisse and Leonardo Da Vinci.

In art, it is very important to follow a master and recreate ideas through one’s own self, Tucker said. He was always inspired by his art Professor Rupert Garcia, who guided him through his education.

“I liked to paint things that was hidden in my personality,” Tucker said. “So, I guess my personality came out with colors and paints.”

Affie Mahini, owner of Cafe Pomegranate, said she met Tucker

through the church members who frequently meet up for meals at the Persian cuisine eatery on San Fernando and Fifth Street.

She said she knew Tucker was going through a hard time. After seeing his art and being impressed by it, she suggested displaying it at her restaurant.

Tucker’s art was displayed at Cafe Pomegranate for the month of January.

“Everybody gave positive comments,” said Mahini. “The simplicity, the movement, the colors.”

The majority of Tucker’s artwork is related to black culture, heritage and way of life.

“Certain things in my history classes ...” Tucker said. “When I read different articles, just expressions came out.”

Mahini said displaying Tucker’s art means a lot to her not only because of its impact on others, but on him as well.

“When I met Richard he was a little quieter,” she said. “He was into himself, shy about things. But then when he was here talking about his art, showing his art, he was a totally different character. He bloomed. He

was excited. He loved it.”

Bonding with a community

Six months ago, Raby helped Rucker look for a home. She said with the help of donors at the church, Tucker was able to move into a studio on Third Street in downtown San Jose.

“I noticed him just getting sicker and sicker,” Raby said. “When he would hold the communion cups his hands would shake so badly that the juice was swooping all over the place. We just knew he could not go through another winter living in his car.”

She said his relationship with the church members flourished, and he was elected to the board of elders. Tucker is now a deacon of the church.

“He never waits to be asked. If he sees something that needs doing, he does it,” said MaryGrace Humphrey, a member of the church.

These days, Tucker volunteers at a senior citizen house at St. James park where he serves food and earns a bite to eat. He gets \$940 a month for disability and social security – \$800 of

which goes to rent.

“Last week, I got a call from Liberty Towers, that we had applied for him,” Raby said, “and they said they have a place available, but he’s not quite old enough.”

Liberty Towers is subsidized housing for seniors that charges 30 percent of a senior’s income per month for rent. Tucker will reach the age requirement in September.

“He’s more excited about that than anything because then he can have some money,” Raby said.

Tucker said he continues to find himself through daily conversations with strangers who are willing to exchange a word.

“If I’m sitting around the library, and I see some person that’s been around for a long time,” he said, “I try to get to know that person and talk to that person — find out what their history was like. And then I read, and I look, and then I paint.”

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Top right: Richard Tucker, 61, a former SJSU student, holds his painting “The Virgin Mary.” Middle left: One of Tucker’s self-inspired works “Self Portrait.” Middle right: Tucker remembers reading literature that inspired the painting on the right. The left painting is an abstract of Jazz musician Miles Davis. Bottom: Tucker sits on the steps of the First Christian Church on Fifth Street.

Hewlett-Packard sorts out spy claims

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JOSE — Hewlett-Packard Co. reached a financial settlement with The New York Times and three BusinessWeek journalists who were spied on as part of the company’s boardroom surveillance scheme, the company said late Wednesday.

The Palo Alto-based company declined to comment on the dollar figure attached to the settlement, as did the lawyer representing the Times, one of its reporters, John Markoff, and BusinessWeek reporters Peter Burrows, Ben Elgin and Roger Crockett. HP said the parties donated some or all of the money to charity.

The settlement ties up one of the remaining threads left hanging from the spying scandal, which erupted in September 2006 after the technology company revealed it secretly examined the private telephone logs of journalists, board members and HP employees to identify the source of leaks to the media.

Investigators hired by HP used a technique called “pretexting” —

pretending to be someone you’re not — to fool telephone companies into handing over personal cell phone and home phone records.

The scandal led to the ouster of Chairwoman Patricia Dunn and criminal charges in California against Dunn and four private investigators. Those charges were later dropped, but one investigator, Bryan Wagner, was charged in federal court and pleaded guilty to identity theft and conspiracy. He’s awaiting sentencing.

“What HP did here was try and interfere with the free press,” Terry Gross, the journalists’ San Francisco-based attorney, said Wednesday, the day the settlement was finalized. “They engaged in these illegal activities to interfere with legitimate news-gathering. ... Their whole purpose was to obtain the trade secrets of the newspapers and of the journalists — the identities of their sources.”

HP said in a statement that the issue was “resolved to the mutual satisfaction of the parties, and we are pleased to put this matter behind us.”

The settlement, however, does not

resolve lawsuits brought by another group of journalists whose phone records were also compromised in HP’s probe.

Five separate lawsuits claiming “illegal and reprehensible conduct” were filed in August in San Francisco Superior Court against HP, Dunn and Kevin Hunsaker, the company’s former ethics chief.

The plaintiffs in those lawsuits, which are still pending, include three reporters from online media company CNET Networks Inc.’s News.com — Dawn Kawamoto, Stephen Shankland and Tom Krazit — and one former reporter from The Associated Press — Rachel Konrad, who is Shankland’s wife. Other plaintiffs are Kawamoto’s husband, Jon Kawamoto, and Shankland’s parents, Thomas and Rebecca Shankland.

Separately, HP agreed in December 2006 to pay \$14.5 million in a civil settlement with California’s Attorney General, most of which was slated to fund investigations into privacy rights and intellectual property violations.

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