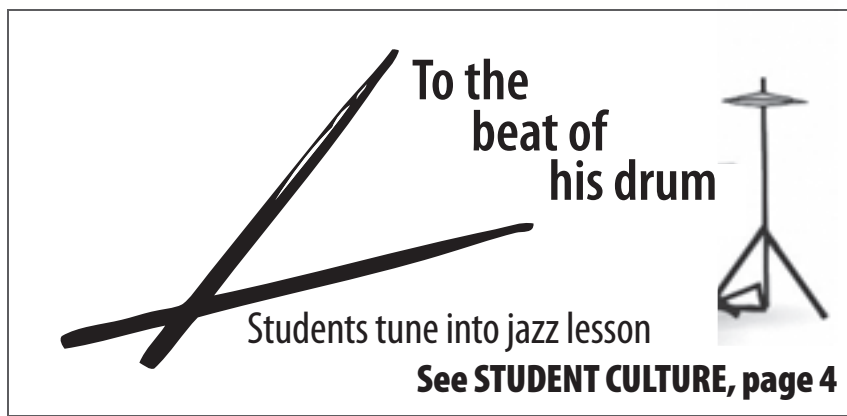




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## A SHORE WAY TO LEARN



SJSU students ready themselves for the waves of Rio Del Mar as Ed Guzman and company give a brief lesson. Guzman and his crew, Club Ed, taught the students Saturday as part of Spartan Rec Connect's Outdoor Adventures program.

For the full story, see SPORTS, page 5

## Campus alert system in works

Public-address speakers for emergency use only

By ELISHA MALDONADO  
Staff Writer

Attention: An emergency mass alert system implementation has begun at SJSU.

Tested on both April 10 and 18, said Pat Lopes Harris, SJSU media relations specialist, the telephone-based emergency notification system will sound in times of crisis.

In the wake of the Virginia Tech shootings last April, Lopes Harris said, a group of employees met to review the way emergency notifications were dealt with on campus.

The decision was that a public address emergency-alert system would be the first priority, she said.

"What we are talking about in general are emergency alerts," she said. "The PA system is the only way we know of. Period. Cell phones are not always going to get the message."

The system uses speakers built into most office and classroom telephones; it looks like a phone and works as a PA system, Lopes Harris said.

The emergency warnings emanating from the PA system, however, cannot be heard outside, said UPD Sgt. John Laws.

"The blue phones, University Housing and the (Dr. Martin Luther) King Library are the next step in the process," he said.

Using the emergency alert system, Laws said, would depend on the circumstance.

"If we are talking fire, natural disasters or an earthquake, we may not use the system," he said.

If an earthquake occurred, for instance, he said, "we might notify once everything is settled and we have assessed the situation. We wouldn't want to evacuate someone from a safe area."

According to a Stanford University article, the university has also begun putting a notification system into place.

Their system, however, will alert individuals "simultaneously via e-mail, voice and text messages," according to the article.

Though Lopes Harris said the university would be employing the same means to alert students and faculty alike, they will be doing it as a follow up to the PA

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## Assemblyman proposes tax on beer; some bitter

By MICHAEL PASAOA  
Staff Writer

Assemblyman Jim Beall (D-San Jose) proposed a tax on beer makers that would add anywhere from 5 cents to \$1.80 to the price of a gallon of beer to help eliminate the state's budget deficit, and some people are already showing their disapproval.

"Picketers outside of San Jose came to picket my office last week," Beall said. Beall said the people came

from Santa Cruz and San Francisco and that they weren't from SJSU.

Some SJSU young Democrats came and asked the pickets how they would balance the budget, Beall said.

"We have a state budget deficit," Beall said. "Do we want people that drink alcohol to pay for some of the costs dealing with problems created by drinking alcohol? Or do we want the general public with general taxes to pay for all of it?"

Jason Moore, a non-beer drinker and SJSU junior English major, said it seemed like a small amount to add.

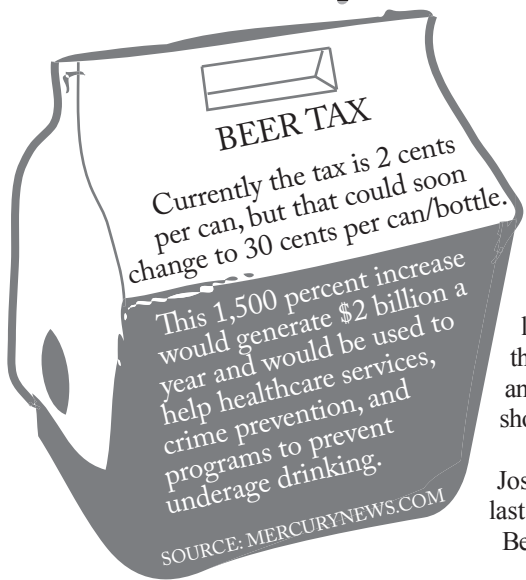
"I think people would still end up buying it anyway," Moore said.

"Even if you raise the rate people would still buy it," said Anthony Vu, also a non-beer drinker and a junior electrical engineering major. "If they want it, they want it."

Beall said the tax on beer has stayed at 20 cents per gallon since 1991, but if it was adjusted for inflation it would be at 31 cents.

"One reason why the alcohol tax hasn't been raised since 1991," Beall said, "is because alcohol businesses have a very strong lobby in Sacramento. They spent \$3 million in 2006, lobbying legislature to op-

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## Chief addresses recent shooting drill

Another simulation in plans, he says

By HEIDO ROMSWINCKEL-GUISE  
Staff Writer

Just more than a week after a simulated shooting at MacQuarrie Hall on April 18, UPD Chief Andre Barnes and Detective Cpl. Eric Wong answered questions about the event and campus safety.

Barnes and Wong spoke to about 20 students in a journalism class Thursday afternoon.

"I think the one thing we definitely took from it was that there's going to have to be continuous training to continue to build muscle memory for the officers," Wong said, "so they understand the natural stress of the situation so they will still be able to employ it."

There is not an official date for when the next shooter simulation will be, but Barnes said he wanted to update and add more to the scenario.

For the next simulation, Barnes said he hoped to incorporate two buildings and get more people involved.

He also said he wanted to use "simulation firearms" to make the situation more believable because people, including officers, react differently when something is more realistic.

Michael Gehrett, a junior forensic science major, said on the day of the shooting simulation that he thought the exercise was significant.

"It's a good idea to do something like this, you know? Just be prepared," said Gehrett, 22.

Since people respond in different ways in certain situations, both men said training for officers as well as the public is crucial.

"We are actually in the process, at this time, of having members of UPD train to be an outreach to both faculty, staff and students," Wong said, "to actually give them some information, if not actual training, as to how to best survive incidents such as (a shooting)."

Barnes elaborated that six officers from UPD will go up to Sacramento

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## One late afternoon to the next, chapel's patrons bow in prayer

By TARA DUFFY  
Staff Writer

All was quiet inside of the Catholic Campus Ministry Chapel on Sunday night while students bowed their heads and began the 24 hours of prayer for SJSU.

The prayer began at 5 p.m. and continued until 5 p.m. on Monday.

"At SJSU we feel like there are hopeless and discouraged people who suffer from a lack of purpose, not just non-Christians; it's everyone," said Robby Valderrama, a junior business finance major who helped organize the event.

