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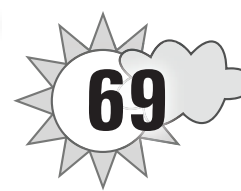
Get a glimpse inside Liberty University, founded by the Rev. Jerry Falwell, from an Ivy League agnostic.

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**THE WIRE****BAY AREA****Council to discuss porn filters at city libraries**

The San Jose City Council is expected to discuss installing Internet filters on the computers in the city's libraries next week, which will be discussed at the April 21 City Council meeting. Councilman Pete Constant, who first brought up the issue in October 2007, said in a memorandum to the mayor and city council that the library system isn't doing enough to provide a "child-friendly learning environment" in the libraries. Vice Mayor Judy Chirco and Councilors Ash Kalra and Sam Liccardo jointly issued a memo recommending the creation of a "log-on" page that would warn users about the "illegality of exposing harmful material to minors." The page would require users to agree to terms of service.

- Staff Report

**NATIONAL****Obama girls name new puppy 'Bo'**

WASHINGTON — The first family has settled on a first pet — a 6-month-old Portuguese water dog that the Obama girls are naming Bo. President Barack Obama's daughters, 10-year-old Malia and 7-year-old Sasha, picked a black and white pup, a White House official speaking on the condition of anonymity told The Associated Press Saturday night.

- Associated Press

**INTERNATIONAL****Navy says rescued captain on US warship**

MANAMA, Bahrain — The U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet says an American ship captain is resting comfortably on a U.S. warship after receiving a medical exam following his release from captivity. Capt. Richard Phillips was released at 7:19 p.m. in an operation that killed three of the four pirates holding him.

**Sri Lanka to suspend offensives against rebels**

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Sri Lanka's president ordered a two-day suspension of offensives against Tamil Tiger rebels to enable tens of thousands of trapped civilians to leave the war zone, his office said Sunday.

- Associated Press

**PERFORMANCE****Celebrating womanhood**

As part of V-Day, reading of "The Vagina Monologues" held on campus

Kelsey Macilvaine, a sophomore recreation major, performs the "The Vagina Workshop" as part of "The Vagina Monologues" at Morris Dailey Auditorium on Thursday. Below, the cast members from "The Vagina Monologues."

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SAMANTHA RIVERA  
Staff Writer

Performers threw around the term "coochie snorcher" and many more to describe a certain part of a woman's anatomy in a performance of "The Vagina Monologues," which ran from April 9 to 11 at Morris Dailey Auditorium as part of V-Day.

The "V" in V-Day stands for victory, valentine and vagina, according to a brochure from the SJSU Women's Resource Center.

According to the brochure, "V-Day is a global movement to end violence against women and girls that raises funds and awareness" through productions like the Monologues.

"It's by women for women trying to make everyone more comfortable," said Katie Craft, a junior child development major and performer of one of the monologues. "Yes, we can go to each other for support and let's connect and talk about it. That's why we're here."



MICHELLE GACHET / Spartan Daily

During the presentation, many different issues concerning women and their vaginas were brought up such as rape and genital mutilation that occur in other parts of the world. Also brought up were lighthearted issues that women may relate to, such as being ashamed of a vagina's appearance or the annoyance of tampons and gynecologist visits.

Craft said she hopes women who watch the performances realize that they are not alone if they are facing any issues.

"It raises awareness about women's issues that are still going on in the world.

See **VAGINA**, page 6**ENVIRONMENT****Community gets chance to dump e-waste**

15,000 to 20,000 pounds of waste collected over two days, director says

DAN LU  
Staff Writer

People headed to the Business Tower parking lot along 10th Street and brought their broken, used or new electronics to be recycled.

Community members unloaded a slew of computer monitors, televisions and other devices at an e-waste recycling event held over the weekend. The two-day event was one of several events held during sustainability week.

Bruce Olszewski, director of the Cen-

ter for Development of Recycling and coordinator of the event, said most of the people who dropped off items were students.

