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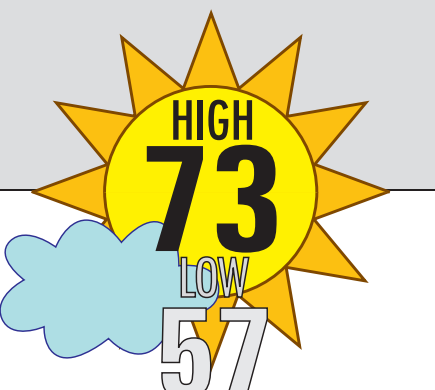
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ALL ABOARD SAN JOSE BART?



The platform of the Fremont BART station.

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JASON LE MIERE
Staff Writer

For over half-a-century, there have been rumors and negotiations about BART coming south to San Jose. This November, voters in Santa Clara County will have another chance to bring that realization one step closer.

Measure B on the Nov. 4 ballot will ask Santa Clara County voters to

decide whether they are prepared to pay for a one-eighth-of-a-cent increase in sales tax, which will pay for operation and maintenance costs for the Valley Transportation Authority to bring BART to San Jose.

"The BART tax equates to \$13 per person, per year, for the average person," said Jeff Janssen, senior policy adviser to San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed.

Currently, BART only goes as far south as Fremont. There are already plans in place to extend BART south to Fremont's Warm Springs district. From there, a 16.1-mile track extension would be constructed to take BART to Milpitas, Alum Rock, San Jose and Santa Clara.

There would be four stations in San Jose, including one downtown, accord-

ing to the VTA Web site.

Mayor Reed is one of those "active-campaigning" for the project, Janssen said.

"That's the beauty of the whole thing. With this project complete, we will be ringing the entire bay," he said.

Students were similarly enthusias-

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Business hopefuls attend internship fair

ADAM BROWNE
Staff Writer

In the Barrett Ballroom at the Student Union, the Accounting and Finance Internship and Career Fair attracted hopeful business students dressed in their best clothes to stand before 41 employers who were eager to hire them.

A crowd of about 300 students came early to attend the fair and were allowed in at noon, two hours before the fair started.

"This is the first student job fair of the season," said Lisa Trikofski, an events marketing coordinator for the fair. "It's early and there is a big turnout already despite what's happening with the economy."

Rajiu Gupta, a graduate student with a master's degree in business administration, attended the fair for the first time.

"The opportunity is great because students can come and see and talk to companies that they want to go to begin

a career," he said.

Robert Sun, an alumnus of SJSU, was at the fair to broaden his experience in accounting from information systems to finance.

"I wanted more accounting experience because my first job was in information systems," Sun said. "So I am here for experience in accounting and finance, which is different than information technologies and has more bookkeeping than work with computer systems."

Hong Nguyen, a senior business finance major, said he thought it was great to be at the fair.

"It's definitely a great environment to come in and dress up, come see great companies, network with classmates and to find a great job," Nguyen said.

Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Co., an accounting firm, had a booth with an

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Vania Parakati, checks Lynell Frazier, a business finance major, into the Accounting and Finance Internship and Career Fair at the Student Union.

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ENGINEERING COLLEGE RANKS 12TH IN COUNTRY

CHRIS CURRY
Staff Writer

In its 2009 annual college rankings, U.S. News and World Report ranked SJSU's Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering 12th best in its group.

U.S. News split the engineering category into two groups, programs in which doctorate is the highest degree offered and those that terminate at master's. SJSU is in the latter.

Raghu Agarwal, a professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering, explained the difference.

"The mission is phenomenal education, and we leave the high-tech research to the major universities," he said.

Student opinions vary on the importance of the ranking. Some took it into account when they chose a school.

"I heard that the college was ranked pretty good;

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The Charles W. Davidson College of Engineering Building.

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Cycling and skating not allowed near Cesar Chavez monument

JON XAVIER
Staff Writer

Shortly after the unveiling of the Cesar E. Chavez Monument, two new signs appeared in Chavez Plaza. The signs display the school's non-motorized vehicle policy and label the corridor extending from the monument to the Ninth Street Plaza a "dismount

zone," where students are supposed to get off of their bikes, skateboards and scooters and walk.

Tuesday, some students continued to roll past the signs on their bikes, skateboards and scooters.

"There's signs?" said Kelli Moon, a senior graphic design major, when told about the dismount zone.

There are three signs informing students about the dismount zone: two in the Chavez plaza and one on the other side of the corridor.

But the signs aren't specific enough for some students, who remain unsure as to where the dismount zone is located.

"I just know the dismount zone is where the monument is because I see

the signs," said Joe Moreno, a junior philosophy major. "So I didn't know that the corridor was (designated as) dismounting."

BJ Rice, a senior finance major, said more signs would help specify where the dismount zone is.

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RANKING

One student chose SJSU because of Engineering ranking

that's why I chose to come here," said Zhen Wang, a sophomore civil engineering major.

Kimmy Lyon, a junior mechanical engineering major who recently transferred, used the rankings to help make her decision. "I came here because it was ranked higher than Oregon State," she said.

On the other hand, some students dismiss the rankings or were entirely unaware of them.

"I think it would surprise a lot of people in the college. Once you're in, you don't pay as much attention to the rankings," said Nicole Sampson, a graduate senior mechanical engineering major.

Michael Hu, a sophomore electrical engineering major said,

"For me, I don't really look into it, so it's kind of surprising to me."

According to U.S. News Web site, the rankings are based solely on the peer judgments of deans and senior faculty who rated the programs they are familiar with on a scale from one to five. SJSU scored a 3.4, up from last year's score of 3.3.

In addition, respondents were asked to nominate the best programs in specialty areas. SJSU's computer program and industrial/manufacturing program were both among the top five in nomination recipients.

However, some students questioned whether location could have been the principal factor that contributed to the ranking.

"I would think it probably got its ranking based on being in Silicon Valley and its awesome opportunities," said Johanna Knudsen, a senior mechanical engineering major.

Michael Kipkirui, a senior electrical engineering major said, "I'm guessing (the ranking) is probably due to its location. That's one of the reasons I chose to come here. It's nice to be where everything is happening."