He said the 24-hour prayer came

about because there are calls for prayer all over and that the prayer was for people of all religions and walks of life.

"This group of people are college students from a lot of different churches and denominations, students from San Jose State and students that don't have a church," Valderrama said. "It's put on by just a bunch of different groups and students who believe in this campus. Our goal is for there to be a blessing on campus. It's a group effort."

Some of the students said they participated in the prayer belong to dif-

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A few students trickled in to the Catholic Campus Ministry Chapel on Monday afternoon to take some time to pray for SJSU.

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For a woman, living up to the standards of society and media is a fruitless endeavor.

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### SERVING THE U.S. IN THE NFL

A late-round pick in last week-end's NFL draft could double duty for the Army and the Lions without leaving the country.

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### WARRANT

A 28-year-old man was arrested on investigation of an outstanding misdemeanor warrant at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

Thursday, April 24, at 10:36 a.m.

### WARRANT

A 22-year-old man was cited and released on investigation of an outstanding misdemeanor warrant at Seventh and San Salvador streets.

Thursday, April 24, at 11:29 a.m.

### TRAFFIC

A report was taken about a hit-and-run in the 10th Street garage.

Thursday, April 24, at 1:35 p.m.

### TRAFFIC

A report was taken about a hit-and-run in the Seventh Street garage.

Thursday, April 24, at 4:51 p.m.

### ALCOHOL

A 19-year-old woman was cited and released on suspicion of a minor in possession of alcohol at the Sigma Nu fraternity house.

Friday, April 25, at 1:08 a.m.

### ALCOHOL

A 26-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of being drunk in public on Second and Santa Clara streets.

Friday, April 25, at 10:45 p.m.

### DRUGS

A 19-year-old man was cited and released on suspicion of possessing marijuana at Joe West Hall.

Saturday, April 26, at 1:55 a.m.

### DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

A 23-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence at Tenth and Santa Clara streets.

Saturday, April 26, at 1:58 a.m.

## From the Wire

Associated Press

### Americans eye groceries, not TVs with tax checks

Tax rebates have begun dropping into bank accounts, but in this economy, gas and groceries may trump a high-end TV, a fancy dress or a new sofa — making the checks less of an economic jump-start than the government hoped for.

The first direct deposits from the Internal Revenue Service landed in bank accounts Monday, shoppers were already using the cash to play catch-up on the basics, such as milk and other groceries.

Analysts say the rest will probably be used to pay down debt.

Alicia Flaxman, a stay-at-home mother from Seekonk, Mass., was shopping at a Target store Monday and said she would use some of the rebate for food — cheaper items like potatoes, not more expensive meat and fish.

"My bills are double," she said. "I go to the supermarket and I spend \$200. I used to spend \$120."

The rest of the money will probably go for summer clothes for her three children, she said.

The IRS aims to make 800,000 payments every day for the first three days of this week. No deposits will be made Thursday, and about 5 million on Friday.

### Clinton calls out Obama on gas taxes

Hillary Clinton criticized Barack Obama on Monday for opposing proposals to suspend federal gas taxes this summer, a plan she and Republican John McCain have endorsed. Obama didn't take the bait. He ignored Clinton and focused on McCain.

"My opponent, Sen. Obama, opposes giving consumers a break from the gas tax," Clinton said at a firehouse. "I understand the American people need some relief," she added, implying that Obama

doesn't get it.

He has said motorists would not benefit significantly from suspending the gas tax.

"This is his solution to the problems of the energy crisis and your tax bills," Obama told several thousand at a noisy rally in Wilmington. "Keep in mind that the federal gas tax is about 5 percent of your gas bill. If it lasts for three months, you're going to save about \$25 or \$30, or a half a tank of gas."

The idea to suspend the 18.4 cent federal gas tax and 24.4 cent diesel tax from Memorial Day to Labor Day was first proposed by McCain, the likely Republican presidential nominee, as a way to lessen the pain at the pump for consumers this summer.

### Man holds daughter captive for 24 years

The children locked in the basement never saw the light of day for years.

A retired electrician has confessed to imprisoning his daughter for 24 years and fathering seven children with her in a windowless cell sealed by an electronic keyless-entry system, police said Monday.

One of the children died in infancy and was tossed into the furnace of what stunned Austrians have labeled a "house of horrors," officials said. The suspect owned the gray stone apartment building, lived there with his family and rented the other units to relatives.

Austria is still scandalized by a 2006 case involving a girl who was kidnapped and imprisoned in a basement outside Vienna for more than eight years. Residents of this working-class town west of the capital were puzzled as to how the latest instance could go undetected for so long.

Questions were being raised as to how the suspect — identified as Josef Fritzl, 73 — deceived neigh-

bors, social workers and police for so long.

"How is it possible that no one knew anything for 24 years?" asked Anita Fabian, a teacher in Amstetten. "This was not possible without accomplices."

### Supreme Court rejects challenge to Indiana voter photo ID law

The Supreme Court ruled Monday that states can require voters to produce photo identification without violating their constitutional rights, validating Republican-inspired voter ID laws.

In a splintered 6-3 ruling, the court upheld Indiana's strict photo ID requirement, which Democrats and civil rights groups said would deter poor, older and minority voters from casting ballots. Its backers said it was needed to prevent fraud.

It was the most important voting rights case since the Bush v. Gore dispute that sealed the 2000 election for George W. Bush. But the voter ID ruling lacked the conservative-liberal split that marked the 2000 case.

The law "is amply justified by the valid interest in protecting 'the integrity and reliability of the electoral process,'" Justice John Paul Stevens said in an opinion that was joined by Chief Justice John Roberts and Anthony Kennedy. Stevens was a dissenter in Bush v. Gore in 2000.

Justices Samuel Alito, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas also agreed with the outcome but wrote separately.

Justices Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and David Souter dissented, just as they did in 2000.

More than 20 states require some form of identification at the polls. Courts have upheld voter ID laws in Arizona, Georgia and Michigan, but struck down Missouri's. Monday's decision comes a week before Indiana's presidential primary.

## SHOOT SJSU V.P. in charge of new team

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within the next couple of weeks to train for teaching people these survival skills.

Other aspects of campus safety are expected to go into effect in the near future, such as door locks in every building, telephone messages in classrooms, text messages to students and faculty, and public address systems, Barnes said.

"We want to have several ways of getting information to you quickly so that you can take care of yourselves," Barnes said.

Barnes also revealed that a new establishment has been created in hopes of preventing violent situations, like a shooting, on campus.

"We have put together a threat-assessment team," Barnes said. "The whole idea is to put strategies together to assess how we might see somebody, at least those who are on campus that might get involved in some type of behavior that is dangerous to our campus."

Veril Phillips, vice president of the Division of Student Affairs, is the person in charge of this team, Barnes added.

The team consists of members from UPD, human resources and counseling, Barnes said.

The threat-assessment team will encourage students and faculty to be able to go the team if one suspects anything from anyone on campus.

"If they see somebody displaying a particular behavior, let's get to that person and talk with them and have a process so we can monitor their behavior," Barnes said.

Barnes added that if the team could be successful in monitoring these behaviors, incidents like the Columbine shooting and others could be less likely to occur.