"We're collecting those things so that they can be properly recycled and keep that material out of the environment," he said.

Anna Le, a director of the Environmental Resource Center, said it's important to dispose of electronics properly and consumers are responsible for the improper dismantling of e-waste in underdeveloped nations.

She said young children in areas of China and Africa burn old electronics to capture the valuable metals. She said this process creates dangerous fumes,

air pollution and can leak hazardous materials into the ground.

"To me, it is just logical to do as much as we can locally," she said.

Kristin Perez, a junior social welfare major, said she got involved with the event after the center was looking for volunteers in her environmental studies class.

"Everybody should be informed about this and so that they know how to properly take care of their old stuff," she said.

After everything is sorted and weighed, Olszewski said he expects the event to have collected 15,000 to 20,000 pounds

See **E-WASTE**, page 2**DISCUSSION****McNerney, only Ph.D. in Congress, visits SJSU**BRETT GIFFORD  
Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Jerry McNerney visited students of the mathematics department on Wednesday as part of SJSU's sustainability week.

McNerney, D-Pleasanton, gave a speech to the math colloquium called "From Math to Renewable Energy to Congress," speaking about issues ranging from renewable energy sources to the "No Child Left Behind" policy.

McNerney holds the distinction as the only member of Congress with a doctorate in mathematics.

"It was a real honor having him on campus, sharing his experience as a math major and as a Ph.D. in Congress," said Raudel Rivas, a senior mathematics major. "It was a good, enlightening experience to see what he had to say about the future of technology and the path that this nation is going to."

McNerney opened the speech with a brief history of his background, including his transition from mathematics to wind energy, and then opened it up for a Q-and-A session.

"The oil crisis of the 1970s made me painfully aware of how perilous our economy was depending on foreign oil," McNerney said of how he entered the world of renewable energy. "And some of the challenges were pretty exciting, the challenges of designing windmills, and making them last for a long time. I got an opportunity to work for them as a



Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-Pleasanton)

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**PHOTO BLOG**

Photo Blog: See an audio slideshow of a table tennis tournament.

Photo Editor Carlos A. Moreno discusses the increase in freelance photojournalism.

**MULTIMEDIA**

Slideshow: Music, murder and clowns. See photos from Company One's new musical production.

**NEWS**

Panel uncovers the science behind our tall, leafy friends.

Research forum honors three SJSU graduate students.

More than a year of research by anthropology students culminates in healthy living workshop.

News Blog: Local market serves up sausage with a side of tradition.

**SPORTS**

Big turnout for SJSU table tennis tournament.

Podcast: The wide world of Spartan sports that happened this weekend.

Featuring interviews with SJSU football coach Dick Tomey and baseball coach Sam Piraro.



# SPARTA GUIDE

## 13 Today

### First in My Family to Go to College: Now What?

Come learn how to get more involved on campus. 3 to 4 p.m. in Clark Hall, Room 118. Contact Veronica Mendoza at [veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu](mailto:veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu)

## 14 Tomorrow

### Spartan Smart Cart

Fresh fruit and veggies. 10:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Clark Hall, rain or shine. Contact Luisa Garrett at [luisa@postalmodern.com](mailto:luisa@postalmodern.com)

### Painfully Perfect: Perfectionism at Its Finest

Come and see how perfectionism is impacting your life. 3 to 4 p.m. in Clark Hall, Room 118. Contact Veronica Mendoza at [veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu](mailto:veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu)

### Tuesday Night Lecture Series

"From Prince of Egypt to Monsters vs. Aliens: DreamWorks Animation." 5 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall. Contact Ace Antazo at 924-4330.

### Women on Women's Issues

Come join us to talk about social justice issues and how they affect you. Female, Transgender and Male community welcome. Free food and drinks 6 to 7 p.m. at the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center of the Student Union.