Even people in other majors said they saw the benefits of having an engineering program ranked among the best in the country associated with SJSU.

"If you go to apply (for a job) somewhere, they might say, 'Oh, this is the school with the 12th

best engineering program. You must have taken good classes," said Mayte Lemuz, a junior social sciences major. "It will just give you more opportunity, even though you're not an engineer."

The engineering college moved up from last year's ranking of 16th.

Amarinder Singh, a junior civil and environmental engineering major, said, "If it can go from 16 to 12, then why not go from 12 to No. 6, and then No. 1."

According to U.S. News, the rankings condense a great deal of information about the quality of the education at each school, making it easier to compare institutions and select the best one for an individual.

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Computer science students converse in a College of Engineering hallway.

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18 TODAY

International Student Volunteers

An informal meeting.
9, 10, 11 a.m., 12, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 p.m. in the Almaden Room in the Student Union. Contact Sean O'Connor at 797.293.6140.

Brown Bag Lunch with Dick Tomey

A free question and answer session with San Jose State University Head Football Coach Dick Tomey. Coach Tomey will preview the upcoming game against Stanford.
12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Student Union Amphitheater. Contact Wendy Dunn at wendy.dunn@sjsu.edu

Vocal Recital

Layna Chianakas a mezzo-Soprano and Daniel Lockhart on the piano.
12 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall. Contact professor Joan Stubbs at 924-4649.

Defining Color in America: I am...

Although the definitions for people of color are not widely disputed, many still wonder who the people of color are and why they are seen as a color rather than the person underneath. With this questions being asked, others try to find ways to define who they are. Is it right to define yourself by the ethnic group you

have been born into? Are you ethnic? What makes you white or a colored person? Is there a difference between 'people of color' and 'colored people?' All these questions will be discussed and more as we try to "Define Color in America" and finish the statement: "I am..."
5 to 7 p.m. in the MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center (3rd floor of the Student Union). Contact Uche Uzegbu at nuche_u@yahoo.com

Acts 2 Free Barbeque

Acts 2 Christian Fellowship has a free barbeque.
6 p.m. at the Associated Students Barbeque pit. Contact Justin at jfoon1@yahoo.com or (415) 786-9873

Life in Life Sciences

The International Society for Pharmaceutical Engineering presents a discussion on career options in the drug manufacturing industry.
6 p.m. in Engineering 285. Contact Heather Bennett at 712.5935

SOLES 2nd General meeting

6:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Almaden Room. Contact Jesus Gonzalez at sonec_831@yahoo.com.

22 MONDAY

Delta Zeta Pink Goes Green Recycling Drive

EVENTS CALENDAR

Recycling Drive sponsored by the Delta Zeta Sorority, bring your cans and bottles.
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at either the Delta Zeta Sorority House or in front of the Student Union. Contact Megan Little at meglynn0701@yahoo.com or queen_of_harts12@yahoo.com.

19 THURSDAY

Spartans for Israel
A discussion on the presidential candidates' views on democracy in the Middle East.
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Science department celebrates opening of Biodiversity Center

BIANCA deCASTRO
Staff Writer

The southern part of Duncan Hall's third floor smelled of culinary goods on Wednesday. About a dozen bottles of red and white wines, plates of Lavosh finger sandwiches, oatmeal raisin cookies and other food and refreshments decorated a table top at the opening of the Biodiversity Center.

The Biodiversity Center is a place where students go to be involved in outreach programs, further their educational goals and inquire about research or

field studies related to science, said Elizabeth McGee, the center's coordinator.

The walls of the center featured symmetrically lined photographs taken by Rod Myatt, a botanist and professor of biological sciences.

From far away places such as Madagascar, Guatemala and El Salvador to more local places such as Joshua Tree National Park, the photos were displayed to enhance the uniqueness of the program and appeal visually to students.

"I told (Myatt) you have to get those on the walls," said McGee, a

professor of biological sciences.

About 25 to 30 people crowded into Duncan Hall, Room 348 to watch a PowerPoint slideshow that highlighted programs, scholarships and opportunities offered by the Biodiversity Center.

Groups of people came and left throughout the slideshow's 50-minute duration. One student was lingering at the opposite end of the hall and was drawn over by conversations and the scent of food.

"I was wondering what was going on over there. I didn't

know what that was," said Siobhan Sherrin, a junior biological sciences major. "Looks like fun — there's a lot of people."

Sherrin said she had not heard about the event or the Biodiversity Center in any of her classes, but she said she was interested. She said she wandered over from the opposite end of the hall and veered through the crowded doorway to see what was going on.

Gizelle Hurtado, a graduate environmental studies major said, "I didn't know about the event until yesterday when I

saw the flyer."

Hurtado said she was involved in a similar program at the community college she attended.

"It was a program like what the Biodiversity Center is offering that got me interested in biology in general, really ecology," Hurtado said.

McGee said work on the center began four years ago and its completion is seen as an accomplishment throughout the department.

"The project has been coming a long time. It's nice to finally see it all come together," said Mara Williams, the clinical laboratory

program director.

McGee said, "I'm paraphrasing here, in a book called 'Last Child in the Woods' the author (Richard Louv) said, 'Unless people learn to identify what's out there in the world, they won't have much interest in preserving it.'"

"We feel that we can do this through the Biodiversity Center," McGee said.

She said that she and the other organizers would like the Center to be used by all students, not just science or biology majors.

"Biodiversity is far more than a biology issue," McGee added.

CAMPUSIMAGES



SJSU band practice at the Spartan field for the SJSU vs. Stanford game.

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INTERNSHIP

41 businesses on hand at career fair

alumna of SJSU, Adrienne Phillips, a certified public accountant. She said it was a little slow at the beginning of the fair because most of the students were going to the larger companies such as PricewaterhouseCoopers and Grant Thornton.

Carl Chan, a junior accounting major, said that after he came to SJSU from De Anza College, he found it useful to come to a career fair in his major.

"The fair is for people like me," Chan said. "In my major, my ultimate goal is to get a job, and using job fairs will enable me and other students to not worry so much about getting a job in the industry."

Margaret Wilkes, an employer relations consultant for the career center on campus, said the job fairs will help students network with each other and employers.