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### Today

#### Study Abroad Information Meeting

Interested in learning about the world first hand? Come to a study abroad information meeting to learn more about studying abroad in one of 40 different countries, get residential credit for classes taken abroad, all while paying SJSU tuition and fees.

Noon at Clark Hall, Room 412

Contact: Lisa Baum, [studyabroad@sjsu.edu](mailto:studyabroad@sjsu.edu)

#### Piano Recital "Student Showcase"

Piano studio of Dr. Gwendolyn Mok  
12:30 to 1:15 p.m. at the Music Building Concert Hall  
Contact: Joan Stubbe, 924-4649, [jstubbe@email.sjsu.edu](mailto:jstubbe@email.sjsu.edu)

#### Lecture: U.S. Interests in the Middle East: A source of stability or conflict

Gil Villagran from the School of Social Work lectures.  
2:45 to 6 p.m. at the Engineering Auditorium, Room 189  
Contact: 482-0371, [gvillagran@casa.sjsu.edu](mailto:gvillagran@casa.sjsu.edu)

#### Art Lecture: "Sandra Cate — Wat Rong Khun: Thai art in an age of spectacle"

Art historian Cate will discuss the career of Calermchai Kositpipat and how it parallels Thai contemporary art. Her emphasis will be on Wat Rong Khun, with its 3-D depictions of hell, as sacred site, tourist attraction and reification of the artist's aesthetic concerns.

5 p.m. at the Art Building, Room 133

Contact: Theta Belcher, [tbelcher@email.sjsu.edu](mailto:tbelcher@email.sjsu.edu)

#### School of Art & Design Gallery Receptions

6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Art Building and Industrial Studies Building  
Contact: Theta Belcher, [tbelcher@email.sjsu.edu](mailto:tbelcher@email.sjsu.edu)

#### LGBTQ Feedback Forum

SJSU students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender are invited to participate in a confidential survey regarding resources at SJSU.

Receive \$10 for participating.

6 to 7 p.m. Location provided by e-mailing or by calling researcher

Contact: Angela Krumm, [LGBTQresearch@SJSU@gmail.com](mailto:LGBTQresearch@SJSU@gmail.com), 924-5910

### Tomorrow

#### Information Session: Extreme Networks

Majors: Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Industrial Technology, ME, IE, FIN, Accounting, AIS, MIS, Math, Statistics, Marketing, Corporate Financial Management, Communications, Mass Communications and Public Relations

12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Student Union Ohlone Room

Contact: Sherri Bowman, [sherri.bowman@sjsu.edu](mailto:sherri.bowman@sjsu.edu)

#### Employer Tables:

In attendance will be the California Highway Patrol, First Investors Corporation and Happy Fish Swim School.  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 9th street Plaza, in front of the Career Center

#### Catholic & Feminist Mass

Presided by Victoria Rue, Roman Catholic woman priest. All are welcome, especially those marginalized by the church — women, LGBT, divorced/remarried, those using birth control, those who've had abortions.

5:15 p.m. at the Spartan Memorial

Contact: Victoria Rue, [victoria@victoriarue.com](mailto:victoria@victoriarue.com)

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#### Wednesday Evening Religion Course

Come join us at the San Jose Institute of Religion sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS).

7 to 8 p.m. at 66 S. Seventh St. Every Wednesday.

Contact: [bohndm@ldsces.org](mailto:bohndm@ldsces.org), [www.ldsces.org/sanjos](http://www.ldsces.org/sanjos)

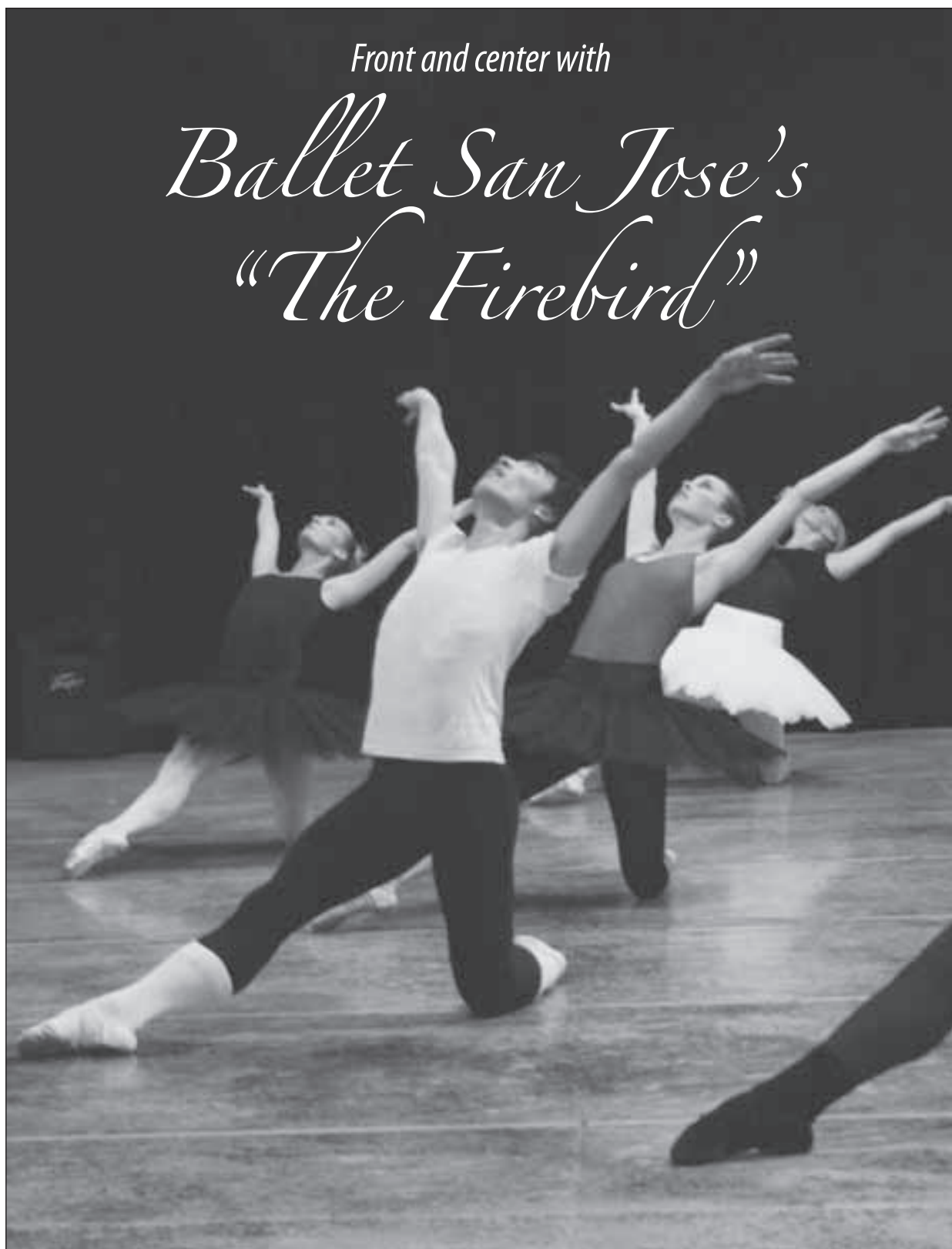
#### Scitopia.org — Collaboration For More Successful Science and Technology Research

School of Library & Information Science Colloquia Series presents George Plosker, Client Services Manager for IEEE, who will speak on scitopia.org.