## 15 Wednesday

### Productive Procrastination

Come and see how to beat procrastination. 3 to 4 p.m. in Clark Hall, Room 118. Contact Veronica Mendoza at [veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu](mailto:veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu)

## 16 Thursday

### Do You Have Free Will When It Comes to Money?

Kay Yut Chen, principle scientist at Hewlett-Packard, will speak. 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, Room 225. Contact John Estill at [John.Estill@sjsu.edu](mailto:John.Estill@sjsu.edu)

## 17 Friday

### Overcoming Stress

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Clark Hall, Room 118. Contact Veronica Mendoza at [veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu](mailto:veronica.mendoza@sjsu.edu)

## 18 Saturday

### Learn How to Make Handmade Books

Free workshop limited to 24 participants on a first-come basis. 2 to 4 p.m. in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, Room 225/229. Contact Jone Manogian at [artshowcurator100@yahoo.com](mailto:artshowcurator100@yahoo.com)

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# Education prof. awarded for service to campus

SCOTT REYBURN  
Staff Writer

Judith Lessow-Hurley, an elementary education professor, is the recipient of the SJSU Distinguished Service Award for 2008-2009.

According to a letter from President Jon Whitmore, "this award recognizes exemplary leadership contributions to the university and/or the community or profession that brings credit to San Jose State University."

She has been chair of the SJSU Academic Senate for two years and currently serves on the California State University Academic Senate.

Lessow-Hurley said she was surprised by the award.

"I have no idea why I won it," she said. "It seems remarkable to win an award for having such a good time at work."

Lessow-Hurley said she has worked in education for 30 years in the College of Education and the teacher preparation program for teachers who go into elementary education. Hurley said her background is in bilingual edu-

cation and that she has worked with students who didn't speak English when she taught in the classroom.

"I work with teachers to help them know how to make the content of schooling available to kids who don't have a lot of English," Lessow-Hurley said. "That's kind of my specialty. That's what I do."

Fred Najjar, the vice president for university advancement, said he has worked with Lessow-Hurley on a number of groups, including the naming policy for campus building and programs and the Academic Senate.

"She is one of the brightest, most ethical people I have worked with in my career," Najjar said. "She has high integrity and is passionate about education, our students and San Jose State University."

In the letter from Whitmore, Lessow-Hurley is recognized for addressing the importance of providing a multicultural education and preparing future teachers to handle California's diversity in the K-12 system.

She said Santa Clara County has many ethnically diverse schools.

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JUDITH LESSOW-HURLEY  
elementary education professor

"Teachers need to have understandings of the kind of classroom they are going to function," she said. "You can't teach very well unless you know who your students are. Teachers are not often from the backgrounds of their students, so it's really essential that we have multicultural teacher preparation."

Lessow-Hurley said she facilitates the Silicon Valley Higher Education Roundtable, which is a consortium of university presidents and chancellors and has recently expanded to include educational leaders in the K-12 school system that work toward recruitment and success of underrepresented minority students in college.

Judy Sugishita, an elementary education lecturer who had Lessow-Hurley as one of her professors in the graduate and credential program in the early 1990s,

said Lessow-Hurley is still one of her mentors to this day.

"Judith gave hours of her own time to the laborious reading of my thesis drafts and offered invaluable suggestions and comments on both language structure and content issues," Sugishita said.

"Her extensive knowledge of critical issues in education, combined with her language gifts and talents, contributed greatly to the completion of my MA work and its recognition as Thesis of the Year in Education in 1995," she added.

Running SJSU, Lessow-Hurley said, requires a tremendous amount of energy by a number of people.

"Where the rubber hits the road is your experience," Lessow-Hurley said, "the experience of the student. It's important to understand the value of



Courtesy of SJSU Media Relations  
Judith Lessow-Hurley

service. It's invisible. It's house-keeping. If you come here as a student, you might not know that people are sitting in committees and trying to make things work for you but they are. Lots of them. Working really hard with a lot of energy and dedication.

