



THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

DRIVING DOWN LOS GATOS' HICKS ROAD See SPARTAN DAILY, this week.

See **OPINION**, page 5.

NO ADULTS ALLOWED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY CHILDREN CPC 6536

VOLUME 130
ISSUE 22

thespartandaily.com

SPARTAN DAILY

69° / 43°
MOSTLY SUNNY

SERVING SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008

FREE SINCE 1934

Cinequest brings film world local

Festival showcases independent movies in San Jose theaters

By **TARA DUFFY**
Staff Writer

Downtown San Jose was abuzz this weekend with film lovers from all over the country.

The 18th Cinequest Film Festival will be downtown from now until March 9.

Films are being shown at the San Jose Repertory Theatre, the California Theatre and Camera 12 Cinemas.

The Cinequest Film Festival, showing over 80 films this year, serves to introduce new and local filmmakers.

Scott Milder, 30, said he came to San Jose from New Mexico as a part of the 48 Hour Film Project.

"(It has been) so far, so good," Milder said. "Although, I have pretty much been inside

the theater the whole time."

The 48 Hour Film Project is an international filmmaking competition, also known as "filmopalooza," where an entire film is made within one weekend, exactly 48 hours from a chosen Friday night.

The films are then presented and judged by an audience, and the makers of the winning film are awarded a \$7,500 prize.

Jacob Hablin, 35, said he was attending Cinequest to premiere his film "The Sinking of Santa Isabel," a picture about a man who wants to make good on a goal he set when he was 12 years old.

The film made its world debut at the festival March 2.

Filmmaker Andrew James,

See **QUEST**, Page 4



JAMES JEFFREY / SPARTAN DAILY

Above: Nick Martin (left) and Chris Faulkner (right), radio, television and film majors, display their festival passes, which were given to students who worked on the features and short films that are showing at this year's festival.



AARON WALDMAN / SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Spartans forward Colby Moore pushed past a San Jose Earthquakes defender during an exhibition game at Spartan Field on Saturday morning.

Spartans kick it with pros

Soccer team reconnects with returning Earthquakes

By **COLEEN WATSON**
Staff Writer

About 250 people came out to watch the SJSU men's soccer team host an exhibition game against the San Jose Earthquakes of Major League Soccer. The Spartans fell 3-0 at Spartan Field to the Earthquakes who return to San Jose as an expansion team after a three-season hiatus.

SJSU head coach Gary St. Clair said the Earthquakes and the Spartans had yearly scrimmages before

the Quakes left San Jose in 2005.

The Spartans came off of a 10-9 fall season, and Saturday morning's was their first game of the spring.

"It was a bit disappointing," said team captain Ed Brand. "We're a better team than we showed today."

"They were a better team than we were," he said. "That's expected though. They're getting paid for it."

St. Clair, now in his 18th season with SJSU, said, "I think this was a great way to measure where we are in the spring."

He added that his team would

head back to the training field and continue to work hard.

The Quakes started strong, quickly moving into Spartan territory on the soccer field.

In the sixth minute of the game Earthquakes defender Jay Ayres took a pass from an indirect kick and headed the ball into the back of the net.

"It was a pretty easy game," Ayres said. "Not too intense."

He said it was a good game and a good chance for players who don't

See **QUAKES**, Page 3

It was all Kassing at game's halftime

By **KATE TAYLOR**
Staff Writer

Cutouts of SJSU President Don Kassing's face on Popsicle sticks filled the Event Center on Thursday, as many of the 2,247 basketball fans in attendance held Kassing masks to their faces in honor of the president.

"Kassing Appreciation Night" took place at the SJSU men's basketball game against Boise State University — the Spartans lost to the Broncos 74-68.

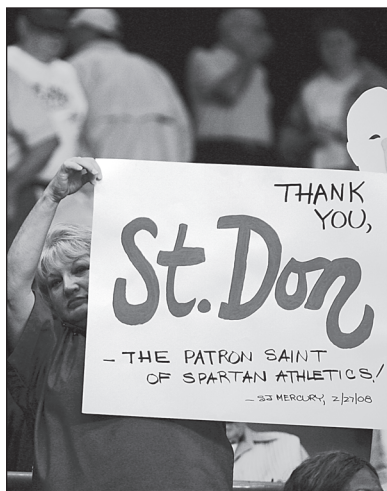
President Kassing was recognized during halftime and was awarded with the team-autographed game ball.

A voice recording by SJSU gymnast co-captain Michelle Minotti played over the loud speaker recognizing Kassing for his dedication to the university's athletic program.

Former SJSU football quarterback Adam Tafalis, who made a halftime appearance, expressed his gratitude for Kassing's faith in and support of the football program.

"I love you for everything you've done," Tafalis said.

After handing the game ball to the Kassing, SJSU's athletic direc-



ANDREW VILLA / SPARTAN DAILY

Above: A fan credits Kassing for rejuvenating SJSU sports.

tor Tom Bowen waited until the standing ovation and cheering subsided to say his words of thanks.

Prior to halftime, Kassing said he had no idea what was planned for the evening. He laughed when a game called "Where's Kassing" — similar to "Where's Waldo" — was played during a first-half timeout.

One student was chosen to search among the scores of Kass-

ing-masked faces for the real President Kassing.

"He revived the football program that was almost gone completely by putting full support into it," Tafalis said. "We'd never had that before. We had administrators who didn't want us around, and teachers ... that were petitioning to get us out. And he told them, 'Listen, we're going to have a football team. So you better support them, and they're going to be good.'"

Though Kassing passed off credit for the success of the university's football program to head coach Dick Tomey, he said he appreciated the recognition from the athletic program.

"What I've tried to do is create a set of circumstances where the intercollegiate athletic program here really becomes an important part of what happens," Kassing said in an interview. "Because people affiliate with the intercollegiate athletics — alumni do, the city does — so it's an important part of college life."

Bowen said Kassing Appreciation Night was the idea of SJSU stu-

See **KASSING**, Page 2

HOW DO I EAT ON \$20 FOR FIVE DAYS AT SJSU?

One man's story of Ramen and half-and-half: Priceless



By **ANGELO LANHAM**
Staff Writer

College students have more lint than cash in their pockets, but until the Student Union accepts dust bunnies as currency, it's time for students to live within their means.

I took the \$20 challenge: \$20 for food for the entire week, and I could only buy things within a block of campus.

DAY ONE

Unless all of the fast-food giants had suddenly developed \$0.25 menus, I knew I'd need some groceries.

The Campus Village Market has atrocious prices, as do all 7-Elevens that surround the campus. Good thing I'm a smart shopper.

Case in point: I discovered that Campus Village had a number of water-damaged boxes of cereal, reduced in cost by \$1.99.

This brought an outrageous \$5.99 all the way down to an outrageous \$4. Score.

I ended up with Corn Flakes. After about 20 minutes of trying to decide which water-damaged cereal I would be eating for the next five days, I grabbed three packets of Top Ramen, the leader in economical malnutrition. Ramen packets are just \$0.33 each, a superior deal to 7-Eleven's \$0.50 per bag.

To ensure a balanced diet, I grabbed a package of Pop-Tarts for \$2.99.

I sat down for my noon breakfast, a delicious bowl of Corn Flakes, and realized that I didn't have any milk.

I saved myself from a barren bowl of cereal by realizing that five packets of McDonald's half-and-half, which had been sitting

See **BUDGET**, Page 4

SOME PIG, SOME MOVIE

Christina Ricci stands out as a pig-nosed heroine in the new romantic film "Penelope." See **STUDENT CULTURE**, page 6

SO-CALLED PHILANTHROPY

"Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" tugs at our heartstrings but also spits in the face of generosity. See **OPINION**, page 5

RIVALRY WEEKEND

The SJSU baseball team faced Santa Clara in a three-game battle of the undefeateds over the weekend. See **SPORTS**, page 3



CHRIS BAUSINGER / SPARTAN DAILY

INDEX

Classifieds.....	4
Columns.....	5
Crossword,Sudoku.....	4
Sparta Guide.....	2
Sports.....	3
Student Culture.....	6

INSIDE the **DAILY**

TUITION | Fee break may foster diversity

Continued from Page 1

sities with a "blind-need" application process, meaning, when evaluating an academic application a family's financial situation is not taken into consideration.

"This will help students from lower-income families move up by attending a college like Stanford," said Brandon Ingram, a senior SJSU biology major.

Ingram, 23, said he thinks it would be great if Stanford had more diversity among its student body.