12 to 1 p.m. at Clark Hall, Room 322.

Contact: Marcia Laughrey, 924-2490, [laughrey@slis.sjsu.edu](mailto:laughrey@slis.sjsu.edu)

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Front and center with  
*Ballet San Jose's  
"The Firebird"*

Dancers rehearse for their upcoming shows of "The Firebird," based on Russian folk tales of a prince trying to capture a bird that will open the doors to the kingdom.



PHOTOS BY ART MARKMAN / SPARTAN DAILY

ABOVE: The Firebird dancer with her magic feathers dances with a group of monsters during rehearsal for "The Firebird," scheduled for May 1 through May 4 at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts.

BELOW: The Ballet San Jose rehearses Friday for the upcoming shows of "The Firebird."



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The sound of percussion spilled into the halls of the Music Building on Monday afternoon, but the musician behind the kit was not a student — it was SJSU alumnus and local jazz drummer Curt Moore.

Moore, who was nominated for a Grammy Award in the late 1970s with jazz duet Jackie Cain and Roy Kral, was asked by SJSU music professor Aaron Lington to conduct a drum clinic for those interested in becoming better percussionists, Moore said.

“The purpose of the clinic is to show the students here what former students are doing, how they’re doing it — the fact that we are doing it,” Moore said. “We’re out there being independent business people. We’re being successful, and we’re working hard at what we do. I was presenting my little slice of the world.”

Ten to 15 students and faculty watched and listened to Moore describe and perform Afro-Cuban jazz.

Afro-Cuban jazz is a variety of jazz, mixing techniques and sounds from styles including the cha-cha and the mambo, Moore said during the clinic.

“He is one of the leaders of Afro-Cuban/Latin music,” said Cody Rhodes, a sophomore music major. “(He is) the authority around here.”

Some of the students in attendance, who said they were also aspiring drummers, said they considered Moore’s clinic a worthwhile event to attend.

“It was really informative,” Rhodes said. “That’s pretty much the funnest, hardest thing you can play. He was really helpful in learning new things.”

Kosuke Okamura, a sophomore music education major, said he enjoyed Afro-Cuban jazz and attended the clinic to learn a different style of drumming.

“I want to be able to play all those different

## Students get a dose of beats at the drum clinic



By ANDREW HERNDON  
Staff Writer

types of genres,” said Okamura, 20.

The seminar lasted for about an hour — with students listening intently to what Moore had to say.

“The way we create tone is through our touch,” Moore said during the clinic.

Some people may consider Moore an influence in their drumming lives, but according to Moore, his influences are many.

“It’s kind of by committee,” Moore said. “I have listened to so many people, and I have been playing for so many years, it’s kind of hard to nail it down to one.”

Some of Moore’s notable “committee” members include: Buddy Rich, Steve Gadd, Peter Erskine and Elvin Jones, Moore said.

Moore began playing the clarinet as a child,

before hearing the drums in the fifth grade, he said.

“About three years into the clarinet,” Moore said, “I heard the drums and decided that’s what I wanted to do.”

Lington and Moore played with each other in the past, and Lington asked Moore to conduct a clinic at SJSU, Moore said.

“Aaron (Lington) and I play in a couple different bands together,” Moore said. “We talked about it at a gig once, and since I was an alumni, he likes to do things that keep the connection with people who have gone to school before and wanted to have me come in and do something.”

Moore said he has performed in hundreds of music clinics around the United States — the most recent one at the University of Kentucky about three months ago.

## Belt out tunes with MySpace Karaoke

By JAKE COYLE  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — You’re sitting at home online and suddenly you get an irresistible urge. You absolutely have to belt out R. Kelly’s “I Believe I Can Fly” and share it with the world.

You now have that ability, thanks to the new MySpace Karaoke, to be launched Tuesday by the social networking site.

MySpace Karaoke (ksolo.myspace.com) debuts nearly two years after Fox Interactive Media, a division of News Corp., which owns MySpace, purchased the karaoke site kSolo.com. The combination of MySpace and kSolo allows users to upload audio recordings of them singing everything from R. Kelly to Ritchie Valens to their profile page.

MySpace co-founder and president Tom Anderson (known by many as the friend who comes automatically with a MySpace account) said MySpace and karaoke are a natural fit.

“It is, in part, because music is so popular on our site,” said Anderson. “But also because karaoke is such a fun and social thing, which is what we’re about, too. It’s not as much fun to go to karaoke alone, but when you do it through the Internet or on your MySpace page, then you can share it with people.”

Recordings can be prominently displayed on one’s MySpace page and receive ratings from friends

(and, presumably, fans). As of Monday afternoon, the most popular song to sing was Sarah McLachlan’s “Angel.”

MySpace Karaoke and kSolo — the first major karaoke site — are just two destinations of a small industry of online karaoke sites. SingShot, owned by Electronic Arts, and Bix, owned by Yahoo, are also big names in karaoke on the Web.

And YouTube has, of course, been the largest repository of people dancing around their bedrooms and singing their favorite songs. Although MySpace Karaoke doesn’t currently have a video option, Anderson says it’s in the works and that it will include a split-screen duet feature.

Users need only a microphone to sing into. MySpace Karaoke gives them the music to sing over (with vocals removed) with the lyrics scrolling across their computer screen. There are also numerous effects that users can play with to alter their recordings.

Right now, the site has between 2,000 and 3,000 songs available, all of them licensed from music publishers. The difficulty of managing those rights has been the reason for the delayed launch, Anderson said.

“It was quite difficult,” he said. “The rules and the licensing changed over time and became more complicated since MySpace is a global company. There’s different rights in different territories.”

## Eric Hutchinson’s ‘Sounds Like This’ warrants more than one listen

*Recent release uses percussion, typical but catchy lyrics and flawless craft that will have you singing in the shower on Round 3*

By ANGELO LANHAM  
Staff Writer

I took an immediate disliking to Eric Hutchinson’s debut album, “Sounds Like This.”

I’m not sure what it was. It could have been the smile his voice seems to project, the funk-tinged, standard-hook choruses or the strange impression that I’d heard it all somewhere before.

Fortunately, the dislike was short-lived, and by the third listen, I was singing along to the songs, and humming all of the tunes even when I wasn’t listening to them, in the shower, on the light rail and at city council meetings.

What first comes across as a poor man’s version of Maroon 5 later reveals itself to be a unique, percussion-based outing.

Lyrics are simultaneously the typical catchy-pop fair (such as the majority of the words to “You Don’t Have To Believe Me”) and surprisingly witty, nearly deep verses detailing the ins and outs of love and working crappy jobs.

The main downfall might be Hutchinson’s flawless song and lyrical craft.

What initially comes across as sophomore writings about someone else’s experiences he’s read about someplace before, after a careful listen, turn out to be well-crafted prose whose topics are so fully lived by the author that he can’t be bothered to tug at your heartstrings by whining about it all.

Instead, Hutchinson nonchalantly sings about all of the downs of society.

Even some of the choruses have a healthy dose of wit behind them, such as “Outside Villanova”:

“So get up. I gotta go to work/facing all these people who now know I’m a jerk

/and it’s a setup. I gotta change my clothes/concealing all this evidence before everybody knows/what I’ve

done and what I’m gonna do again.”