"I think that's why I feel very honored to have this award," she said. "The service that people do, and certainly not just me, an awful lot of people, is important to the students. It's important to the future. It's essential work."

## McNERNEY | Urged to enter politics by son, who is in Air Force

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programmer and I took it."

Timothy Hsu, an associate professor of mathematics, said students and faculty were lucky to have McNerney as a guest speaker.

"I've been following this sort of thing, the travails of our one math Ph.D. in Congress, for quite some time," Hsu said. "The one thing that I found out that really helped us is that Representative McNerney loves talking about math."

McNerney said he began his political career after being pressured from his son Michael, who joined the Air Force shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks.

McNerney registered as a write-in candidate for California's 11th congressional district and won his party's nomination in 2004 by one vote following a recount.

"That's the sort of lesson I teach high school students," Mc-

Nerney said. "Your vote counts. Get out there and do your voting when you're 18, because every single vote counts."

Hsu said part of McNerney's visit was intended to emphasize to the math students that there are job opportunities for them in many fields.

"This year in the math department, one thing that we're trying to do is we've been trying to put across to students that there are a lot of things that, if you get a math degree, that you can do besides just teaching math," Hsu said.

Some of the math department's recent graduates have found work in the fields of aircraft engineering and the financial industry, Hsu said.

Michael Brunell, a senior mechanical engineering major, said this was the perfect lecture to attend.

"To listen to him cover how mathematics impacted his life and how renewables are going to be a big thing was something that I was definitely interested in," he said.

## CAMPUS IMAGES



Gemma Chmielewski, an SJSU alumna, plays Frisbee with her friends outside Tower Hall last Tuesday.

MICHELLE GACHET / Spartan Daily

## CORRECTIONS

In the cutline for the Campus Images on April 7, the date of the Pacific Islanders luau event was incorrectly reported as being held on April 21. The cutline should have said that the event would take place on April 25.

In the story "Forum allows candidates to introduce themselves to students" on April 2, Rohan Dharnaskar was misidentified as the chief election officer for the upcoming A.S. elections. He should have been identified as the vice chief election officer.

## E-WASTE | Last event of sustainability week

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of e-waste.

"I wanted to create an opportunity for people to responsibly discard their electronics and to make it an easy process," he said. "The revenue is derived from the materials creating a continued benefit because they are used to operate the countywide Web site which advises people information about recycling."

Olszewski said the event generated money for nonprofit organizations which include the Environmental Resource Center and Center for Development of

Recycling. The Center for Development of Recycling operates the recyclestuff.org Web site, a countywide recycling network, while the Environmental Resource Center is a student organization that is part of the environmental studies department, which hosted sustainability week.

"The e-waste event was placed at the end of sustainability week on purpose," Le said. "After going to the lectures and panels and learning about food, transportation, energy, waste management and resource conservation, the e-waste event is there to show students and faculty that there is something you can do to live more sustainably."

The center, a nonprofit orga-

nization at SJSU, teamed up with the Environmental Resource Center and First Choice Recycling to plan the event. The purpose was to collect and dispose of used electronics in an environmentally sound way.

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## BOOK REVIEW: 'THE UNLIKELY DISCIPLE'

# A heathen fox in a Christian hen house

An agnostic writes about his undercover semester at a conservative university

MERRIL GUZMAN  
Staff Writer

For most college students, their first year away from home is liberating. No curfews, copious amounts of alcohol, horny coeds and crazy spring breaks.

But at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. — one of America's most religious and socially conservative universities — any of these actions would get you fined, reprimanded, or expelled and would most likely land you with a first-class ticket to eternal damnation.

Kevin Roose, a senior at Brown University and author of "The Unlikely Disciple: A Sinner's Semester at America's Holiest University," went undercover to experience the vastly different lifestyle of evangelical college students.