"It's an outstanding plan to help people pay for tuition," said Dr. Brian McBeth, a Stanford graduate in 1995 and emergency-room doctor at O'Connor hospital in San Jose.

McBeth said if part of the plan is to make the university a more diverse campus, everyone in the University would benefit. He said, though, that when he attended Stanford, he said,

he felt like the school was very diverse.

Sarah Holcomb, pursuing a teaching credential, said Stanford's new financial-aid policy "will possibly encourage more people to apply, who might be brilliant but don't feel they can afford the school's tuition."

SJSU media relations specialist Harris said, students should go to the best school for them, and that decision has to be assessed on an individual basis.

From the Wire

Associated Press

Local man accidentally runs over, kills stepson

San Jose

A San Jose family is mourning the death of a toddler who died after his stepfather accidentally ran over him with a pickup truck.

Police say 2-year-old Alexander Moran Cabrera was killed Friday morning when Jose Luis Corona backed over the boy with his 2002 Chevy Silverado.

When Corona realized he had hit something, he got out of the truck,

picked up the toddler and called 911.

Last year, more than 100 children were killed in "back-over" deaths in the U.S., according to statistics compiled by the group Kids And Cars.

Coincidentally, President Bush signed legislation this week mandating government standards that require car manufacturers to provide better rearview visibility.

Santa Cruz man charged with importing, selling steroids

San Jose

A Santa Cruz man has been charged with importing steroids bought online and selling them to

recovering addicts and people at a local gym.

James Edward Moore Jr. pleaded guilty to two felony charges on Thursday in federal court in San Jose.

The 31-year-old man is accused of buying steroids and human growth hormone over the Internet from China and Moldova last year.

Moore was arrested after agents discovered an international express mail package sent to a Santa Cruz halfway house he managed and lived in.

Moore allegedly told agents he was using the drugs for health problems and selling them to people at a local Gold's Gym.

KASSING | 'My coach said he really changed everything'

Continued from Page 1

dent-athletes.

"The student-athletes wanted to do something to recognize the president for what he'd done for them in his tenure here," he said. "So we said 'how about a game where we could dedicate and bring the crowd together?'"

The appreciation night was the first and only night of its kind in the almost three years Kassing has served as president of SJSU.

Leonard Lithen, a senior radio,

television and film major, said he thought Kassing deserved to be appreciated.

"I believe he's behind the building of the new student housing," Lithen, 26, said, "and (he) helped get Dick Tomey over here for football, and George Nessman for basketball, and Tom Bowen as well. I just hope the next president is committed to athletics."

Lauren Lewis, a freshman on the women's water polo team, whose major is undeclared, said her coach

told her about the appreciation night.

"My coach said he really changed everything," she said, "and he made it so that we would have a football team he did a lot for the student athletes."

Bowen said they chose to honor Kassing this year because he's retiring in June.

When asked what life after SJSU entailed, Kassing said he intends to move to Arizona, but doesn't have anything specific planned.

SPARTA GUIDE

EVENT CALENDAR

Today

Lecture: "What could search engine designers learn from the reference interview"

John Dove, CEO of Credo Reference will speak. School of Library and Information Science Colloquia Series Noon to 1 p.m. at King Library Room 255, 257 Contact: Marcia Laughrey, 924-2490, laughrey@slis.sjsu.edu

Counseling Services Lecture: Painfully Perfect

Does it take you forever to make a decision? Do you feel that nothing you do is quite good enough? You may be trying to be perfect. Come see how this is impacting your life and learn how to be happier with who you are. 3 to 4 p.m. at Administration Building Room 201. Contact: Deanna Peck, 924-5910, georgette.gale@sjsu.edu

Panel Discussion: Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility

Richard Levy, chairman of the Varian Medical Systems Board of Directors; Robert Kieve, founder and president of Empire Broadcasting Corporation; Richard Okumoto, principle at ANR Ventures, Inc.; Moderated by Dr. Gary Silver, retired cardio-thoracic surgeon and private investor. 6 to 8 p.m. at Student Union Barrett Ballroom.

Tomorrow

Counseling Services Discussion: Students with Disabilities

A supportive environment to socialize, share and discuss personal experiences. Bring your own lunch. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Administration Building Room 201. Contact: Sybille Ulrike & Carolyn Rittenbach, 924-5910, dgalest@sjsu.edu

Student Fee Forum

Discuss the effect of CSU Budget Cuts and the California State Budget Deficit. Rose Lee, vice president of Finance for SJSU; Associated Students President Benjamin Henderson; and Director of Student Fee Affairs Esther Alumba

will host the forum. Seating is limited. Arrive early. Noon to 2 p.m. at Student Union Pacifica Room. Contact: Christy Riggins, criggins@as.sjsu.edu, or A.S. Government Office, 924-6240, criggins@as.sjsu.edu

Associated Students Board of Directors Candidate Orientation

Candidates statements, initiatives and referendums are due March 7 at 3 p.m. and can be turned in at Clark Hall Student Involvement. Noon to 1:30 p.m. at Student Union Ohlone Room. Contact: Kathryn Bell, 805-427-2587

Music and Conversation: Wayne Horvitz, Composer

12:30 to 1:15 p.m. at Music Building Concert Hall. Contact: Joan Stubbe, 924-4649, jstubbe@email.sjsu.edu

School of Art & Design Lecture: "Gottfried Helnwein: I Walk Alone"

In conjunction with the opening of his exhibition in the Thompson Gallery this evening, Los Angeles painter Helnwein will discuss his work, techniques, inspirations, and foci of his dark, often unsettling photo-realist works. 5 p.m. at Art Building Room 133 Contact: 924-4327, tbelcher@sjsuvm1.sjsu.edu

Associated Students Board of Directors Candidate Orientation

Candidates statements, initiatives and referendums are due March 7 at 3 p.m. and can be turned in at Clark Hall Student Involvement. 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Campus Village Building B RAC Room A. Contact: Kathryn Bell, 805-427-2587

Professional Activity

The event is about budgeting, establishing dates, selecting and reserving event sites, coordinating managing time, considering set-up and tear-down, arranging necessities. Presented by Delta Sigma Pi, Theta Chi chapter. 9 to 10:30 p.m. at Student Union Pacifica Room. Contact: Kevin Lam, 799-6787, chrisl22186@aol.com

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.

RIDE NOW !!! Open House WEEK

Sat, Mar 8 thru Sat, Mar 15 Only!!!

FREE LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS

Saturday March 8 11 AM - 2 PM

SAVE UP TO \$500 Open House BONUS CASH*



San Jose VESPA

408 295.0205

1886 West San Carlos St. San Jose

Call to arrange a Test Ride! email: jeff.biadore@svespa.com

*Up to \$500 BONUS CASH OFFER applies to select new 2007 Vespa & Piaggio models from our stock. Buyer may apply BONUS CASH to purchase price, down payment or towards riding accessories purchase. Financing available on approved credit. \$500 BONUS CASH on Red GTS and Red LX150 models. \$250 BONUS CASH on most other new 2006 and 2007 models except LX50 and FLY150. Call or visit for full details. Offers expire 3/15/08.

Piaggio® and Vespa® are U.S. and worldwide registered trademarks of the Piaggio Group of companies. Obey local traffic safety laws and always wear a helmet, appropriate eyewear and proper apparel.



Associated Students San José State University

Real Spartans

Run For A.S. Government

Get Involved.

Get Paid.

Orientation Meetings Tuesday & Thursday

Contact Chief Elections Officer elecboard@as.sjsu.edu (408) 924-5656

Love at First Bite!

NOW HIRING!

"WOW! The best sandwich I ever had!"

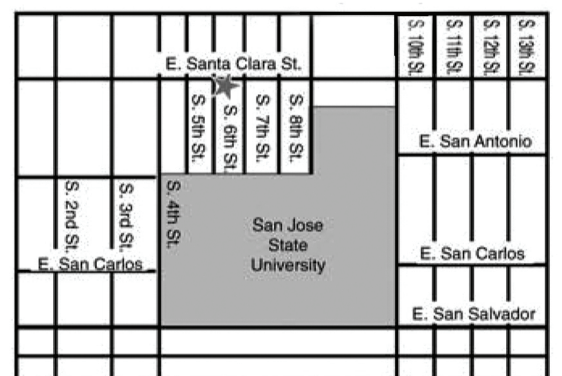
There's a Lee's Sandwiches Near You! NOW OPEN near New San Jose City Hall

260 E. Santa Clara St. @ 6th St. San Jose (408) 286-8808

2471 Berryessa Rd. @ Capitol Ave. San Jose (408)926-9888

10% Off TOTAL FOOD PURCHASE

Limit 10 orders or sandwiches. Not valid with other specials or discounts. Valid @ Lee's Sandwiches 260 E. Santa Clara Street. & 2471 Berryessa Road Expires 6/30/2008.