The song seems to be about a fling with a minor, as indicated by a line later in the song about how she’s “getting older and legal soon.”

Or how about Exhibit B, this morsel from “Oh!!”:

“I picked a pocket just to give it all back/Took out the license left the money intact/The man said, ‘I wanna thank you,’ and I had to ask why/That was the old me. I was living a lie.”

Even the self-proclaimed single “Rock & Roll,” a jaunty, catchy tune that bothers me, is brimming with almost cynical verses mocking nightlife, which betray the saccharine pop sound and “if they want to rock, they rock” stupidity of the chorus.

Musically, the textures are fairly varied with a folk-funk foundation and some nice jazzy additions, particularly the slapping, manic-fingered outro of “All Over Now” and the sax bit in “It Hasn’t Been Long Enough.”

To match the already-mentioned perfect nature of the lyrics, almost edited too well, Hutchinson’s songs are structured so well that it almost rolls back over to poorly crafted.

It’s almost mind-boggling how Hutchinson always knows where a bridge should go, or when to sing high or low, while his understated but skilled acoustic guitar work weaves in and out of the whole album.

The only real drawbacks are “You Don’t Have To Believe Me,” a somewhat irritating James Brown impersonation, and “Rock &

Roll,” which for all its depth is annoying.

Hutchinson has all of the experience and sadness of all those folksy producers of “old sad bastard” music without bothering you with his whining, and he packages it all up so well that you almost get the impression that he cares.

So give it three listens. I guarantee you’ll be hooked by the time you hear the last track for the third time.



## Faculty, Students and Staff!

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# Learning comes in waves for students

By KIMBERLY TSAO  
Staff Writer

Surf's up! SJSU students rode the waves in Santa Cruz on Saturday as part of the Spartan Rec Connect's Outdoor Adventures program.

"I love the adventure program just because it gets people out of their box — their own routine," said Kristine Kirkendall, Spartan Rec Connect's assistant director of fitness and wellness. "It helps them to experience new and exciting things."

Kirkendall said Spartan Rec Connect is a collaboration among Associated Students' Campus Recreation, the Sport Club and the Aquatic Center. For the surfing lesson, Kirkendall said she worked with a company called Club Ed, which is a company based out of Santa Cruz that offers surfing lessons, including surf camps in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

"(Surfing) happens to have many wonderful qualities," said Ed Guzman, owner of Club Ed. "To start with, it's a physical activity that's exhilarating, and the ocean ... has healing qualities. When you just get near the ocean, you feel good. When you get in the ocean, you feel better."

Guzman said he grew up in San Francisco in the '60s, and his mom gave him a surfboard, which was the best thing she could have done for him at the time.

"Here I am at 50 years old — top fitness," he said. "It's something that literally saved my life."

Melissa Benham, a graduate student in environmental studies, said she surfed because it's one of the "sports that involve the powers of nature."

The surfer hopefuls got a taste of yoga. Guzman said they started with a five-minute yoga stretch. Afterward, they had a wrap-up lunch.

"I thought it would be great experience learning with people I



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SJSU student Maria Makarian is taught how to stand up on the surfboard by a Club Ed instructor Saturday at Rio Del Mar beach in Santa Cruz as part of the Spartan Rec Connect's Outdoor Adventures program.

haven't met before," said Travis Ito-Stone, a junior behavioral science and psychology major.

Then, the students learned the "rule for the road," which is also known as surfing etiquette. They soaked in how to stand on the surfboard correctly, how waves are created and how to catch them.

"They get up on their feet," Guzman said. "They ride till they fall over, and they paddle back and do it again."

To fall on their bottoms, the students paid \$65 for a two-hour lesson, including wetsuit and surfboard rental.

"We teach people on soft surfboards that are especially designed for the Club Ed surf school," Guzman said. "They're soft and wide and thick and

floaty and stable and easy. We go out in very gentle, kind of (rolling), perfect beginner waves that are breaking over sand."

Although the lesson was scheduled for Cowell's Beach, the Spartan surfers headed for Rio Del Mar at the last minute Saturday. Heath Braddock, director the Club Ed surfing school, said it was a less-crowded beach with better waves that day.

The Spartan Rec Connect initiated its first surfing lesson in Spring 2006, Kirkendall said.

"Everybody had fun and success," Guzman said. "There's no bad time to surf, you know? We're in California. The waves are most active from, I'd say, October through May, early June."

Chris Lozano, a junior business

accounting major, said, "It was perfect timing to go surfing."

Ito-Stone, 22, said he disliked that the trip was so short.

During the school year, the SJSU program has offered hiking and Yosemite camping trips. It offers intramural sports and fitness classes such as aerobics and pilates.

"Each semester, we'll have a different menu of activities that are provided," Kirkendall said.

Kirkendall said it's "for fun only." Students don't receive class credit.

"(The people from Club Ed) were very nice people," Kirkendall said.

Guzman said he'll be going to Chile and Peru for private tours.

"It's kind of a pinch-me life that I get to live," Guzman said. "It's very fulfilling."



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## SPORTS COMMENTARY

### Army cadet's future altered by final-round pick in NFL Draft

By SAMUEL LAM  
Senior Staff Writer

With the 218th pick of the 2008 NFL Draft, the Detroit Lions selected safety Caleb Campbell of Army.

For most college athletes, being drafted by an NFL team is a life-changing experience. But for Campbell, it may have been a matter of life or death.

By having his name called by the Lions, Campbell's post-graduate plans to head up a platoon in Iraq were put on hold. His draft to the NFL gives him a chance to serve America without having to go overseas.

If Campbell makes the team and signs a contract with the Lions, he can still fulfill his service requirements while playing professional ball. He would then be able to serve as a recruiter without having to engage in full-combat duty.

But that's only if he makes the team.

As his name was announced during Sunday's NFL Draft, fans wearing jerseys from various different teams chanted his name. "U-S-A" chants overwhelmed Radio City Music Hall in New York as Campbell conducted his post-draft interview with ESPN.

Campbell's face lit up from the support by the

different fans; and for the NFL, a hero was born.

Since the death of former NFL star and Army Ranger Pat Tillman in 2004, the fans have embraced men and women in the military. Holiday wishes are sent by players during the NFL's annual Thanksgiving games. American flag decals are now placed on every player's helmet while the war continues in Iraq.

Now the league can honor the military by letting Campbell serve his country on the gridiron.

Campbell, who finished his senior season with 97 tackles and three forced fumbles, said he planned to recruit on his off-days from football but would leave the NFL and join his graduating class in Iraq if it needed him.

But for the football-craved fans of the NFL, their league now has a true hero they can admire. With the troubled pasts of players like Adam "Pacman" Jones and Michael Vick, or the constant whining of Chad Johnson, the NFL has a role model for whom we can unanimously cheer.

Even if you aren't an avid football follower like the ones who cheered Campbell's name during the draft, you may find a fan-favorite in Campbell.

You may not agree with the war in Iraq or the things that the government has used the military for, but having a serviceman represent the country's morals through football may be what the league and country need.

For now, Campbell sees this as a great opportunity to play football and still work as a recruiter.

He will be working hard during training camp to impress head coach Rod Marinelli. The safety will be fighting his way through blockers to stop the running back during practice.

He won't only be fighting for a roster spot, but he will also be serving his country on a field in Detroit.