The book is wildly entertaining as Roose continually stays on his toes, trying to convince his roommates, friends, pastors and professors that he belongs at Liberty and does have a relationship with God.

Roose's semester on the other side of the "God Divide" sheds light on the college life of an evangelical student through humor and sincere soul-searching.

Fully submerged in his new environment, he finds Rev. Jerry Falwell's "Bible Boot Camp" fascinating.

He does everything possible to get the most out of his experience. He joins the Thomas Road (Falwell's church) choir, attends prayer groups, dates Christian girls (but without the possibility of any physical contact) and studies the Bible.

He even details his personal meetings with a pastor who encourages him to cease all masturbation, as a sign of his devotion to God.

One of his most bizarre experiences with Liberty students was on his mission trip to Daytona Beach. The intense ferocity of students who tried to save, recruit and convert random beach goers and street partiers was humbling for him. He and other Liberty students were ignored by some and ridiculed by others.

Roose's semester at Liberty was memorable for him and the university because in his months there, both the tragic Virginia Tech shootings occurred and the university's founder, Falwell, died.

The passion with which students prayed for the Virginia

Tech families and community and for Falwell was overwhelming for Roose.

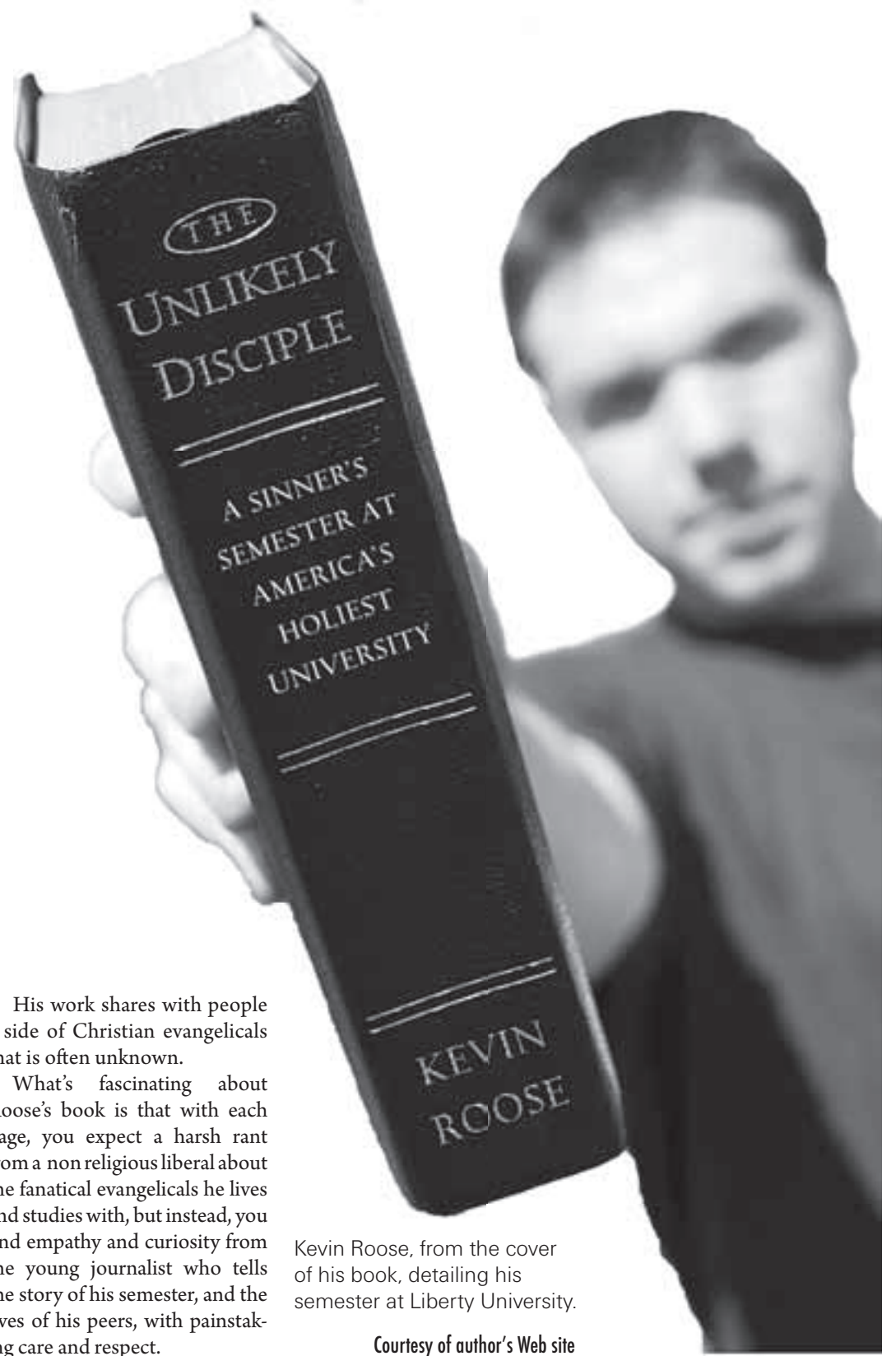
Roose holds nothing back in his reporting of his experiences at Liberty and the people he meets, even Falwell.