"The nice thing is that internship and career fairs offer

a chance for students to gather for networking, internships or career opportunities," Wilkes said. "At the accounting and finance fair, 41 businesses will have representatives to talk to students in business. They will be able to practice for interviews, hand in resumes, and find out about workshops and the career center."

Daniel Parks, a senior accounting major, was waiting in line to speak to a potential employer.

"I think it's definitely going well," said Parks. "There are many people from industries here, and they gave me a lot of advice. All of the employers are very informative and helpful."

Michelle Okabe, an alumna of SJSU who works as an auditing associate for the KPMG accounting firm, said it was a great opportunity for KPMG to team up and come to talk to students in a great setting and to meet a lot of people.

BART Tracks may circle SF Bay

tic about the prospect of BART in San Jose.

"I would definitely take it. A lot of other places have really good public transportation, and ours isn't the best and it's not accessible everywhere," said Gaby Bustamante, a health science major.

With a BART stop also planned at the Diridon station and one in Santa Clara, BART passengers will be able to link up with Caltrain and Amtrak, as well as light rail.

Janssen said he believes the BART extension will benefit all Santa Clara County residents whether they ride BART regularly or not.

"Studies show that the extension will carry 100,000 passengers per day, which is equivalent to two lanes of traffic being taken off the road," he said.

Residents of Santa Clara County could be forgiven for thinking that they have been here before.

In 2000, 70.3 percent of voters passed Measure A, a half-cent sales tax increase in Santa Clara County to pay for the construction of the extended BART line as well as 13 other projects.

The VTA stated that the 2000 measure was separate from this latest measure on the ballot.

"The 2000 Measure A ballot measure was never intended to provide a long-term source of revenue for operating the BART extension," a VTA employee said.

The proposed BART extension has encountered problems in the eight years since that measure was passed.

"Shortly after 2001, the dot-com recession happened," Janssen said. "Sales tax projections never materialized."

This led to the Federal Transit Administration marking the project as "not recommended," due to the financial problems associated with it.

Unlike the 2000 proposal, the funds raised from Measure B will only be allocated to financing the BART extension, according to the VTA Web site.

This tax, will raise "\$42 million per year for the next 30 years," Janssen said. "Between the FTA, VTA and BART, it was determined that this will be more than sufficient to cover the operational costs."

One SJSU student said she was optimistic that her fellow students would be willing to pay the tax increase.

"I hope they would. We claim to be environmentally friendly, particularly here in California, and we need to put our money where our mouth is and support these things," said Juliana King, a graduate nutrition science major.

The VTA said the increased sales tax would not be collected until the project gets the go ahead.

"This one-eight-of-a-cent sales tax will be collected only if funding is secured from federal and state sources to help fund construction of the project," a VTA employee said. "Federal funding must be secured in the amount of at least \$750 million and state funding in the amount of at least \$240 million."

Some groups are opposed to the using of taxes to pay for the BART extension, however. The Silicon Valley Taxpayers' Association has been openly critical of the proposal. The association was unavailable for comment.

The VTA also reassured people that the money going to pay for BART would not detract from their existing operations.

"FTA would not approve funding for a New Starts project that did not maintain existing service levels," a VTA employee said.

If the measure is passed, the extended BART line to the South Bay will be operational by 2018, according to the VTA Web site.

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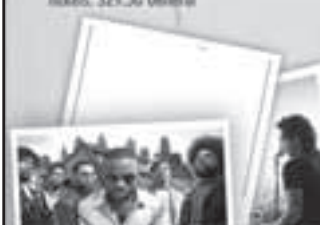
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Greats enter SJSU Hall of Fame

MATTHEW KIMEL
Staff Writer

On Sept. 12, six SJSU athletes, two NCAA championship teams and one legend were recognized with a banquet and induction ceremony by the SJSU Sports Hall of Fame, according to SJSU Athletics.

There were almost 300 people at the ceremony held at the University's Barrett Ballroom on Friday, said Laurel DeMaria, stewardship and events coordinator for SJSU Athletics.

Athletic alumni, past and current coaches, as well as SJSU President Jon Whitmore and his wife Jennifer were some of the guests who showed up to the event, DeMaria said.

"It was another outstanding group of SJSU athletes from the past that were recognized as the 2008 inductees for the SJSU Sports Hall of Fame," said SJSU Sports Information Director Lawrence Fan.

The Legend honor was given

to Juli Inkster, a Ladies Professional Golf Association and SJSU Sports Hall of Fame member, who was the No.1 college golfer in the country in 1982, according to a news release from Fan.

Fan said the Legend status is a step up from the hall of fame status and is recognition for extraordinary accomplishments that could have occurred after the original hall of fame induction.

"San Jose State is unique in that it is one of the few schools that have two of its alumni in the LPGA hall of fame," Fan said. "The LPGA Hall of Fame is one of the most difficult hall of fames to get inducted into. Only 24 women have earned their way into it."

Inductee Joe Nedney set several field goal-kicking records at SJSU and has scored more regular-season points in the National Football League than any other SJSU player, according to the news release about hall of fame inductees.

"I'm looking forward to it being broken," said Nedney, speaking of his record for most points scored by any SJSU football player while playing for the Spartans.

Nedney also said it's a humbling feeling to be honored with all the names and legends that are a part of the hall of fame.

A national judo champion at age 16, hall of fame inductee Liliko Ogasawara was an Olympian in 1996 and is also the first American woman to win two medals at the annual judo World Championships, the hall of fame news release stated.

Tariq Abdul-Wahad, also known as Olivier Saint-Jean, entered the National Basketball Association as a first-round draft pick after playing basketball for the Spartans and has entered the hall of fame while attending SJSU as a graduate student in art history, accord-



Tariq Abdul-Wahad, then known as Olivier Saint-Jean, played basketball at SJSU during the 1996-97 season.

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ing to the news release.

New hall of fame member Dedy Cooper was the 1976 NCAA champion in high hurdles and set an indoor 60-meter high hurdles world record in 1977, the news release stated.

Coach T.J. Kerr was introduced to the hall of fame for sending Spartan wrestlers to the NCAA Championships eight times and leading the Spartans to all of their

top-25 NCAA Championship finishes throughout the '80s, according to SJSU Athletics.