Open Daily 6am - 9pm

LEE'S SANDWICHES

34 locations to serve you • Call 1-800-640-8880 or visit our website @ www.leesandwiches.com for a location nearest you.

QUAKES

Continued from Page 1

usually get to play or those who are still trying out.

The Quakes continued to keep the ball on the Spartans' side of the field. The Spartans were constantly on defense, only managing to kick the ball onto the Quakes' side a few times.

In the 22nd minute, the Quakes' Shea Salinas scored the second goal.

Before the half was over, SJSU's Brand received a yellow card for pushing a Quakes player from referee Kari Seitz, who also refereed in the Woman's World Cup. That yellow card was the only card given during the game, although there were a few calls on both sides for holding and pushing.

During the second half, the Quakes continued to dominate. Twelve minutes into the second half, after a corner kick on the Spartans' side, the Quakes' Martin Oslund headed the ball in for the third and final goal.

"We won, but we didn't play that well," Oslund said.

In the last 20 minutes, the Spartans began to show more signs of life and took a few shots on goal. One pass looked promising to an open Spartan deep in Earthquake territory, but he was offside, and the ball was given to the Quakes.

"That's my first time ever playing against a real professional team," said left back Oscar Monjaras. "I thought it was exciting."

Head coach of the San Jose Earthquakes Frank Yallop said his team played well. He added that the game was a good exercise.

"We're always looking for local players that can play on our team," he said. "If a local kid comes out of here and does well, then we'll take him."

Baseball team wins one of three in rivalry series

By CHRIS BAUSINGER AND ELISHA MALDONADO
Staff Writer

In a crosstown-rivalry series this weekend, SJSU and Santa Clara University put their perfect records on the line in a South Bay showdown.

Bookended by two losses, SJSU was victorious in the middle game of the three-game set.

The Spartans were handed their first loss of the season in Game No. 1 on Friday night at Santa Clara's Stephen Schott Stadium.

With the loss, SJSU's record dropped to 4-1 at the time, while the Broncos continued their winning streak.

"I thought the game was kind of a sloppy game from our standard, and I think Santa Clara would say the same," said SJSU head coach Sam Piraro. "We don't feel like we played as good as we are capable of playing."

The Spartans jumped to an early 2-0 lead in Friday's game.

The second batter of the game, junior shortstop Tyler Heil, singled, and sophomore third basemen Kyle Bellows followed with an RBI double down the left-field line.

Despite a couple of hits and scoring opportunities, the Spartans wouldn't score again until the fourth inning.

Meanwhile, the Broncos bolted to a 4-2 lead in the second inning,

and added to their lead with two unearned runs in the third inning to make the score 6-2.

The Spartans would narrow the gap in the fourth inning as the offensive duo of Heil and Bellows struck again by helping SJSU score three runs.

Heil, who would bat 3-5 for the night, started the rally with a two-run double down the left-field line. Bellows, who went 3-4, hit an RBI single that took an odd bounce and found its way to the outfield.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, the Spartan's starting pitcher, junior David Berner, gave up his second home run of the game, this time to leadoff hitter Matt Long.

Bellows led off the seventh inning with another double and would eventually score on a passed ball not put the score at 7-6.

Within one run, the Spartans failed to bring any more home.

Berner threw 5.2 innings, giving up seven runs — five of which were earned — 11 hits and two strikeouts.

"Dave competed well," Piraro said. "And we didn't play well behind him. He could have got out of a couple innings, there and he wasn't as sharp as he was in his first start."

In the second game of the series at Municipal Stadium on Saturday, the Spartans came from behind to win in the bottom of the ninth inning, to win the game 10-9. SJSU won when junior John Shaffer's two-out single



CHRIS BAUSINGER / SPARTAN DAILY

Sunday's starting pitcher, sophomore Max Peterson, throws warm-up pitches before the first inning, with sophomore catcher Corey Valine. Peterson was unable to pick up his first win of the season.

allowed Sonny Garza to score from third, tying the series at one game apiece.

Back at Stephen Schott Stadium on Sunday for the rubber game of the series, SJSU sophomore catcher Corey Valine's single in the top of the eighth inning drove in two runs, but could not push the Spartans past the Santa Clara University Broncos in their 5-2 loss.

With the Spartans down five runs going into the eighth inning, junior center fielder Michael Drake drew a leadoff walk from Broncos' starting pitcher Donald Brandt.

Brandt was then removed, and relief pitcher Daniel DeMarco got pitch-hitter junior Jacob Burns to fly out to center field. DeMarco then walked junior second baseman John Shaffer to move Bruns into scoring position.

The bases would become loaded when Broncos' relief pitcher Matt Renner, who replaced Demarco, hit sophomore third baseman Kyle Bellows with a pitch.

With two outs, Valine's single

through a gap in the right side of the infield scored Drake from third and Bruns from second, also moving Bellows to third base. The two runs put the Spartans in high spirits, but the rally was ended when senior first baseman Sonny Graza grounded out to Broncos' shortstop John Karcich on a ball that skipped between the second-base umpire's legs.

Head coach Sam Piraro was optimistic about the team's performance.

"I felt we had some real good contact the first three or four innings, but we didn't get much reward for it," Piraro said. "Then we had a little lull in there for about three innings where we didn't have as many good at-bats, and all of a sudden they had built a 5-0 lead on us, and so we had to really fight back and try to get some baserunners on."

Valine also highlighted the positive in Sunday's loss.

"The starter (Donald Brandt) was tough," Valine said. "We had to stick with our approach. They got us off (of) it until about the eighth inning.

We were lucky enough to bring the tying run up to the plate, but then we weren't able to capitalize on it."

Spartans' sophomore starting pitcher Max Peterson had a good outing on Sunday despite the loss. He allowed five hits and three earned runs in 5.2 innings, walking no Broncos and striking out two. Two of the three hits he gave up were home runs.

"I made two bad mistakes," Peterson said, "and they made me pay for them. They are a good hitting ball club, and they will make you pay for mistakes."

The Spartans travel to the University of San Francisco on Tuesday to take on the Dons at 2 p.m.

■ Spartan shortstop Tyler Heil had eight hits, and catcher Corey Valine had six base-knocks in the three-game series versus Santa Clara University.

SJSU drops two conference games, sinks to eighth in the WAC

By TOMMY WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The SJSU men's basketball team fell shy of pulling off another upset over a top Western Athletic Conference opponent, losing to first place Boise State University 74-68 on Thursday night.

The Spartans have been competitive in their February home games against each of the top four teams in their conference, beating the University of Nevada — Reno and Utah State University. The game against New Mexico State University in the beginning of the month came down to the final seconds, and in their contest with Boise State on Thursday, SJSU was up by six with less than eight minutes in the game — but they couldn't hold the lead.

"I think that the outcome is really a reflection of the fact that Boise is having a really good season, and they're a little mentally tougher than we are," said SJSU head coach George Nessman.

Boise State senior forward Tyler Tiedeman closed San Jose State's lead with three field goals, including a pair of 3-pointers, as the Broncos went on a 10-0 run late in the second half and took the lead for good.

"When the game was on the line, they were able to convert plays and make plays for themselves, and we weren't," Nessman said. And that's why they're in first and we're not."

Tiedeman led Boise State with 16 points and was one of five Broncos in double-figures.

Spartan freshman guard Justin Graham led his team with a game-high 20 points, his highest total since injuring his elbow in a game at Hawaii on Jan. 14.

After the game, Graham said he was improving, but still wasn't at 100 percent.

"I still got a lot of work to do, trying to get back in a consistent rhythm," Graham said. "It'll take some time."

Nessman added, "Justin (Graham)



ANDREW VILLA / SPARTAN DAILY

SJSU coach George Nessman rallied his team during Thursday's game.

was solid. He's getting his feet back. When you sit out a month in the middle of conference play, it's really hard to jump back in and be where you were."

Graham had two turnovers against Boise State, after giving up the ball seven times in the previous game against the University of Pacific.

Spartan forwards, junior Tim Pierce and sophomore C.J. Webster, each had eight points and eight rebounds. Pierce, however, missed on each of his seven attempts from the 3-point line.

"We knew it was going to be a battle," said Boise State head coach Greg Graham. "We kind of put ourselves in a hole there for a while."

The Spartans led by as much as seven points in the first half as the Broncos started slowly, missing their first six shots.