Near the end of the semester, Roose is granted the coveted opportunity to interview Falwell for the school newspaper. The interview took place just a few short days before Falwell's unexpected death in May 2007.

As Roose gets to know the school and his friends more, he discovers that he is learning just as much about himself as he is about his peers.

"Here's what worries me the most," Roose wrote. "I came to Liberty to humanize people, because humanizing people is good, right? But what about people with reprehensible views? Do they deserve to be humanized?"

For an agnostic liberal Brown student to give up his life for a semester, to detail and report on the educational and personal experiences of a Liberty student, and to shed light on a community that is often grossly misunderstood and misrepresented, is impressive.



His work shares with people a side of Christian evangelicals that is often unknown.

What's fascinating about Roose's book is that with each page, you expect a harsh rant from a non-religious liberal about the fanatical evangelicals he lives and studies with, but instead, you find empathy and curiosity from the young journalist who tells the story of his semester, and the lives of his peers, with painstaking care and respect.

Kevin Roose, from the cover of his book, detailing his semester at Liberty University.

Courtesy of author's Web site

## Once they crawled and flied, now they're spicy and deep-fried

From the Mexican state of Oaxaca, Chapulines, the crispy snacks also known as fried grasshoppers

ELIZABETH KANG  
Staff Writer

There are three things in life that absolutely would not be possible without alcohol: karaoke, high school reunions and eating bugs.

Fortunately, the Oaxacan-style restaurant Mezcal in Downtown San Jose makes a stiff margarita to go with its appetizer of fried grasshoppers.

Chapulines, a common snack in the Mexican state of Oaxaca, are served at Mezcal for \$6, along with chips and avocado dip.

I was more than a little squeamish at the thought of crunching down on an insect, exoskeleton and all. But soon, curiosity trumped disgust, and I popped a deep-fried creepy-crawly in my mouth and chewed cautiously.

The flavor was unexpected — better than I thought it would be. It didn't taste like chicken. Oddly, it tasted like a big, toasted pumpkin seed, salted and sprinkled with chili powder. So far, so good.

Unlike a pumpkin seed, I couldn't spit out the unwanted part.

Chomp after chomp, the texture of the grasshopper turned from crispy to uncomfortably chewy. When all the salt and spice disappeared, I couldn't pretend it was a beer nut anymore. I quickly swallowed and got rid of it.

I attempted to concentrate on the rest of my meal, which included some good and well-seasoned mole, a type of spicy sauce, but my eyes were continually and reluctantly drawn to the bowl of fried bug corpses. The critters had overstayed their lukewarm welcome, and I asked the waitress to dump them.