Inductee Sharon Cafini Niehoff is the first of only three SJSU softball players to earn All-America honors, the news release stated.

The 1959 and 1960 NCAA champion SJSU boxing teams are the fifth and sixth teams to become part of the SJSU Sports

Hall of Fame, respectively, according to SJSU Athletics.

The newly inducted hall of fame honorees were recognized at halftime during the SJSU-San Diego State football game at Spartan Stadium in the north end zone on Saturday, Sept. 13.

"There are still a number of outstanding athletes who will be recognized down the road," Fan said.

Hewlett-Packard announces 24,600 layoffs, half from U.S.

RYAN BUCHAN
Staff Writer

As the American economy keeps sliding downhill, Hewlett-Packard is not making it any easier for its employees.

Earlier this week, HP announced that it would lay off 24,600 employees over the next three years.

One computer engineering student said he is not concerned with the cuts.

"It is just a small portion of the actual possible workforce," said Denzil Villalico, a sixth year computer engineering major. "It's a minor factor. It will definitely have an effect, but nothing too major."

A student in another field voiced more of a concern about the job cuts.

"If those guys are out of a job, they will be looking for jobs as well," said Mark Pham, a senior business marketing major. "So when I graduate, they might take my job."

A HP spokeswoman said most of the cuts will be from the recently acquired Electronic Data Systems, a Texas-based company.

The spokeswoman said HP has 320,000 employees worldwide, and half of the job cuts will come from the U.S.

"Our field is still expanding," said Handoyo Sutanto, a gradu-

ate computer engineering major. "Even though there is a recession now, innovation will come up. So I am not concerned."

The spokeswoman declined to comment on how greatly the cuts will affect workers in the Silicon Valley or the extent that it will affect computer engineers or college students.

EDS provides a wide range of businesses with technology solutions, according to its Web site.

The spokeswoman said people who will be most affected are those in the legal, accounting, real estate and human resources fields.

While jobs are being cut, the spokeswoman said there are

openings at other positions.

Nasim Ghanadagh, a sophomore double major in finance and international business and a member of the Entrepreneurial Society, said she is curious how those job cuts will affect HP's sponsorship of the society and the internships it offers.

The spokeswoman said that the long term-reduction of employees might not go on forever.

"Both companies will be stronger and grow in the long term, offering extended opportunities," she said.

"I'm pretty sure there will be open jobs," said Raja Kantamaneni, a senior computer engi-

neering major and vice president of the Society for Computer Engineers. "I am concerned about the economy, but not about finding a job."

HP is not new to laying off employees. The San Jose Mercury News reported that in 2005, HP laid off 15,000 employees.

The Mercury News also reported that the job cuts will save HP \$1.8 billion, and HP and EDS made a combined \$38 billion in revenue last year from technology services.

Weider Wu, a computer engineering professor, said he still sees his students finding jobs and thinks they will

continue to find work partly because the SJSU computer engineering department is ranked highly compared with other programs.

According to the department Web site, it is the second-ranked state-run university computer engineering department in the U.S.

Jay Lontoc, a senior computer engineering major, said he is going to graduate school to strengthen his resume so he can get a job after college.

"The only way out is to go to graduate studies," Lontoc said. "Competition is less. Not a lot of people are getting graduate studies."

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MONUMENT Foot traffic behind monument cause for policy

"It would probably be good if there was one in the middle there, too, so people could know," Rice said.

The area extending behind the monument is the only dismount zone on campus, said UPD Sgt. Michael Santos. It was set aside as a no-ride area primarily for safety reasons, he said, since there is usually a lot of foot traffic.

But the rules also help protect the monument's tiles.

Student response has been mostly positive, Santos said.

However, at least one student had doubts about the necessity of the dismount zone.

"Unless they can actually prove statistically that (people being run over) has been a consistent problem, it seems like a big hassle for people trying to get to class," said Vincent Alioto, a sixth-year aerospace engineering major.

Jeremy Nadal, a senior kinesiology major, said he doubted that dismounting is a major hassle.

"You aren't supposed to be

biking where there's (many) people walking, anyway," he said. "They can get off their bike and walk for, what, 25 feet?"

The new policy, which was enacted on Oct. 23, 2007 by then SJSU President Don Kassing, is actually less restrictive than the previous policy, said Santos.

According to the new rules, students can ride scooters, skateboards and Rollerblades most places on campus, providing they ride in a safe manner, Santos said. Previously, these conveyances were banned on campus.

The reason for the change, Santos said, was that the old policy was intended primarily to keep people from riding in an unsafe or destructive manner. But the vast majority of students were just trying to get to class, he said.

Santos said that riding in the dismount zone is an offense punishable by citation and that UPD will be writing tickets to students who are caught.



A student passes through the dismount zone near the Cesar E. Chavez Monument.

CINTHIA RODRIGUEZ / Spartan Daily

CAMPUS VOICES: What do you think about the dismount zone?

Feature and photos by ANDREA FRAINIER
Staff Writer

HAYDEN MARCUS
sophomore art major

"It seems like a good place to have people get off their bikes if they want to enforce that sort of thing."

KELLI MOON
senior graphic design major

"I think that (bikers) tend to make sure we don't hit people obviously. ... I think that we should bike wherever we can."

DARYL TANIMOTO
freshman international business major

"I guess it's a good idea because this is actually one of the major pathways, and I've seen kids almost run into bunch of other students. It gets pretty dangerous."

JOE MORENO
junior philosophy major

"Some people will become aware of it. Some people are thickheaded and are just like 'whatever.' They don't want to do it. They want to have it at the convenience of skateboarding. I think it's a good idea because it loosens up traffic."

BJ RICE
senior finance major

"I've seen the signs and stuff back there for it, but I haven't really checked out on it."

TRINH TON
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CORRECTION

In the Wednesday, Sept. 17 edition of the Spartan Daily, Sherry Ta was misquoted in the Campus Voices section. In response to the question asking students if they thought it was wrong for a woman to sell her virginity to pay for college, she answered, "It's really disrespecting herself, and I'm hoping it's not because she has low self-esteem or maybe she feels her body is worth getting money for. In this society, things have really changed."