SJSU struggled late, however, converting on just three of their last 10 field goal attempts.

Even though they would have preferred to walk away with a win, Graham said it was a positive to be able to be competitive against the top teams in the conference.

"We know we can go into the WAC tournament and play with

anybody and beat anybody," Graham said. "We feel real confident that we can go in there and win it."

The Spartans frustrating conference run continued Saturday night as they played competitively against another opponent, but they eventually fell short, losing to the University of Idaho 69-67.

The Vandals took the lead with 3.3 seconds left in the game, and the



ANDREW VILLA / SPARTAN DAILY

SJSU's Kevin Flemming dribbled around Matt Nelson for a layup.

loss dropped the Spartans WAC record to 4-10.

Pierce scored 20 points in 26 minutes played, including shooting 4-6 from beyond the arc.

SJSU finishes the regular season with two conference games on the road against New Mexico State and Louisiana Tech University before heading into the WAC tournament on Tues. March 11.

SJSU was up by six with less than eight minutes in the game — but couldn't hold the lead.

SAN JOSE GIANTS JOB FAIR

Work in professional baseball for the summer

Saturday, March 8

11am to 3pm

Municipal Stadium
588 East Alma Ave
San Jose, CA 95112

Download an application online
(408) 297-1435 • WWW.SJGIANTS.COM

Got Pain? We Can Help!

Mention This Ad & Pay Only \$20* (\$250 Value)

Includes:

- *Computer Scan
- *Chiropractic Exam
- *Consultation
- *X-rays (if necessary)
- *2nd day reports of results

115 Paseo de San Antonio ~ San Jose, Ca 95112
(408) 298-8092
www.FamilyLifeChiropractic.com

*Some restrictions apply

Foreign Languages

FREE Placement and Proficiency Testing

March 3 - 7, 2008

Do you speak a language other than/in addition to English?
Are you part of a Heritage community where language and traditions are maintained?
Find out your level of language proficiency during National Foreign Language Week.

Testing available for the following languages:
Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Spanish

Department of Foreign Languages Media Center
Testing in Clark Hall 208
408-924-4696 Please call for hours of operation
No appointment needed. Bring your student ID.

Come to the DFL Media Center to find information on:
Faculty-led study abroad programs for summer 2008.
The many scholarships available to language students.
Foreign Language majors, minors, student clubs, etc.

Department of Foreign Languages
www.sjsu.edu/foreignlanguages
dlf@sjsu.edu 408-924-4602
Visit us at Clark Hall 421

QUEST | Michael Keaton honored

Continued from Page 1

29, from Salt Lake City, premiered "A Better Life" on Sunday at Camera 12 Cinemas on Second Street. He said it is about the reality of the American Dream as it pertains to illegal immigrants.

James said he was very excited for his film to be shown here in San Jose.

Cinequest attendees can choose from 250 screenings during the week-and-a-half festival.

Robert Knopf, 47, said that he comes to the Cinequest Film Festival every year, and that he plans on seeing a whole list of movies. Knopf was waiting to see "The Art of Travel," which showed at Camera 12 on

Saturday.

Ned Kopp, who lives in Burlingame and teaches at the department of television, radio, film and theatre at SJSU, was at the film festival to go to the seminars. Kopp said that he has gone to the festival for a number of years.

This year's Cinequest offers special events for attendees. A large crowd gathered outside the California Theatre on South First Street at 5 p.m. on Saturday for the Michael Keaton Maverick Spirit event.

According to a Cinequest press release, Keaton was "chosen for this honor because his work is that of a true Maverick, going against the

grain of typecasting and true to the spirit of Cinequest which champions Mavericks of filmmaking."

Actor Danny Glover, a San Francisco State University alumnus, is also receiving of a Maverick Spirit Award, to be presented on March 8 at the California Theatre.

■ **Tickets for events** can be purchased at any of the participating venues.

■ **A list of the films** showing can be found at cinequest.org. Regular screenings are \$5 for students.



JAMES JEFFREY / SPARTAN DAILY

Above: A bartender pours drinks for festival patrons at the Opening Night Party of the Cinequest Film Festival on Thursday night at the Paragon Restaurant and Bar in Hotel Montgomery.

BUDGET | 'I'm starting to hate Combos'

Continued from Page 1

around the old pad since the end of the Cold War, is very much like milk. Just add water.

The net effect wasn't too much like milk after all.

For lunch and dinner, I treated myself to some hardy Top Ramen packets, flavored beef and pork, respectively. Total so far: \$7.98

DAY TWO

Time to get some milk. I stood in the San Salvador Street 7-Eleven staring at the milk refrigerator for 10 minutes, trying to figure out which overpriced quantity was the least rip off.

I finally concluded that a quart of Vitamin D milk, homogenized and pasteurized for my protection and going for \$1.89, would be my best bet.

Two dollars and ninety-nine cents got me a giant bag of pretzel-cheese Combos, my only snack between skimpy meals.

For breakfast, I had a delicious bowl of Corn Flakes and two Pop-Tarts.

Around noon, the Combos came out. For lunch, I had two value menu tacos along with a delicious cup of ice water from the Burger King in the Student Union — \$1 flat, no tax on campus. Score.

Total so far: \$13.86

DAY THREE

I'm starting to feel a little light headed.

For breakfast, I had a bowl of Corn Flakes and one Pop-Tart.

Low on Ramen, I bought three more for a total \$0.99 and had one for lunch. This time they were the politically incorrect "oriental" flavor.

That night I had another Top Ramen while working, most likely pork flavor, but it could have been beef. The taste is not that different.

Just for variety, I tossed some Combos into the Ramen.

Before I left work at about 10:30 p.m., I found that some unsuspecting person had left a jar of peanut butter and a loaf of bread at the Spartan Daily's mini-kitchen, and I stole a scoop of one and a slice of the other. I just wanted some protein. You are a wonderful donor, whomever you are, thank you. Thank you.

Total so far: \$14.85

DAY FOUR

I rue the day I saw that stupid green rooster on a box of Corn Flakes. I think I had a dream about it. Just two Pop-Tarts for breakfast. Thanks.

I snacked on some Combos during Political Science 103. I'm starting to hate Combos.

After the Pop-Tarts burned, a trip back to the campus Burger King revealed that I could get — and I hope you're sitting down for this — two double cheeseburgers for \$2.

Two double cheeseburgers for \$2! Oh, glorious calories!

One for now, one for later. A few hours after one burger, I had a nice packet of either pork- or beef-flavored Top Ramen.

At 6:17 p.m., as I typed this very article, a good Samaritan from the advertising department came in with a pizza box containing two cold pieces of combination pizza. I snagged one, thanked him, and offered him my first-born child.

The other burger went down at 9 p.m. as I researched for another article. Total so far: \$16.85

DAY FIVE

For breakfast, I had another bowl of Corn Flakes with a Pop-Tart. After some time, I finally finished the last of the Combos. I was torn as to whether I was glad to be done with them or sad to see them go. They didn't taste good anymore, but I felt sentimentally attached. For lunch, I discovered that the Jack-in-the-Box \$0.99 Breakfast Jack had become \$1.29, bringing my total prematurely to \$18.25.

Don't let the clown get up fool you, Jack is a capitalist.

The B.K. turned out to be closed, and I resorted to Iguana's Taqueria, on Third Street.

There, I had a mini-taco and a taquito-mashed-potato-thing with my remaining \$1.75 plus the quarter the cashier generously donated from her tip jar.

THE LOWDOWN

With a blatant disregard for nutrition, anyone can eat on campus for \$20. For the sake of your bones, though, find a nice supermarket to spend your portrait of Andrew Jackson and toss some fruit into the mix.

JUST A GLIMPSE: DAY THREE

MEALS	\$ SPENT	WHERE	NUTRITIONAL VALUE
One bowl of Corn Flakes; one Pop-Tart; one package of oriental Top Ramen with Combos; peanut butter sandwich	\$1.99	Campus Village Market, Spartan Daily newsroom	Corn Flakes: 110 calories, 27g carbs, 2g protein Pop-Tarts: 203 calories, 38g carbs, 2g protein Top Ramen: 190 calories, 26g carbs, 5g protein Combos: 131 calories, 18.8g carbs, 2.8g protein PB&J: 274 calories, 20.4g carbs, 9.6g protein

*Nutritional info from theDailyPlate.com

Classifieds

EMPLOYMENT

AUTISM PROGRAM FOR TODDLERS

Immediate openings for FT & PT Early Interventionists in South Bay home-visiting program for toddlers diagnosed with autism. Strong preference for applicants with bilingual English / Spanish speaking skills, however this is not required. Primary responsibilities are to provide empirically based interventions to young children (18 mos. to 3 years) with autism and similar disabilities that will facilitate inclusion into the least restrictive environment. Opportunities for cross-training, working with experienced PTs, OTs, S-LPs and other infant educators. Ongoing training is provided, however only experienced candidates will be considered. Send resume with cover to jobs@esba.org or fax to Easter Seals Bay Area, 510-444-2340. Questions? Contact HR: 510-835-2131 x104. Visit www.eastersealsbayarea.org for more info regarding our programs for children and adults with disabilities.