### Sharks in search of momentum away from home

Associated Press

DALLAS — As strange as it sounds, the Dallas Stars might have preferred to stay on the West Coast even though they are coming home with a 2-0 series lead.

It's San Jose that instead really needed to escape the Shark Tank.

What about home-ice advantage? Well, there doesn't seem to be any whenever the Sharks and Stars play, whether in the regular season or in the playoffs.

The home team has won three of the past 16 games dating to last season.

As they did in their first-round series against defending Stanley Cup champion Anaheim, the Stars won the first two games on the road.

But they lost Game 3 against the Ducks. It was the seventh loss in eight home playoff games over four postseasons for Dallas.

Dallas has won five of its six

games this season at the Shark Tank, where Games 5 and 7, if necessary, will be played.

San Jose was 27-10-4 on the road during the regular season, which ended with a 4-2 loss in Dallas three weeks ago in a meaningless game that turned into a prolonged brawl with 160 penalty minutes, including 95 in the first period.

None of that seemingly has carried into this series — not yet, at least. But imagine how feisty the Sharks might be coming back in a two-game hole and needing some real momentum.

The Sharks had a 2-1 lead Sunday night when Joe Pavelski collapsed on the ice after losing a skate edge in the opening seconds of the third period.

Brad Richards capitalized on the turnover with a wristed that beat Evgeni Nabokov on the stick side.

While it was a lucky break for the tying goal, Richards later assisted on

three more for Dallas, which had its fourth multigoal third period in eight playoff games this month.

Richards, the 2004 playoff MVP for Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay who was acquired in a deadline trade this spring, set a Dallas franchise playoff record with his four-point period.

Not only did Richards get on track, the Stars got back defenseman Sergei Zubov. The 15-season veteran and two-time Stanley Cup winner played for the first time since January after operations to place a screw in a bone in his right foot and to repair a sports hernia.

Zubov made a nifty pass for the primary assist on Mike Modano's goal with 16:21 to play.

But now it's San Jose's turn to try to put on an impressive road show.

"It's where we've succeeded," Joe Pavelski said. "We've got to grab a couple out of their building."

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# PHONE | Future may include text messages

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announcement.

"We are still hoping to secure a deal with an outside agency that will allow us to send emergency alerts via text messaging in Fall 2008," she said, "and, yes, we will have to collect info from employees and students."

But some students said they would readily give up their information in exchange for safety.

"I would most definitely give my information to the school for an emergency," said Deanna Mauer, a junior health science major, "just as long as it wasn't random text messages. If it were for emergencies, yes."

Mauer continued by saying that awareness was essential on a college campus.

Awareness and notification systems are crucial, Mauer said, "because everyone's lives are really valued. And if people feel insecure, they are less likely to come."

So far, though, the university is doing a good job of notifying the students, said Ashley Smith, a sophomore interior design major.

"I think (a security system) is probably most important among campus securities," she said, "because, in the case of Virginia Tech, some of the deaths were preventable because they could have notified the students faster."

# Party, games educate campus about cancer

## Activities included 'Pop the Polyp' and 'Cigarette Knockdown'

By CASEY JAY  
Senior Staff Writer

The serious topic of cancer was given a whole new spin with the Relay For Life Jump Off Party held Tuesday night in the Student Union.

The event was hosted by Colleges Against Cancer, a student organization sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Megan Young, a junior political science major and president of the SJSU chapter of Colleges Against Cancer, said the party was for people to have fun, learn about Colleges Against Cancer and feel encouraged to sign up for a relay in their community.

The activities included games like "Guess the Butts," where students could guess how many cigarette butts were inside a glass jar, and "Pop the Polyp," where students could step on purple balloons to symbolize stomping out colon cancer.

Students could also enter a large pink tent representing a life-size co-

lon and see giant examples of polyps, polyposis and cancer.

"We're trying to give people a feel for what a relay is like," Young said.

Brad Komplen, a senior communication studies major and member of Colleges Against Cancer, said the event really hit home for him.

"I'm a cancer survivor," Komplen said as he worked the "Cigarette Knockdown" game. "I wanted to get involved and let people know what they can do to help."

Another important part of the night was the lumina ceremony, where students decorated bags in honor and memory of loved ones affected by cancer.

The bags were displayed in a circle and students could explain who they dedicated their bag to if they wished.

Freshmen cousins Jessica Murillo and Frances Soto worked at the front desk, handing out beaded necklaces and encouraging people to make lumina bags before they entered.

"One of our uncles passed away with cancer," Murillo said. "We saw a flier and wanted to get involved."

Both Murillo and Soto said they also planned to attend a Relay For Life this year.

The relay is the major activity of the American Cancer Society. Relays are all-day events aimed at the fight against cancer, and teams of people walk or run a track or path for up to 24 hours continuously.

There are 4,500 Relay For Life events throughout the country and 21 in the greater San Jose area, said Patrick Male, youth programs manager with American Cancer Society.

"Relay For Life is one of the most successful fundraising events in the world," Male said.

He said the idea of the jump off party was "to educate about American Cancer Society and Colleges Against Cancer, our student organization."

"Students do everything American Cancer Society does, but specific to that community," he said.

The role of Colleges Against Cancer is to educate about prevention, fundraise, celebrate survivorship and advocate for policies that affect various aspects of cancer research and healthcare, Young and Male said.

"There are 21 Colleges Against Cancer chapters in California, and 330 in the country," Male said.

Young said relay season is typically between April and July, and that "it's a really great experience."

"My dad died of lung cancer three years ago, and he was only 60," she said. "I'm passionate about not smoking and doing everything I can to prevent cancer."

# TAX | Would gain \$2 billion

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pose any taxes on alcohol business.

"The tax would generate up to \$2 billion a year," Beall said, "and would be used for alcohol-related programs that would reduce binge drinking, underage drinking and driving under the influence."

"There's always going to be stupid people, irresponsible people," said Brian Anderson, a beer drinker and a sophomore software engineering major. "You're never going to stop drunk driving, but education in school is the best way to do it."

In 2005, alcohol-related traffic accidents killed 1,574 people and injured 30,810 in California, and alcohol played a role in 3,691 deaths statewide in 2004, according to the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs.

About one-half of all sexual assaults in America involved drinking by either the perpetrator or the victim, or both, according to a 2002 study funded by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

"Because I consider myself a responsible person," Anderson said, "I think it's kind of ridiculous that all the responsible people should pay, you know, for the

stupid people's mistakes."

Beall said 5 percent of the users of alcohol would pay 55 percent of the tax because they're the ones who drink a lot of alcohol.

"A lot of those people picketing were not even 21 either," Beall said. "A couple of them didn't want to admit how old they were."

"The fallout from alcohol consumption costs Californians nearly \$36 billion a year in increased health costs, crime, lost productivity, and injuries from accidents and abuse," Beall said in his April 10 news release. "It's time for the beer industry to help us with the staggering burden it has helped to create."

The excise tax is levied against the manufacturer, who may choose to pass that cost on to consumers, according to the release.

"Thirty cents a can? That won't do anything," Anderson said. "What could that possibly do?"

Beall said a two-thirds majority of the Legislature is required to get the measure before voters who must also approve it.

"Maybe other people will find other drugs like weed to pass the time," Mark Garcia, SJSU civil engineering sophomore said.