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CD REVIEW

You'll love this album – sometimes

ADAM BROWNE
Senior Staff Writer

"Love and Life" is a nice blend of rhythm and blues style romance and erotica put to hip and passionate song.

I don't listen to a lot of rhythm and blues, but this is actually a CD I'd buy.

Eric Benet has fun with the love ballads in this album, "Love and Life," which explores the art and music of romance and passion.

His melodies tend to flow like the energy of romantic love as though he understands the workings of the human heart and would like to share his cool moves with his listeners.

Benet plays with erotic love in, "Chocolate Legs" where he wants the embrace and sensuality of his lover's legs.

In "Weekend Girl," the single bachelor seeks a girl for just the weekend without commitments for a little dancing and romancing.

"The Hunger" calls up lyrics of passion related to the act of making love as the couple sees themselves together even when they will be far apart.

"Spanish Fly" refers to an aphrodisiac, that according to popular culture doesn't really work. As a club music song with a jumping Latin beat it's quite erotic and sensual. The beat fits the title and is very groovy.

The duet with Linda Kiraly, "Iminlunwicho" is especially funky, as my older siblings might say.

The clever mashed title leads into a dance party song where the dancing couple is excited because their energy is making them fall in love.



Courtesy of Reprise Records

Eric Benet's photo from the sleeve of his new album, "Love and Life," released Sept. 9.

It's a duet with Linda Kiraly. The chipmunk-like voice in the background is also funny.

"Everlove" is a duet with Terry Dexter about rekindled passion.

The songs that address love that lasts longer than just one night are more romantic ones, as Benet suggests a need to commit and stay with the person the man in the song loves.

A gospel themed love song, "Love, Patience and Time" tells a bittersweet love story between a man who lost his leg in the desert during war, and learned to walk again, and a girl who her father didn't love, but they learned to find love.

"You're The Only One" is a love ballad where the man in the song attempts to woo back his lover after he did something

wrong that caused their breakup.

The love song, "One More Tomorrow," speculates that the lover wants to spend his "last tomorrow" with his lover, as it came to him in a dream that he would always want her forever.

"Sing To Me" is a lively love song about a love melody that doesn't even need words to express itself, but the song has plenty of rhythm and nice words.

The CD is very pleasant and inspirational and is perfect for setting the mood for a romantic evening, but only with the songs that are about commitment and love.

The sensual songs are better left for the club scene, or for being intimate, and are probably meant for that.

CORINNE SPECKERT
Staff Writer

Buying Cosmos, Screwdrivers and other fruity drinks gets expensive real fast, especially for students on a low budget.

For students that don't want to let their checkbooks dictate their fruity-drink intake, or for those looking for a quick buzz, Ass Juice may be the answer because anyone can create their own jug of fruity love with liquor around the house.

With Ass Juice, you are the bartender. You decide what alcohol and what quantity is right for you and keep adding a variety of alcohol and juices until either it's drinkable, or you no longer care.

I had the pleasure of sipping on a shot glass filled to the rim with this pinkish drink at Brady's Yacht Club on 413 Seabright Ave. in Santa Cruz.

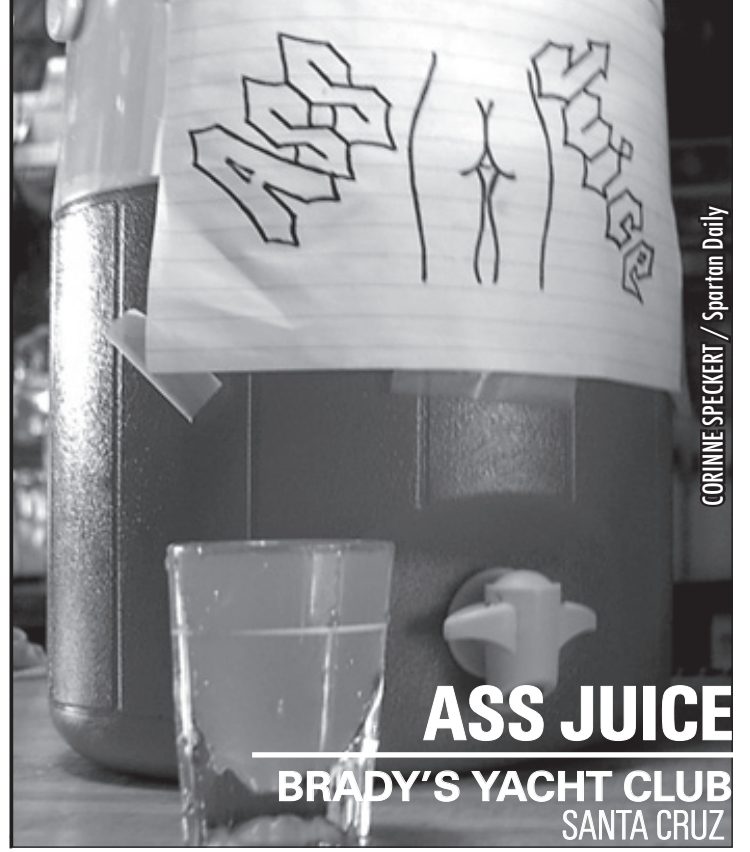
Neither I nor the bartender had an idea of the liquor or fruit used in its creation, but I could taste what seemed like hints of guava. The drink, dispensed from a red cooler, was mostly strong tasting, as it burnt my tongue and throat with one sip.

Although the ingredients in this concoction were indistinguishable, it was drinkable because of the sweet fruit juice and did the trick with a strong buzz, which in my book, spells success.

The bartender at Brady's Yacht Club said this drink was created because the bar had a storage room full of unsellable promotional liquors.

The bar sells it for \$2 a shot as a special promotion to get rid of liquors that wouldn't sell on their own otherwise. Bartenders at Brady's mix varieties of fruit-flavored vodkas, rums and tequilas with different juices and constantly add more as this bot-

DRINK OF THE WEEK



CORINNE SPECKERT / Spartan Daily

tomless bucket gets lower.

Because bartenders continue adding to this cooler, no one is sure what the recipe is, and it's ever changing, depending on what liquors are available and what juice is around.

After talking to a couple of regulars at Brady's, one thing seemed to be certain about this drink: It's always made strong.