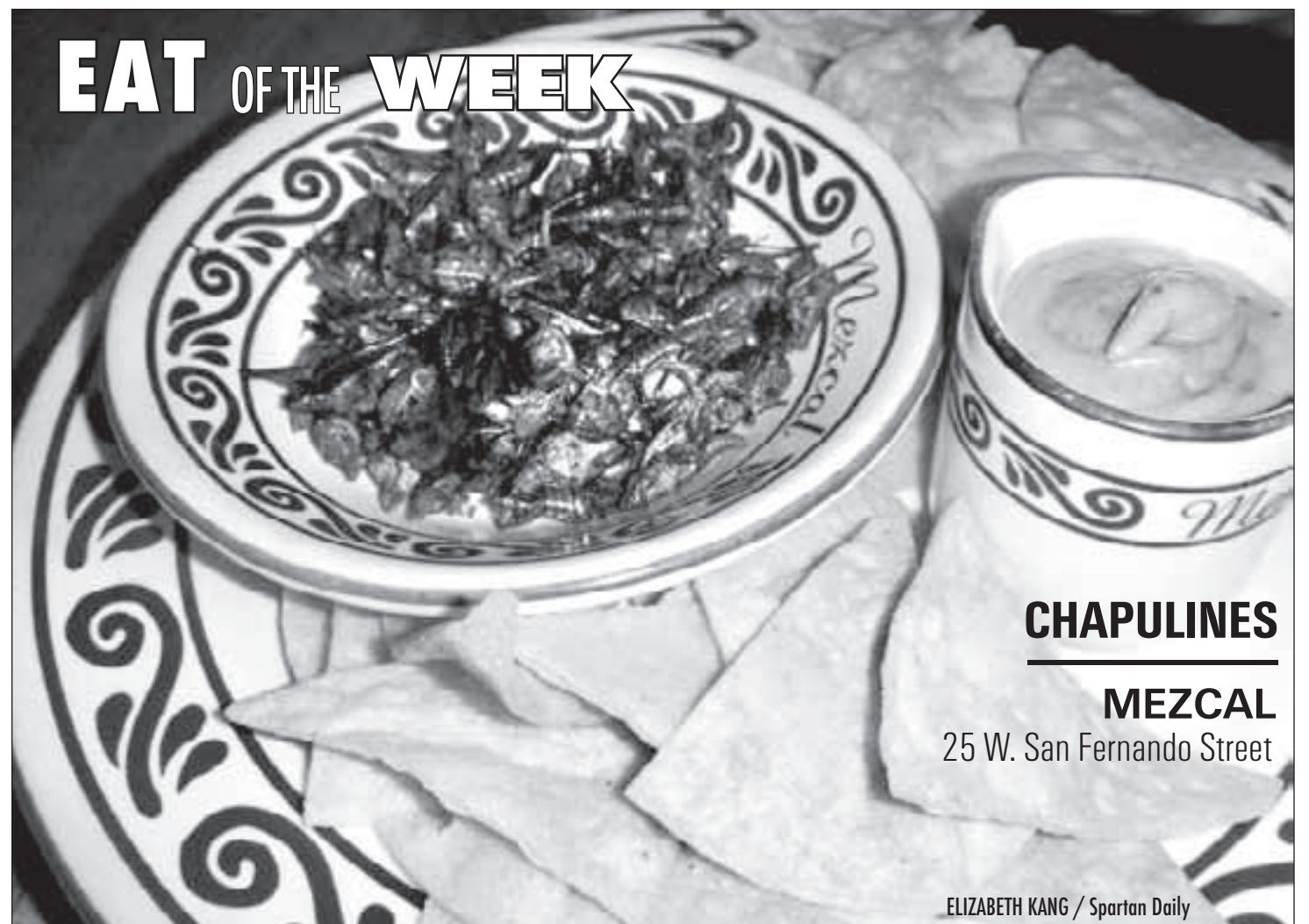
So, I ate one and wasted \$6? I would have paid three times that to avoid eating the rest.