DELIVERY DRIVERS

Party rental business. Perfect for students. Earn up to \$250 every weekend. Must have reliable truck or van. Heavy lifting is required. 408 292-7876

\$\$ GOT SPERM? \$\$

-Palo Alto. Up to \$1100/ month. MEN wanted for California Cryobank's sperm donor program. APPLY ONLINE: www.SPERMBANK.co

COLLEGE STUDENTS:

We pay up to \$75 per survey. www.GetPaidToThink.com

THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY

We are currently hiring for P / T positions. We offer a great working environment with day & evening shifts for responsible & energetic people. Apply in person 2:30 to 4:00 Wed-Fri. We are located in San Pedro Square

UNDERCOVER SHOPPERS

Earn up to \$70 per day. Undercover Shoppers needed to judge retail and dining establishments. EXP. Not RE. CALL 800-722-4791

ATTENTION SPARTANS

Welcome back! Are you looking for part-time/ full-time work to help you get through the school semester? Well, look no further. Corinthian Parking Services is looking for valet parking attendants for our local shopping malls, hotels and private events. We will work around your school schedule. Requirements for an interview: * Valid California Class C license * Current DMV printout * Responsible, well-groomed and punctual. * EXCLT CUST SERVICE If you qualify, please call Kyle 408-981-5894 or Rick 408-593-9612 for an interview.

BE YOUR OWN BOSS

Financial company is looking for self-motivated and disciplined students to work as little or as much as they like. You are provided with leads and if you are a closer you could make thousands. No experience required.

Please call 877 997-2473.

ARE YOU READY TO CUT THROUGH THE CROWD?

To stand out? To show the "real world" what you're made of? *****

An Internship with VECTOR can offer you REAL pay, flexibility, and opportunities for advancement. No cubicle, no copy machine. Just the chance to earn professional experience in a rewarding environment that offers you the flexibility you need and the responsibility you deserve.

Watch for us on-campus throughout the semester, or CALL 866-1100 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. www.workforstudents.com/sjsu *****

DAYCARE TEACHERS AND AIDES

Action Day Primary Plus seeking Infant, Toddler, and Preschool Teachers and Aides. F / T and P / T positions available. Substitute positions are also available that offer flexible hours. ECE units are required for teacher positions but not req. for Aide and Day Care positions. Excellent opportunity for Child Development majors. Please call Shanna for an interview at 247-6972 or fax resume to 248-7350.

PT/SALES REPRESENTATIVE

Our365 has an opening for a sales/customer service person to take babies' first photos in the South Bay area Hospitals. Apply at www.our365.com/opportunities

PRINT MODELS

Creative glamor and art models (F) needed for top-quality natural-light photos. Pay/trade. Will train. Call with experience and fee info. (408)247-8779

LIFEGUARDS WANTED!

Easter Seals seeks lifeguards, swim instructors & aquatic specialists for heated, indoor pool in San Jose (Bascom & Moorpark). Flexible hours/ days available, Mon-Sat. Must have current: lifeguard certificate and CPR/ First Aid with Title 22. Send resume and cover letter via email to jobs@esba.org, or fax to 408-275-9858. \$11 to 13.25+ / hour, DOE. Call Tiago for more info, (408)295-0228

PT/SALES REPRESENTATIVE

Our365 has an opening for a sales/customer service person to take babies' first photos in the South Bay area Hospitals. Apply at www.our365.com/opportunities

SERVICES

NOTARY PUBLIC

Downtown San Jose at 4th & St. John. 2 blocks from campus. 115 N. 4th Street #125. 408-286-2060

FIXLAPTOP.COM BUY SELL REPAIR

Laptop & Parts Repair PC Data Recovery Remove Virus Bring this AD for 10% OFF (408)469-5999

**Need a Roommate?
Need a Job?
Need a Roommate
with a Job?**

**Spartan Daily
Classifieds**

CLASSIFIED AD RATE INFORMATION

Each line averages 25 spaces. Each letter, number, punctuation mark, and space is formatted into an ad line. The first line will be set in bold type and upper case for no extra charge up to 20 spaces. A minimum of three lines is required. Deadline is 10:00 am, 2-weekdays prior to publication.

MINIMUM THREE LINE CLASSIFIED AD:

DAYS: 1 2 3 4
RATE: \$10.00 \$15.00 \$20.00 \$25.00

\$2.50 EACH ADDITIONAL LINE AFTER THE THIRD LINE.

\$3.00 EACH ADDITIONAL DAY.

• RATES ARE CONSECUTIVE DAYS ONLY. • ALL ADS ARE PREPAID. • NO REFUNDS ON CANCELLED ADS.

FREQUENCY DISCOUNT: 40+ consecutive issues: 10% discount

SJSU STUDENT RATE: 10% discount. Ads must be placed in person in DBH 209 from 10 am to 3pm STUDENT ID REQUIRED. Rate applies to student's individual ads only. Not intended for businesses and/or other persons. Frequency discount does not apply. www.thespartandaily.com

DISCLAIMER

The Spartan Daily makes no claim for products or services advertised below nor is there any guarantee implied. The classified columns of the Spartan Daily consist of paid advertising and offers are not approved or verified by the newspaper. Certain advertisements in these columns may refer the reader to specific telephone numbers or addresses for additional information. Classified readers should be reminded that, when making these further contacts, they should require complete information before sending money for goods or services. In addition, readers should carefully investigate all firms offering employment listings or coupons for discount vacations or merchandise.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

7	9	5	4	2	3	1	8	6
6	1	3	5	8	7	2	9	4
2	4	8	1	6	9	7	5	3
4	3	6	8	7	2	9	1	5
8	7	9	3	5	1	6	4	2
1	5	2	6	9	4	8	3	7
9	6	4	2	1	5	3	7	8
5	8	7	9	3	6	4	2	1
3	2	1	7	4	8	5	6	9

HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

SUDOKU

Difficulty: 4 (of 5)

1			8					
		8			2	7	9	
9			3	1		4	2	
		9	3		6		5	
		4		7				
				5				8
2						4	3	
5	1			6		2		

2-14-08 © JFS/KF -- Dist. by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

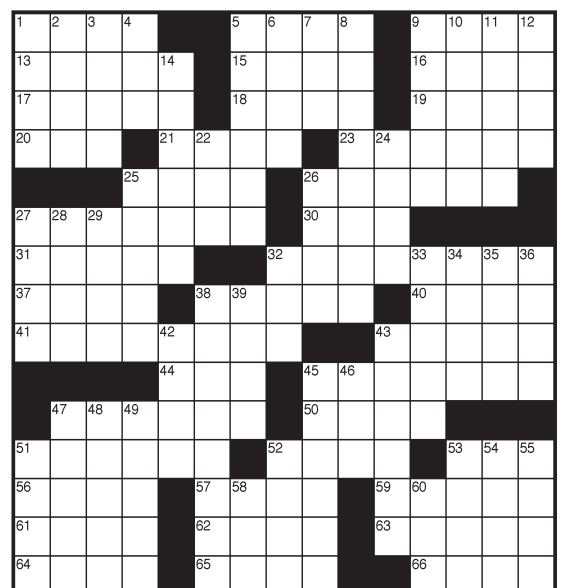
- Marathon unit
- Facts and figures
- Trevi Fountain coins
- Port near Kyoto
- Melodramatic cry
- Persia, today
- Rome's river
- Cozy spot
- Water the houseplants
- Mountain curve
- Agreeable
- Happenings
- Foreshadow
- Really goes for
- Outstanding
- Use a scythe
- Yielded territory
- Lots of guests
- Survey finding
- Banquet
- Mme. Gluck of opera
- Like a fountain
- Inched along
- Onassis nickname
- Mascara target
- Nailed the quarterback
- Go great —
- Exhaled loudly
- Havens
- Conger
- Dumas senior
- Emmy's relative
- Violet lead-in
- With, to monsieur
- Matisse's media
- Tuxedo trim
- Mid-mannered
- Motown's Diana —
- Ship's trail