Unfortunately, because of this add-more method, whether the cooler is ever cleaned is still in question, but nonetheless, Ass Juice seems to be a fairly popular drink among the locals.

A man who seemed to have had a few shots of Ass Juice himself gave me his version of how this fine drink originated.

According to his story, Ass Juice started in Monterey, on Cannery

Row. When sailors would return after a long day on the ocean, they would be fending for liquor even though they had no money. To accommodate these sailors, the waitresses would ring out the bar mats of all the liquor spilled throughout the day and pour it into a shot glass for them; hence, this mystery liquid was created.

Joel, a former bartender at Brady's, said the idea of Ass Juice was taken from "Double Down Saloon," a bar in Las Vegas, which apparently uses mat juice in their drinks and has "puke insurance," in the case that someone gets sick and vomits in their bar.

Students most likely wouldn't want to use mat juice in their version of Ass Juice, but that's the beauty of it: You can be your own bartender.

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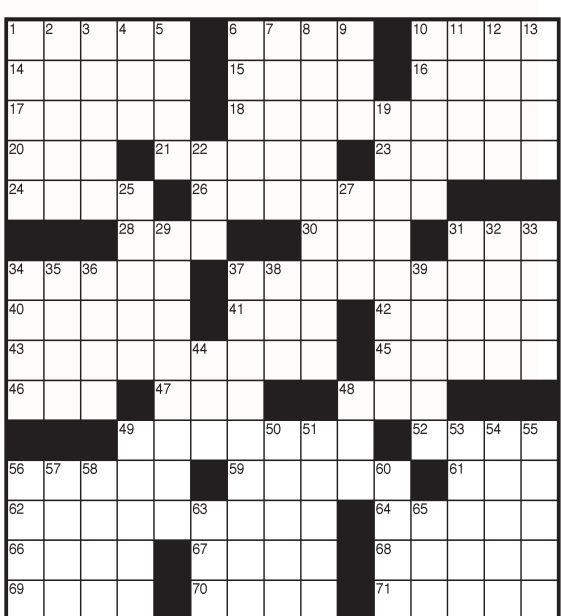
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A pastry that shows a blend of cultures



SARAH KYO
SUBTLY OBVIOUS

The message from a fortune cookie I got last Friday: "Your respect for others will be your ticket to success." In bed.

Sorry, I couldn't help it. Anyways, I was in the on-campus, all-you-can-eat bastion, the Dining Commons, with three international students: one from Hong Kong, another from Taiwan and another from South Korea. Amid the salads, pasta and chow mein on our cafeteria trays were a few fortune cookies.

The Hong Kong student said she wanted to try one, and the Taiwanese student also mentioned her unfamiliarity with the taste.

The Korean student and I looked at one another incredulously and laughed.

On one hand, it shouldn't surprise me that food like a fortune cookie, something that seems cultural and exotic, is actually quite Americanized (Taco Bell and Panda Express, anyone?). Plus, I've also been to many Chinese restaurants where at the end of the meal, they've served treats that are much more "authentic" (read: something that they actually would serve in China) and do not have a piece of paper inside of them.

Still, the irony wasn't lost on me that a fortune cookie, something that is found in many restaurants that serve Chinese food in the United States, isn't actually associated with China itself.

"Cultural shock," the Korean student said.

Is it possible to experience culture shock in your own country? Having all of this transpire right before my eyes gave me room to pause.

The fortune cookies that we had last Friday are part of a bigger picture. They're among the estimated 3 billion that are made each year and most are made in the United States, according to the New York Times.

While they are not from China, fortune cookies may actually have Japa-

nese roots in small family bakeries that made fortune cookie-shaped crackers, according to the article. Fortune cookies eventually made their way to the United States and into its Chinese restaurants, with the confection gaining popularity around the World War II era and beyond.

But who cares about the cookie, which doesn't have much taste anyways? It's just the wrapper, the shell, compared to what people really care about: the fortune.

The fortune, though, is usually nothing to take too seriously (well, unless your significant other decides to have a customized message with a wedding proposal nestled inside of the cookie). No pearls of wisdom or ancient Chinese (or Japanese) proverbs to be found here. Once in awhile, though, you receive something really memorable or worthy to be kept.

As someone who likes to write, for instance, I have gotten a couple of keepers: "Words are the only things that last forever," and "Your heart will make itself known through your words."

There are definitely some duds out there, however. Saying something about eating Chinese food while in a Chinese restaurant is stating the obvious. Oh well, that's the way the fortune cookie crumbles. Perhaps if you're lucky, there will be lottery numbers or a Chinese language lesson on the back.

While they may not be authentically Chinese, fortune cookies represent the mish-mashing of different cultures to create something new, making it a cultural entity in itself. It's like the little toy, the prize, buried deep inside of a box of cereal. Now, these cookies have been so engrained into American culture, not to mention there are people out there who, for fun, like to add the phrase "in bed" after each fortune.

Take, for instance, my fortune from Tuesday's cookie: "This coming Friday will be an exciting time for you."

An exciting time, indeed.

"Subtly Obvious" appears every Thursday. Sarah Kyo is a Spartan Daily copy editor.

A maverick who follows the line



TOMMY WRIGHT
WRIGHT ON THE LEFT

Flip-flop is a term that is often used to criticize politicians. The views of politicians can change and evolve over time, just as the views of their constituents can change. However, the changes in John McCain's views over the past eight years seem to be intelligent design rather than evolution.

McCain's ideas have not changed naturally, but instead they have moved from those of a maverick to those that his party and conservative base believe will get him elected as president.

In 2000, McCain labeled evangelical leaders Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell as "agents of intolerance."

"Unfortunately, Governor Bush is a Pat Robertson Republican who will lose to Al Gore," McCain said earlier in the speech.

But McCain lost the Republican primary to Bush, and Bush beat Gore.

On April 2, 2006, McCain was on NBC's "Meet the Press" and said that

he no longer believed that Falwell was an "agent of intolerance." McCain gave the commencement address at Falwell's Liberty University the next month.

McCain seems to be attempting to emulate the Bush campaign's success.