# PRAY | Student wants revival on campus

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ferent religious groups on campus.

"There's a lot of Christian fellowships on campus," he said. "This is unique because it's bringing everyone together," said Valderrama, who also said he is a nondenominational Christian.

"I'm praying for unity amongst our brothers and sisters. We are praying for the hearts on this campus. It's exciting," said Osagiamien, a sophomore occupational therapy major. "I'm praying for a revival on this campus."

Ogiamien said that he is a part of a ministry called The Source as well as Campus Crusade for Christ International, two student-led Christian groups on campus.

"I'm praying for Christian groups

to come together and be one, to see unity. It would be cohesive and beautiful," said Thai Lam, who is a member of The Source.

"I'm praying for people to see just how much God loves them," Lam said. "People that are struggling. For people to have spiritual reality in their hearts, in life and school."

Some attendants said they were participating in the event to pray for unity, some talked about praying to help troubled students.

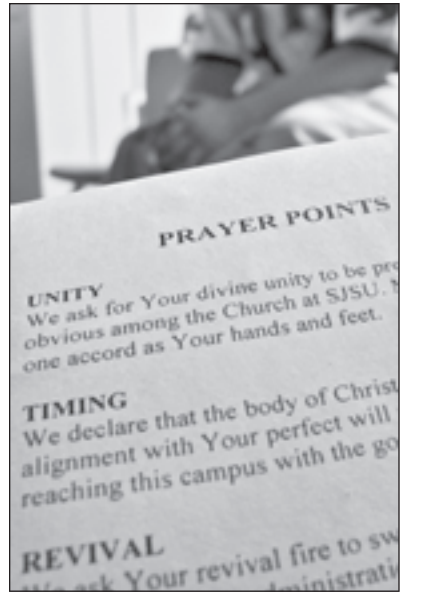
"I am praying for God on this campus. Hearts can maybe be changed to see God. I am praying this ministry will have unity," said Emily James, a junior advertising major. "The point of this is to see hearts changed and to see revival here on campus."

Valderrama said he felt there

were a lot of depressed young people around campus, which led him to help organize the prayer.

"We are praying for our campus and hoping that God will fill people with hope and purpose," he said. "God wants to fill people with joy, and we don't feel everyone on this campus feels that joy. We want people to have hope, because without hope, life sucks."

"We are praying for revival amongst the Christians on campus — we realize we are broken people — we are not perfect. A lot of us are living lonely lives without purpose. People don't have to be lonely," Valderrama said. "A lot of people here don't have a family. With divorce rates what they are now — we are a family. I think it's really cool to get people to come together and make this happen."



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On Monday's opinion page, the results of an online poll were erroneously reported. It should have stated that when asked the question, "Are the living rates for Campus Village reasonable," 12 people answered "yes" and 75 people answered "no."

## Suffering from a case of perfectionism



**FELICIA ANN AGUINALDO**

*Positively Pessimistic*

Take a look inside of my closet and you'll find my clothes organized by tank tops, T-shirts, long-sleeves, sweaters, light jackets, hoodies and heavy coats. On top of that, my clothes are color-coded from light hues to dark, and my hanger colors represent the types of tops hanging from them (green for tanks, blue for jackets, gray for coats, etc.).

I've been organizing my closet this way for more than 10 years.

When I lived at home and had a three-door closet, I hung my hangers exactly 1/2 inch away from each other. And if it weren't for my current hole-in-the-wall-sized closet, I'd have carried over my habit to the dorms.

Hey, I may be slightly obsessive compulsive, but at least I'm not alone.

Roughly 2.2 million American adults suffer from OCD,

the National Institute of Mental Health reports on its Web site, and it affects men and women in almost equal numbers.

Although I may not have a serious case of obsessive-compulsive disorder, I do suffer from something else: perfectionism.

Perfectionism is the need to be or appear perfect, and it's more common in women, says Alice Domar, co-author of the book "Be Happy Without Being Perfect."

She describes someone who suffers from perfectionism as an average woman who "has a hard time finishing a project at work because she feels it isn't quite good enough."

Ge, that sounds familiar.

How many college students pull all-nighters to perfect projects that were probably good enough three hours ago?

Too many, I would imagine.

If you're a man, though, you can thank God for having it easier.

"Men on average worry about three things everyday, but women on average worry about 12 things everyday," Domar said in a Time magazine interview.

"Women are unhappy because, even if 11 out of 12 things are going well, they zero in on the one that isn't," she said.

Hmm. I wonder why this is.

Perhaps it's because of all the pressure women feel to be perfect. Women need to have perfect body sizes, have perfect handwriting and act like perfect role models.

If one thing about us is not perfect, then we're not perfect.

And it's not like we're the only ones who notice.

Domar blames this need for perfectionism on societal, media and partner pressure.

I do too, but I think it starts with the media, moves on to society, then subsists in the partner.

In 1955, Housekeeping Monthly printed the Good Wife's Guide, an instruction manual on how to be a good wife.

"Clear away the clutter," it reads. "Make one last trip through the main part of the house just before your husband arrives."

The media is telling women how to be perfect housewives, which then results in society's expectations and ultimately in the husbands' expectations.

If your husband isn't even allowed to see what a mess you are, why should anyone else?

Even though the Good Wife's Guide appeared more than 60 years ago, its impact can still be felt.

Magazines, television show and products that make housekeeping look like a breeze.

Articles like the Good Wife's Guide and domestic icons like Stewart make it impossible for a woman to have any type of flaw.

But who defines perfection? Not men — otherwise there'd be a Good Husband's Guide, and I've yet to see a perfect husband.

Could it be other women who are using the media to define what it means to be perfect? Is it women who are pressuring each other?

I hope not, because in high-pressure times like these, we should be supporting each other, not forcing each other to conform to unrealistic standards.

The media continues to teach society that if a woman is a good wife, a good mother and a good housekeeper, she is perfect.

It's no wonder women feel the need to perfect everything.

But as much as I resent the pressure and expectations, at least I can thank them for one thing: my perfect closet.

*"Positively Pessimistic" appears every Tuesday. Felicia Ann Aguinaldo is a Spartan Daily copy editor.*

## How to take one on the chin from life



**JOSH WEAVER**

*The Way I Live*

Early diagnosis from the doctors was that the life forming inside of her was missing part of the No. 9 chromosome, and the prognosis was uncertain.

Mental and learning disabilities and facial deformities were just a few of the possibilities stemming from the rare disorder.

Although an option, and recommendations were given to my aunt and uncle citing quality of life, abortion wasn't what they wanted to do. Their love for the unborn child was too great. It was their child no matter what. In spite of the chance of an unfavorable outcome, they were determined to provide for him and care for him.

So, it was a waiting game with

months of tests — using a needle to extract amniotic fluid by puncturing my aunt's stomach and inserting the needle into the baby to examine the DNA — suggestions, observations, ultrasounds, but no definitive answer: Prepare for the worst, pray for the best.

Born three weeks early on April 17 with a portion of his intestines on the outside of his stomach, a cleft palate, and a birth mark on his face, my little cousin fights for air every night with the help of a respirator in the hospital.

Under the circumstances, the doctors were pleasantly surprised and conveyed promising yet cautious optimism knowing there was a long road ahead for the little one.