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

B	R	A	G	S	R	A	M	S	J	E	T	S
R	E	L	I	T	A	M	O	K	U	N	I	T
I	N	T	R	O	P	A	L	I	M	Y	N	A
G	E	O	L	O	G	I	S	T	S	P	A	S
A	C	T	R	E	S	S	D	I	A	D	E	M
S	H	O	E	S	L	E	T	S	Q	U	O	
P	I	T	S	G	L	O	B	S	T	U	F	T
I	C	E	S	L	A	B	S	H	I	F	T	
C	A	M	E	R	A	S	C	A	L	I	P	S
O	M	N	I	C	O	I	N	P	U	R	S	E
P	O	O	L	E	A	V	E	G	O	A	P	E
T	O	R	O	H	A	E	H	M	H	O	V	I
S	N	A	G	T	U	N	A	S	T	E	E	L

2-14-08 © 2008 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

- Big black dogs
- Wooden strip
- Emergency exit (2 wds.)
- Chorus girl
- Lotion additive
- "— Te Ching"
- Dated (2 wds.)
- Soda-bottle size
- Papas or Cara
- Talks wildly
- Finales
- Action-movie name
- Ms. Lupino
- Fledges
- Cheerless
- Hoopoe
- Vamoose
- Garr of "Mr. Mom"
- Perfect place
- Broom rider
- Titled men
- Speck of dust
- Osiris' beloved
- Make sure
- Camelot lady
- Water-ski locale
- Population survey
- Way out
- Hearty laugh
- Colander
- Come to terms
- Make sure
- Meat in a can
- Feels awful
- "Butch Cassidy" role
- Kramer or Estrada
- Rustic road
- Life sketch
- Regulation



Philanthropy never made so much money



KRIS ANDERSON

The Decline of Mojo

Boys don't cry. Seriously, they don't. Ever.

Real boys, that is, real men, avoid tears like they avoid conversations about menstruation, unless they are watching "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

There's really nothing nowadays that plucks those heartstrings like that Ty Something-or-Other screaming at a destitute family of nine as they bellow and wail over the gift of a new home — complete with race car beds and robotic TV stands.

I mean, in the grand arena of charity and giving, the biggest players are Mother Theresa, Santa Claus and, of course, Ty Pennington.

The show is so good that I may even have to put it on my TiVo. But that would mean I would have to get rid of perennial entertainment powerhouses like "Numb3rs" and "NCIS."

Of course, there's also the non-network shows like "Lockup: Extended Stay" and "To Catch a Predator: Long Beach 2."

I might need to find some more room on the TiVo.

Then again, there's gotta be some time reserved for those blowhard, loose-collar spew machines on Fox News, whose best entertainment quality comes from nonsensical shouts and screams that last the duration of an entire segment.

"I just can't believe these people don't understand the fundamental aaaaaaaahhhhh!!!"

It's grade-A, top-notch television that can't be found anywhere else, folks.

But, getting back to good ol' Ty, I swear I don't cry — because I watch a lot of TV — but he really gets me.

He gives to those who maintain the utter worst, lowest, most depressing lives in history. The show follows single fathers who

What is Ty Pennington really doing? If nobody is touched enough by his charity to enact the same forms of giving, then really, he's profiting off of the poor.

feed seven hungry children with \$20 per week, those whose children sleep on hand-sewn quilts assembled from the scraps of old shower curtains and paper bags.

Then Ty pulls up, after a hefty narrative

preview, and screams at them:

"How would you guys like to go to Florida for a week while we build you a new home?!!!"

My tear ducts are warming just thinking about it.

But I have a question: What is Ty really doing?

Obviously he's an overly tan and attractive Hollywood host plastered on the screen to pull in the younger female demographic, but he's also destroying the purpose of philanthropy. This argument could quickly dissolve into the philosophical contention that there are no truly selfless acts, but there is no way in hell that Ty Pennington has enough life-changing energy in him to do this over and over and over and over.

It strikes me that the show is so popular for its charitable nature, that so many people claim to be moved by it, and none actually pay it forward.

So we get right back to the question: What is Ty Pennington really doing? If nobody is touched enough by his charity to enact the same forms of giving, then really, he's profiting off of the poor.

He's the anti-Robin Hood. He's exploiting those inhabiting the lowermost rungs of the economic ladder.

And for that "Extreme Makeover" hour, I just want to weep endlessly.

Now, even the effervescent Oprah is getting in on the act, assuming the face behind the new reality game show "Oprah's Big Give."

It's part debacle, part money-maker, part tearjerker — I think.

Oprah takes the time to step away from her show, bookclub and Stedman to hurl mountains of cash at unwitting participants who think it's their lucky day.

But ... there's a twist. They need to turn that cash into charity somehow, and the person who most successfully brings joy to another person's life wins the secret contest.

Really, it's a win-win for all parties; Oprah invades more homes with that smile and motherly know-how and everybody on the show looks great — right?

Oh, and the person who turns that cash into the biggest donation will win a surprise sum of \$1 million.

Oh goody!
It makes me sick. It completely spits in the face of generosity. The idea that one will be paid to give is ludicrous; it subverts the notion of kindness.

Even for Ty Pennington. You can't say he's not making a pretty penny for assaulting the ears of the subjects of his show, or at least enjoying quite an ego boost.

They aren't doing any of this crap for charity. They're doing it for the love of the buck and public image.

Mother Theresa would be pissed, and so would Santa Claus.

"The Decline of Mojo" appears every Monday. Kris Anderson is a Spartan Daily copy editor.

Adults just don't understand



KYLE HANSEN

Fighting Insanity

Many businesses located near schools have signs on their doors posting rules that limit how many minors can be inside at a time or that require them to be accompanied by an adult.

On Saturday, I found a place that is the other way around.

Outside of San Francisco City Hall and across the street from the public library is a small playground, complete with monkey bars, a slide and a multi-colored, four-foot fence surrounding the jungle gym.

On the fence is a sign: "No adults allowed unless accompanied by children."

I saw this sign as I left the BART station and started walking to the hotel where I was going to be attending a conference. It was early for a Saturday and there was not a child in

Shouldn't we all be in touch with our inner child every once in a while?

sight, just the usual homeless people loitering outside of the public library. I hurried toward the conference and forgot about the sign.

That evening as I settled into a stained, blue chair on a BART train for the ride home, my thoughts returned to the sign I saw that morning.

Why is it, I wondered, that once we are over a certain age, society tells us we are no longer allowed to have fun? Shouldn't we all be in touch with our inner child every once in a while?

It is good to take time out of our busy lives to play occasionally and maybe even pretend we are Peter Pan and never had grown up.

But there are some times when adults have a hard time with child's play — not because we are too old, but because we have to make things too complicated.

"Grown-ups never understand anything for themselves," wrote French novelist Antoine de Saint-Exupery, "and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them."

Yes, there are some simple things we cannot understand.

I spent last semester in Washington, D.C., for an internship. While there, I was able to go to a lot of community events for a local news Web site.

Talking to the kids was always my favorite part of the events.

I was assigned to cover a Christmas parade in a small town in Northern Virginia. I talked to a group of fourth-grade Girl Scouts waiting in the cold for their turn to walk through town to the tune of "Jingle Bells."

The girls were talking and laughing and having a great time, even though it was chilly, and the parade had not yet started. The girls' leaders were happy to be there, but did not seem too excited about the thought of doing it again next year.

"I think it is everyone's dream to be in a parade just once," said one of the leaders who was wearing a box wrapped like a Christmas present. "But just once."

The girls, on the other hand, could barely contain their excitement. One of them was dressed like an elf and was jumping up and down as she told me about the parade.

"You get to dress up and show everybody your costume," she said. "You have joy and happiness because you get to see your friends."

Maybe we can learn something from this little elf. How often do we get excited and have "joy and happiness" just from seeing our friends?

Such simple pleasures are around us if we will look for them. But we "adults" have a hard time with that. It is too plain and simple for us to understand. It takes a child to remind us.

Spend a few minutes listening to a child. See what interests and excites them. Find out what they think about the world. Let them guide you onto the playground.

Don't let the little fence and silly sign keep you out of the playground.

You might learn something new, and your inner child will thank you.

"Fighting Insanity" appears the first Monday of every month. Kyle Hansen is the editor of theSpartanDaily.com.

Comment from the Web

The comment below refers to "Laptop-use policies vary by class" by Kimberly Tsao, from Feb. 28.