During the 2000 South Carolina primary, a smear campaign accused McCain of fathering a black child out of wedlock, according to a Jan. 27 New York Times article. McCain's patriotism and sexuality were also questioned.

Tucker Eskew, who directed communications for Bush's 2000 South Carolina campaign, was held responsible for the accusations by members McCain's 2000 campaign, according to a Sept. 1 ABC News Web site article.

Eskew was hired as a member of the McCain campaign on Sept. 1, the article stated.

It appears that McCain has abandoned his ethics in an all-out attempt to win the presidency.

Once he was back to the Senate in 2001, he denounced the Bush tax cuts.

"I cannot in good conscience support a tax cut in which so many of the benefits go to the most fortunate among us, at the expense of middle-class Amer-

icans who most need tax relief," McCain said in May 2001, according to a March 3, 2008 New York Times article.

An article on Saturday from the Associated Press stated that McCain plans on keeping the Bush tax cuts intact.

McCain has also changed his position in a matter of hours, when needed.

On Monday, he said "the fundamentals of our economy are strong," according to an article in the New York Times on Tuesday. That same newspaper reported on Monday that "investors suffered their worst losses since the terrorist attacks of 2001."

After Democratic opponent Barack Obama used the statement to call McCain out of touch, McCain quickly backtracked and said he was referring to the American workers, according to an AP article from Wednesday.

In McCain's defense, he has claimed to know little about the issue.

"The issue of economics is not something I've understood as well as I should," McCain said in 2007, according to a Sept. 4, 2008 USA Today article. At the Republican debate on Jan. 24, he denied ever making the statement.

McCain lost his economic adviser on July 18. The adviser, Phil Gramm, quit after calling the U.S. a "nation of whiners" and saying the country was in a "mental recession," according to an AP article from July 19.

An AP article from Monday stated that some of the blame for the current economic crisis goes back to the late 1990s when a law was passed to "remove depression-era barriers between commercial banks and financial firms." Gramm authored the law while he was a U.S. Senator.

Despite the baggage of Gramm, who according to a Wednesday CBS article was also a lobbyist for investment bank UBS until April, McCain accepted Gramm's help because he knew he needed help on the economic side to win the election.

McCain is still a maverick, but only toward his own ideals. He now only follows what people tell him he needs to do and say to be victorious in November.

Stephen Colbert said it best during the March 19 edition of "The Colbert Report."

"The man is such a maverick, he is even independent from his own true feelings."

"Wright on the Left" appears every other Thursday. Tommy Wright is a Spartan Daily sports editor.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I attended the unveiling of the Chavez Memorial on September 4, 2008. After a bit of reflection, I'd like to share some thoughts.

The most egregious incident occurred when the master of ceremonies told the remaining presenters to keep their comments brief because the television camera crews were running short on time. The remaining speakers were Paul Chavez, son of Cesar, Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the UFW, and the artist! Truly they were the only speakers who provided the audience with messages that resonated with Chavez work. Unfortunately, they kept their comments brief.

A delegation of UFW farm workers came from Salinas to participate in the ceremony. The VIP's were seated under a canopy. The farm workers were to the far right of the stage under a tree trying to stay out of the hot sun. They were standing throughout the ceremony without a view of the stage. When they were introduced they waved and

the audience under the canopy stood and waved.

I expected that at any moment the VIP's who had been lauded for their commitment to the legacy of Chavez would give up their seats and invite the farm workers to sit for the remainder of the program. After applauding the farm workers who toil in the sun on a daily basis, the VIP's sat down and enjoyed their shaded seats of privilege, while the farm workers remained standing. I couldn't help but think that the scene is reflective of the marginal role of farm laborers in society as they stood under the tree with their red UFW flags while the privileged were shielded from the harsh sun.

I felt compelled to share these few thoughts; on this important day our actions were the antithesis of Chavez's message. Paul, Dolores and the artist should have had center stage and the farm workers were truly the VIP's.

-Maria Luisa Alaniz

Why does it take a celebrity before we start to care?



DANIELLE TORRALBA

Thank you to all you trendy tree-huggers who have decided to make earth-loving a fad.

Your and your minions have started to have a domino effect on the rest of the not-so-earth-conscious consumers.

Why does something need to be

celebrity-endorsed in order for the rest of society to think it's cool or OK to do?

Whether it's Leonardo DiCaprio rolling up to the Oscars in an eco-sexy hybrid or Hayden Panettiere trying to save the dolphins in Japan, these environmental efforts would go unrecognized if regular Joe Schmoes like ourselves would do it (heaven forbid) before it's given the celebrity-sealed stamp of approval.

According to idealbite.com, a Web site based solely on distributing useful tips and advice about easy eco-living,

states that when celebrities speak up on issues like the environment, the public feels like those stars are morally righteous.

And yes, wait for it ... that is the trigger for us wanting to do Mother Nature some good.

It's almost as if the whole "Manchurian Candidate" idea is taking hold on pop culture.

As kids, we are influenced by the people around us, television and books. Even though we've gotten older, the sad thing is that not much has changed.

What Captain Planet, Mr. Rogers and the Magic School Bus did for us as naive young children is the same thing that Cameron Diaz, Jennifer Aniston and Orlando Bloom are doing for us now. They influence us and shape our impressionable minds about doing the right thing for our planet - except now they do it stylishly.

It is obvious that celebrities mold our ideas of what is considered trendy, and with "being green" at the top of that cool factor, ecorazzi.com is a gossip Web site with a twist. It combines environ-

mental issues with the celebrities in the public eye who are trying to bring these issues to the rest of the world's attention.

Ecorazzi.com is a good example of how social markets take advantage of combining celebrity gossip with informative environmental ties.

Celebrities are the puppets and social markets are the puppet masters.

By helping celebrities further their good message out to the public, their fans are more inclined to dive right into everything they have to represent or say.

Instead of just following InStyle Magazine's eco-trends, picking up a newspaper and educating yourself on the facts is just as good.

With global warming being one of the most celebrity-endorsed issues, it's sad to say that there would probably not be as many people proactive in helping if it was just Al Gore raising the issue by himself.

A wise man by the name of Dr. Seuss wrote, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

He has been trying to teach us about being green since 1971, when "The Lorax" and his whimsical rhymes took on "the man." (The Lorax didn't win.)