At six pounds, he struggles to digest his food. His heart has nearly stopped on a number of occasions — once as his mother was holding him — and nurses have had to rub his chest to get his tiny heart pumping again.

He has his good days and bad days. He used a pacifier for the first time the other day, even taking it out of his mouth, but the next day he turned blue a few times.

The next step in what is sure to be months of treatments is surgery to place his intestines were they belong, but first he must be medically stable and able to breathe on his own.

His parents are exhausted, traveling back and forth from the hospital all while raising their 2½-year-old son, who, when asked about his baby brother, said, "He's in the hospital getting better."

My uncle has to go to work every day, knowing that when he gets home his day is only just beginning. All they can do at this point is sit back and let God take care of it. What else is there to do but pour out their love and care, and hope their son survives?

The word I keep thinking of is "strong" — three people demon-

strating strength in ways many are incapable of achieving.

Of course they are not alone in this. They siphon strength from a tight core of dedicated family and friends who are more than willing to lend helping hands and words of encouragement.

It is difficult to comprehend how my aunt and uncle are dealing with this unexpected challenge, taking a figurative punch to the throat from life, getting up and continuing.

It could be selfish to say that I wouldn't want this to happen to my child, but I admire and hold my aunt and uncle in high esteem for the way they are handling the situation. I envy their positive attitudes and firm stances in the face of adversity.

I haven't had the opportunity to see my new cousin, but I've seen pictures. He looks like my uncle, and he looks happy. He appears peaceful, completely unaware that his life is in jeopardy.

Maybe he already knows he will be OK.

*"The Way I Live" appears the last Tuesday of the month. Josh Weaver is the Spartan Daily sports editor.*

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## If it's not creative, I'm not going to listen



**By MARK POWELL**

*Special to the Daily*

The late comedian Mitch Hedberg once said, with his hilariously random style, "I'm against picketing, but I don't know how to show it."

Although I can't joke that I'm against all picketing, I'll admit I have trouble giving positive reviews about demonstrators' passionately spewed phrases.

The banners and signs that protesters carry can actually be effective, with clever messages for the viewing public to see and reflect upon.

If you're anything like me, however, a group's chants, heckles and cheers can sometimes leave you grinding your teeth right down to your gums and can create a blatant difference as to whether their message will be taken seriously.

"Five! Six! Seven! Eight! Administrate! Negotiate!" sign-carrying demonstrators cried Monday morning in support of SJSU dance instructor Heather Cooper.

Cooper is seeking compensation from the school following injuries she claims resulted from excessive force by University Police Department Sgt. John Laws.

My point doesn't regard whether

one side or the other is correct, but my beef lies with Monday's choice of chant (I'll acknowledge that I only heard the one). It was a poor display when compared to the same group's cry last Thursday.

"Faculty should be protected, never hurt or neglected," they shouted in front of the Administration Building.

It's far from poetry, but it's not the same recycled phrases we're used to hearing during protests.

Perhaps supporters should branch out even a little more during their next gathering, maybe offering an a capella rendition of "I Fought the Law" instead.

Let's examine the students who participated in marches around SJSU's campus protesting California State University budget cuts.

Now, I really think that those who stand up for educational opportunities should always be commended. It's a worthy cause, and I'm even friends with many students who made treks across the campus.

But friends or not, I don't think they're exempt from the realm of cheesy protest chants.

Coming out of class one afternoon last week, I heard, "Everywhere we go! (Everywhere we go!) People want to know! (People want to know!) Who we are! (Who we are!) So we tell them! (So we tell them!) We are the ..."

I'm sorry, but at that instant I briefly plugged my ears with my index fingers and walked briskly away from the group.

Like I said, it's not that I don't believe their cause is an excellent one — I simply can't handle regurgitated cheers that have been prevalent in 99 percent of protests everywhere.

It was OK in "Remember the Titans"; I love that movie, in fact. But I think the phrase has had more use than is bearable to public hearing.

And since I'm friends with many who marched, I'll constructively offer possible alternative chants: "You can't spell 'cuts' without 'C-S-U'!" Or how about, "Hey Arnold, I'll be back?"

They may not be void of corniness, but at least they aren't packaged in the same reusable manner.

I'm sure I'll be told that I'm missing the point. I'll be told that it's asinine of me to listen only to their words and not to their message.

But I still believe if a cause is worth taking up, it's also worth spending a few extra minutes giving the world a new way to be enlightened of it.

What do I want? More creative chants. When do I want them? As soon as there is something else to protest.

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## Letter to the editor

### Stop crying about budget cuts

I am getting really tired of these constant protests to the proposed budget cuts and the constant rallies for the revival and passage of the so-called "Dream Act." I do not understand how people think that the government can spend money that it does not have. It is not complex economics. It is simple logic that all of us supposedly learn while growing up. Don't spend more than you have, or don't let your expenditures exceed your income. This is a basic tenant of self-sufficiency. However, when it comes to government, people seem to suspend this rule.

Last I checked, money does not grow on trees or magically appear out of thin air. Programs cost money, and people often forget that the CSU and UC systems are government-funded programs, and thus they are susceptible to the laws of economics.

Don't get me wrong, I am a staunch advocate for higher education, but we here in California are a whole lot better off than our counterparts in other states. Minnesota fees are at least \$4,000 a year and New York students have to pay over \$9,000 per school year just for fees.

I recognize the need to cut government spending due to our lack of finances, and we will still have one of the lowest higher education fees in the nation. I think the problem here, is that we as a generation do not recognize how good we truly have it here in California. Other people could call us ungrateful, but I just say that we have disconnected our government expenses from reality.

*-Brandyn Bettencourt senior, political science*

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## the DAILY

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I am sorry your local political analysts and your neighboring county executives think my being here is polarizing and my sermons are divisive, but I'm not here to address an analyst's opinion or a county executive's point of view."

**REV. JEREMIAH WRIGHT**

*Said Sunday at a dinner for the NAACP in Detroit.*

THE CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED

## What are you looking for in the next SJSU president?



*"I'd like to see more inter-departmental cooperation between faculty members. Right now, it seems like all the faculty members I've worked with have so many classes and maybe a few clubs that they have no idea what other instructors are doing."*

**ELEANOR LOUINFOSSE**  
junior, English



*"Someone that could mobilize everybody. I don't know what the university's goals are, but whatever they are, if they could start checking them off, like 'We achieved this; we achieved that,' that would be pretty attractive to me."*

**JAIME RAMOS**  
graduate student, bioengineering



*"I'd like to see a stronger code of ethics be instilled and being influenced throughout the student body. I want a more ethical standard of teaching, not the style of teaching that comes from a particular viewpoint or agenda."*

**SHANE COTY**  
senior, communication studies



*"What I'm looking for is someone who is going to watch the fees. My main concern is probably the money thing. Fees are ridiculous right now. So someone who would advocate for the students would be cool."*

**SHEA MODIRI**  
senior, television, radio and film



*"Someone who has a grip of what's going on concerning the budget and classes and teachers. I think students pay too much and classes get cancelled, and books and classes are really expensive as it is."*

**MARIDEE RAMOS**  
junior, justice studies



*"Keep promoting the student cause. I want a cap put on student fees. Promote hiring of good faculty. Promote the needs of the faculty, so there's not another threat of a strike. Generally, stability."*

**BORIS MAJKIC**  
senior, history

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