No-laptop policy would leave some students behind

I feel like this policy is not fair. I, personally, cannot write too much because my hand tends to stiffen, which makes it hard to write after a few lines. Having a laptop is so essential to me that without it, I would be lost. If SJSU bans laptop use, it would need to have special assistants for students like me.

-nt

the DAILY QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This is a secret service KGB operation to transfer power from one person to another."

MIKHAIL KASYANOV

Former Russian Prime Minister referring to the election of Dmitry Medvedev as Russia's new Prime Minister. Medvedev's mentor, Vladimir Putin, was restricted by term limits from running for re-election.

He may be our country's only hope, politics aside



KEVIN RAND

Morning Breath

"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do," said former UCLA basketball coach John Wooden.

It sounds like the mantra one of our country's current presidential hopefuls has been chanting his entire life — especially considering how his speeches are powered by similar words, and how the country is starting to believe in him, if it hasn't already.

With the type of oratory he delivers, he is distinguished from the rest of the candidates, politics aside.

And an inspired public is not only buying into, but is also voting for, his ideals: hope and change.

He spoke of "hope" not being "blind optimism" during his Wisconsin speech, and at this point, voters have not much choice but to be blindly optimistic.

Sure beats pessimism.

A "feel good" president might be all this country needs to rejuvenate its economy and to restore its public image.

His comparisons to John F. Kennedy are fair.

"... Ask what you can do for your country," Kennedy said.

And after eight years of having a mistake sitting in the White House, who can argue against a little more like-minded inspiration?

What ultimately defines a president's legacy is public opinion — and public morale determines that opinion.

I wasn't around when Kennedy served, but if you ask anybody who was, they'll tell you he was beloved.

Here's another inspirational message: "Whether you think you can or you can't, you're right."

That was Henry Ford.

Whether we're being tricked into believing we can — can recover from the war in Iraq and can come back from the

An inspired public is not only buying into, but is also voting for, his ideals: hope and change.

economic crisis — or are being genuinely motivated, the can-do energy from the public is already proving to be momentous.

People are voting in record numbers.

People are voting Democratic in record numbers.

These same people will be around in January 2009, many of them for the following four years.

Perhaps his rhetoric, his soapboxing and his evangelizing overshadow his "specifics."

SPARTAN DAILY

Dwight Bentel Hall, Room 209
One Washington Square
San Jose, CA 95192-0149
News: 408-924-3281
Advertising: 408-924-3270
Fax: 408-924-3282
News e-mail: spartandaily@cas.sjsu.edu
Ad e-mail: spartandailyads@cas.sjsu.edu

KEVIN RAND, Executive Editor
LINDSAY BRYANT, Managing Editor
DAVID ZUGNONI, Opinion Editor
JOSH WEAVER, Sports Editor
HEATHER DRISCOLL, Student Culture Editor
SARAH KYO, Student Culture Editor
MICHAEL RIZZO, Project Manager
ANNE RIGOR, Photo Editor
KRISTINA SHEEHAN, Production Editor
FELICIA ANN AGUILALDO, Copy Editor
KRIS ANDERSON, Copy Editor
KYLE HANSEN, TheSpartanDaily.com Editor
RAMON HERNANDEZ, Advertising Director
CHRIS MARLAND, Assistant Advertising Director
KYLE FOGARTY, Creative Director
ALFREDO MORENO, Assistant Creative Director

STAFF WRITERS
LIZA ATAMY
DINA BASLAN
CHRIS BAUSINGER
TARA DUFFY
JOHN ELLIS
RACHEL FULTON
ANDREW HERNDON
JOHN HORNBERG
JESSE KIMBREL
ANGELO LANHAM
ELISHA MALDONADO
HEIDI ROMSWINCKEL-GUISE
KATE TAYLOR
KIMBERLY TSAO
COLLEEN WATSON
TOMMY WRIGHT

PHOTOGRAPHERS
LUKE CUNNINGHAM
MICHELLE HORTON
ARTHUR MARKMAN
CINTHIA RODRIGUEZ

SENIOR STAFF WRITERS
OSVALDO CASTILLO JR.
KRISTIN FURTADO
CODY HAUTER
BRIANNA HERNANDEZ
SAMUEL LAM
NICOLE LIEURANCE
MANDIE MOHSENZADEGAN
MICHAEL PASAOA

ADVISERS
RICHARD CRAIG, News
MACK LUNDSTROM, News
JAN SHAW, News
MICHAEL CHEERS, Photojournalism
TIM HENDRICK, Advertising
TIM BURKE, Production Chief
TIM MITCHELL, Design
JOHN SHRADER, Multimedia

ADVERTISING STAFF
JOSEPH ARAUJO
ANDREA BACHORSKI
ERICA BUSTOS
ARMANDO CERVANTES
DERRICK CHEW
LAUREN GRUENSTEIN
RYAN KUNIS
LEVETT KWONG
AMANDA LAMPERT
QUYNH LE
LEIZL PAGTACONAN
KIMBERLY PESTANO
JOELLA ROCHON
ZERIC SIGMON
MATTHEW TICHENOR
SACHIKO WADA

OPINION PAGE POLICY

Letters to the editor may be placed in the letters to the editor box in the Spartan Daily office in Dwight Bentel Hall, Room 209, sent by fax to (408) 924-3282, e-mailed to spartandaily@cas.sjsu.edu or mailed to the Spartan Daily Opinion Editor, School of Journalism and Mass Communications, San Jose State University, One Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95112-0149.

Letters to the editor must contain the author's name, address, phone number, signature and major. Letters become property of the Spartan Daily and may be edited for clarity, grammar, label and length. Only letters of 300 words or less will be considered for publication.

Published opinions and advertisements do not necessarily reflect the views of the Spartan Daily, the School of Journalism and Mass Communications or SJSU.

The Spartan Daily is a public forum.

A sort-of fairy tale

MOVIE Review

Penelope
Directed by Mark Palansky

By HEIDI ROMSWINCKEL-GUISE
Staff Writer

"Penelope" is not a typical fairy tale movie, even though it opens with the phrase "Once upon a time."

A witch cursed the wealthy Wilhern family, so any woman born into the family would have the face of a pig.

Penelope Wilhern, played by Christina Ricci, has to live with her family's curse until she can find someone of "her own kind" who will love and cherish her for who she really is.

Her mother, played by Catherine O'Hara, is frantic to break the curse and sets up rich, eligible bachelors to meet and, hopefully, to fall in love with Penelope. But they always run as soon as they see her face.

Penelope meets a bachelor, Max, who doesn't run and has

potential, but she still wants to live a normal, fun life. She decides to cover her face with a scarf and go out to see the world for herself without her parents.

Reese Witherspoon is one of the film's producers as well as one of its characters. She plays the woman who befriends Penelope on her quest for freedom and decides to show her around the city.

This movie could have been totally predictable, but as it progressed, certain things happened that weren't expected in a typical romantic-comedy film. The character, for example, who I believed was going to be the bad guy, ended up not being so awful after all.

This film has a good mixture of humor and touching moments. It was very cute and pleasant.

Ricci's performance was fun

to watch and believable. She was able to grasp the aura and personality to express Penelope's ignorance, feelings and dreams.

O'Hara did an excellent job of being the overprotective and desperate mother. Her anxiety and attempt at making Penelope look normal was more for making her life ordinary, not her daughter's. O'Hara was over-the-top and exaggerated, and she was definitely one of my favorite characters.

Another of my favorite characters was Lemon, the reporter who knows that the Wilherns are hiding something and wants to find out the secret. Peter Dinklage's acting was admirable and authentic. He brought his character to life and was very realistic with his performance.

James McAvoy did a good job of playing the role of Max. In some scenes he could have done

a better, more convincing job. When he was able to really show the personality of the character, he was very enjoyable to watch.

I recommend this movie because it is a fresh perspective on the typical fairy tale-like film. Although the movie was sluggish at times, it was invigorating to see a movie that was straight forward with its messages and situations.