He writes about how society has become rapidly industrialized and if we don't start to care about our planet more, it will eventually wither away.

Dr. Seuss gets snaps for being eco-savvy way before Leo and Cameron.

So on a positive uplifting note, your celebrity-influenced contributions do help.

But the next time you want to do something, do it because you want to, not just because Paris Hilton said, "It's hot" to be eco-trendy.

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Why does Stanford rarely play ball at Spartan Stadium?



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JOEY AKELEY
Staff Writer

The SJSU football team will play at Stanford Stadium on Saturday. Again.

In their 62 meetings, SJSU has played Stanford in San Jose just four times: in 1900, 1995, 2001 and 2006, said Lawrence Fan, SJSU Athletics sports information director.

"One of the main reasons is that they can draw more people to a game than us," Fan said. "For example, the 1984 game had 70,000 people. We don't have those kind of crowds."

According to the Spartan football media guide, Stanford Stadium welcomed 36,144 in attendance of its 50,500 capacity when Stanford played at home against SJSU in 2007.

In 2006, the Spartans had 29,321 in attendance of their 30,456 capacity when they played host to the Cardinal.

Jim Young, Stanford's director of media relations, agreed

with Fan when he said, "It's probably because we have a larger exceeding capacity (in our stadium)."

According to Google maps, the trip from Stanford University to Spartan Stadium takes about 30 minutes, yet Stanford rarely ever ventures to Spartan Stadium.

"With the game being so close, it minimizes travel," Fan said. "It's almost a home game (for SJSU)."

Still, home-field advantage provides an important factor for college football teams. Since Nov. 19 2005, SJSU has been 14-4 at home and just 3-10 on the road. The Spartans will be playing at Stanford for at least the next five years, according to SJSU athletics.

"Stanford gets the home games because their history is a lot more prestigious" said Patrick Gimeno, a junior psychology major. "People around the country know more about

Stanford than they know about San Jose State."

Stanford pummeled SJSU at home 37-0 last year, but SJSU won 35-34 at Spartan Stadium two years ago.

"I think they are just bullies who feel they can do whatever they want," said sophomore Nathan Fischer. "If Stanford came here, we would win more games because we have better fans."

The last time SJSU won at Stanford was in 2000, when current co-offensive coordinator Marcos Arroyo quarterbacked the 40-27 triumph. According to the Spartan football media guide, the largest crowd in Spartan stadium history was 31,681 against Grambling State on Aug. 23, 2003.

Of the Spartans' four largest crowds for home games, two have come against Stanford.

Stanford Athletic Director Bob Bowsby was not available for comment.

Hindsight is 37-0: Spartans looking to erase demons of last year's defeat

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The SJSU football team stomped all over the winless San Diego State Aztecs last weekend, but the Spartans will face a bigger challenge on Saturday at Stanford.

The game is now titled the Bill Walsh Legacy Game due to the fact that both schools have connections to the famous NFL coach who died last year.

Walsh is a SJSU alumnus and has coached at Stanford.

Stanford leads the all-time series 47-14-1, but the Cardinal has had home field advantage for almost every one of those games.

In Monday's news conference, SJSU senior center Justin Paysinger said he thinks it should be an exciting game because the Spartans are trying to redeem themselves from last year's 37-0 defeat.

"Some people say you have to forget it," head coach Dick Tomey said during the press conference. "I think you can never forget that. You never forget when somebody just whips your butt physically."

The Spartans found themselves down 9-0 at the half in last year's game.

If the Spartan offense could have capitalized on scoring opportunities deep in Stanford territory the game would have been a lot closer.

Stanford tailback Toby Gerhart pounded the Spartan defense last year with 140 yards rushing.

In that game, Gerhart suffered a torn ACL, sidelining him for the rest of the season. He has recovered fully for Stanford, averaging 86.3 yards per game in 2008.

"He's one of those kind of guys if you're tackling him, he's going to try and abuse you," Tomey said.

Linebacker Pompey Festejo said he thought the team has improved since last year.

"This year, I think we are more of a team," Festejo said. "We are more involved. We communicate a lot more on defense."

The Spartans now have some extra help on the defensive line with USC transfer Jeff Schweiger.

Fellow defensive end Carl Ihenacho has five sacks, which places him second in the nation, six tackles for a loss, 14 solo tackles and seven assisted tackles.

Last season, the Spartans finished the season ranked 73rd in the nation in rushing defense, allowing 165.4 yards per game.

After three games this season, the Spartans are ranked 10th in the nation in that category giving up an average of 55.3 yards per game.

Last week against San Diego State, the Spartans allowed the Aztecs to gain only six yards on the ground.

Stanford started this season with a victory over Oregon State, but then lost to Arizona State and Texas Christian University.

Neither Stanford nor SJSU has played a team that is currently ranked in the Associate Press top 25 poll.

SJSU has played UC Davis who is a Division I-AA team.

With the game against SJSU, Stanford has a chance to tie its best record in four games since 2005, when the team started 2-2.

Last year, the Spartans played their first three games on the

road against BCS conference teams, and came out of Stanford game 0-3.

Spartan quarterback Kyle Reed earned Western Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Week honors by completing 80 percent of his passes and rushing for three touchdowns versus San Diego State.

Senior halfback Yonus Davis, who missed the whole season, except three plays, last year, due to injury, has helped the Spartans' rushing attack.

Last year, the Spartans finished the season ranked 112th in the nation, averaging 83.8 yards per game. With Davis in the lineup, SJSU has averaged 148.7 yards per game, ranking No. 64 in the country.

Last week Davis ran for 143 yards, and has 227 on the season. This season, Stanford defensively has been the strongest against the run compared with other statistical categories, but only ranks 77th in Division I-A football, which is far better than its overall defense which is 107th.

This early in the season, however, statistics may not have much value in determining the strengths of teams, Tomey said.

"I don't put a lot of stock in statistics, particularly this time of year," Tomey said. "I think it's ridiculous to look at statistics because people play different kinds of teams."

The Spartans will try and rebound Saturday after last year's loss Tomey said.

"We play Stanford Saturday; they kicked out butt last year," Tomey said. "We are going to show up and try and be better. That's all I know."

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