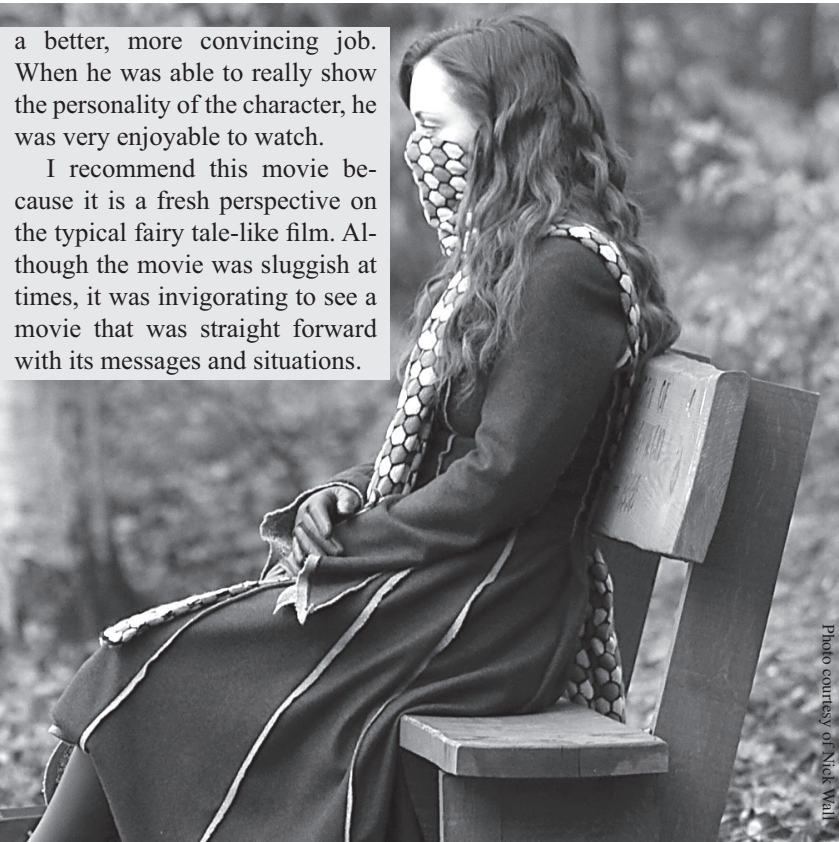


Photo courtesy of Nick Wall

Student instructors teach other students to tickle the ivories in piano class

By JOHN ELLIS
Staff Writer

No experience is mandatory for those who long to learn the piano in a class designed to teach students to teach others.

The class attracted more than 20 prospective piano players of various majors throughout SJSU. Over the course of two class sessions, Gwendolyn Mok, coordinator of keyboard studies and a professional musician, and her student instructors weeded out prospects to a final group of eight.

One person who made the cut was Paige Armstrong, a junior Spanish and social science major. She said she had always wanted to play the piano, but her parents wouldn't let her. "I'm so excited," Armstrong said. "I listen to piano when I'm doing homework. It's so relaxing."

The people seeking lessons were selected by how much time they had to practice, how dedicated they were

to learn and how little experience they already had.

"We want students with no experience whatsoever," Mok said.

Mok teaches a piano pedagogy class for those who plan on pursuing a career in music and want to learn how to educate and mentor.

Mok trains her student instructors in all aspects of teaching music. The future piano teachers need to speak well, teach lab situations and present music in certain ways, Mok said.

She also said music instructors need to know what kind of students they'll be most conducive to, how to interview potential students and how to draw up contracts and lesson plans.

Mok teaches the course once every three semesters and said that students looking to make a career out of music need to learn how to teach because it is a good source of income when musicians are not performing.

"It's not always fun," said Fiona

Ng, a graduate student from Arkansas who came to SJSU to study piano and is learning how to teach in the class. "But it's necessary," she added.

Student teachers met individually with each piano-playing prospect to see how they got along together and then picked their favorites to work with individually.

The instruction is free, but students must attend two lessons per week and are required to practice 30 to 60 minutes per day.

Only accepting one apprentice per student teacher is essential to the process, Mok said, because learning music is something best suited for one-on-one interaction.

"It's an experience you can only learn with a mentor," Mok said.

Student instructor Loren Alonzo, a senior piano major, said they plan to teach the novices to read music, play basic piano music and perform in front of an audience at the end of the 11-week program.



ARTHUR MARKMAN / SPARTAN DAILY

Karl Heinz Grube, a student instructor, helps Hanh Le, a sophomore, with positioning her fingers.

birds and the bees. Call box #59801

here, and ying in / each by corny to

u keep up an? I don't y morning

es: the marathon inny?

og is my whip up a oking for the nights.

uy - can you won't fail me ve move off the

allow and alking about swap other

he modern ngs slow, never apt if the time is Call box #74125

ays? Do you love e smell of grass? ded partner to finer things in f course the

LIGHT MY FIRE
sucker for classic rock n roll, my dog is my favorite jogging partner and I also whip up mean General Tsao's chicken. Looking for someone to light up the days and the night: Call box #64289

YOU WON'T REGRET ME IN THE MORNING
Heart pounding adrenaline and the open road get me going. I'm looking for someone who can keep up yet set their own pace. I may move quickly, but I promise you won't regret me in the morning. I'm a giver, not a taker. See what I can do for you at RunningLuvsYou.com

BAR STAR
looking for late night paramour who can go the distance. The night time is my time - want to make it our time? You bring the reflective clothing - I'll bring the liquid. Call box #31946

CHILLIN
me: funny, cute, enjoy the couch when I'm not out running around. You: warm, honest, 18 - 24 years old, well dressed and ready to join me on the couch. Call box #51932

GENUINE, LOYAL, FIERCE
masters student looking for a fulfilling relationship that goes beyond walk around the block. You must be motivated and a motivator. Let's talk or go for a jog sometime. Call box #24125

OLD FASHIONED
but still know my way around the modern dating game. Prefer to take things slow, never much of a sprinter, but can adapt if the time is right. Morning, Noon or Night. Call box #74125

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
still believes the right person is out there, and I'm still waiting to bump into you. Staying in / going out, movies, long runs on the beach by moonlight...if this doesn't sound too corny to you. Call box #65214

SILLY AND
not an oxym with the du bite. I like a cartoons. C

LOOKING
in what I th track, the course. W Call box #

MORE CU
for the pu padding t edges an what's in mance s

STABIL
a must f be the s when th beaten

SHALL
I find th pedanti then gi favorite

OLD F
but sti dating much right.

DO YO
on the the br Outdo ditch life - birds

MOR
for th padd edge

CAFÉ REHOBOTH
ETHIOPIAN COFFEE & CUISINE

408-947-1717

655 N. 6th St. San Jose, CA

A taste of authentic Ethiopian Food
We offer a variety of sizzling and juicy meat entrées and various satisfying vegetable dishes at a great price. We serve Coffee, Cappuccino, Latté, Tea & Pastries as well.

Have a story idea for the student culture section?

Call 924-3281

2nd Street Entertainment
Presents

Voodoo Lounge
LIVE MUSIC

Tuesday, March 4
LOCAL LOUNGE NIGHT
JONAH, LOU EVANS + SPECIAL GUESTS (LIVE JAZZ, SOUL, R&B)

Wednesday, March 5
BELLADONNA BOOKING PRESENTS
PRIMARY, ON BLAST
THE COMMEN MEN

Thursday, March 6
AUDIOMERBIDS PRESENTS
ALOE BLACC, BLU, MOONSHYNE w/DJ ASPECT

Tres Gringos
BAJA CANTINA

San Jose Bar and Grill

Tuesday, March 4
KAMIKAZE KARAOKE!
COME SING YOUR FAVORITE SONGS WITH US!
\$3 KAMIKAZE SHOTS, \$3 SHOTS OF SAKE!

Wednesday, March 5
WINGY TANGO WEDNESDAY
TRAILER PARK BISTRO

Tuesday, March 4
SATURDAY, MARCH 8
STRICTLY BEATZ
DJ BIG RICH V
FREE BEFORE 10:30
\$5 EFFEN VODKA, \$4 BLUE MOON

Wednesday, March 5
TRES GRINGOS UNIVERSITY Night

Monday, March 17
ST. PATRICKS DAY
BAJA CANTINA STYLE
\$3 GREEN CORONAS, \$5 JAMESON SHOTS

Thursday, March 21
TRES GRINGOS BAJA LUAU
CELEBRATING THE BEGINNING OF SPRING
FEATURING MARCH MADNESS GAMES!

Present this Coupon to redeem this Exclusive Offer! Exp. May 2008

Buy 2 Drinks get 1/2 OFF
Buy 1 Appetizer get your second FREE

Tres Gringos
Offer available at all 3 Locations
Not valid with daily specials

NEW YORK LIFE
Financial Services/ Sales

Become a Financial Services Agent w/ a Fortune 100 Company! Excellent compensation, benefits, training & great opportunities for advancement. Please email resumes to bmhaydon@ft.newyorklife.com

By GRACE
ALL READINGS

PSYCHIC READINGS

Tells Past Present Future Relationships

Advice Love Marring Business Facial Reader

PALM READING \$5.00

408.561.7301

340 S. 3rd St. San Jose, CA 95112