It's the kind of experience you do once just to say you did it, not unlike bungee jumping or a Britney Spears concert.

Half of me freaked out at the thought of eating something I would normally flatten with the bottom of my shoe.

I know I overreacted. I know I'm a big sissy.

Half of me freaked out at the thought of eating something I would normally flatten with the bottom of my shoe. The other half of me, the rational half, knows that eating bugs are not a big deal. People all over the world do it every day. Throughout history, and in many modern cultures, bugs are a main source of protein.



## EAT OF THE WEEK

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BASEBALL

# Spartans sweep Louisiana Tech in four

CHRIS BAUSINGER  
Special to the Daily

The bases are loaded with two outs in the ninth inning and the team holds a narrow one-run lead. For a pitcher, this situation could be the pinnacle of anxiety, nearing a nightmare.

For SJSU senior right-handed pitcher Jack Adams, his task was not a nightmare. It was part of his obligation to the team, and instead of needing to get one out, he needed to get all three.

Adams was up for the task. As if from a baseball fable, Adams struck out the Bulldogs' most intimidating hitter and then got the following batter to ground into a double play.

The relief appearance sealed the deal in a nail-biting 8-7 victory for the Spartans, wrapping up a four-game sweep of Western Athletic Conference opponent Louisiana Tech Bulldogs. SJSU head coach Sam Piraro said he liked the performance from his players this weekend, and that it wasn't easy.

"It is hard to win four games in two days, we have done that twice this year now and percentages don't allow that to happen usually," Piraro said. "The first game I thought we were very solid. The second game, they jumped us early, we fought back like crazy and took the lead, but the way we have been going this year, when we get up by four runs, we are not sitting there



Junior shortstop Kyle Bellows slides into home safely to add to the Spartans' lead in the bottom of the seventh inning during the first game of Saturday's doubleheader at Blethen Field.

CHAD ZIEMENDORF / Spartan Daily

saying the game is over. The bottom line is, we have to get the job done and we have to get guys out late in the game."

In the first game, of the doubleheader on Saturday, SJSU accumulated 15 runs by the bottom of the eighth inning, ending the 15-4 game because of the conference's mercy rule.

In that game, Adams closed out the final three innings allowing one run on three hits and striking out three Bulldogs. In his two appearances on Saturday, Adams got his first and second saves of the season.

In the second game of the twin bill, he kept La. Tech from taking the lead in his inherited bases-loaded situation, coming

in when he wasn't on the list of available pitchers.

"I saw that (Andy Hennessey) was struggling, so I got my cleats on and ran down to the bullpen," Adams said. "I got maybe 20 throws in and as soon as I got in the game, it felt like I was going in for the first time today, it didn't feel like the second time or anything. It just felt like I was going in to pitch another game; the game was on the line and we needed to win."

The second game of the doubleheader was originally scheduled to be a seven-inning game, but because the Spartans induced the mercy rule in the first game, the second game, under conference rules, was changed to

a full nine-inning contest.

SJSU freshman pitcher Hennessey made his collegiate pitching debut, giving up two hits and issuing two walks to load the bases. Adams came in from the bullpen to relieve Hennessey, inheriting a full diamond of Bulldogs with no outs.

Adams struck out La. Tech's senior shortstop Chris Kersten, who, before the at-bat, went 4-4 with a solo home run and three singles. Adams forced Bulldogs' freshman third baseman Mark Threlkeld to hit a soft grounder to the left of second base. Junior shortstop Kyle Bellows ranged to his left to field the ball, then stepped on second base and threw to sophomore first base-

man Danny Stienstra for the double play.

"It is a big credit to Jack, bases loaded with no outs, he got the big strikeout on Kersten and he gets the tailor-made double-play ball," Bellows said. "The pitchers gave up the opportunity to do that, we got those double plays and got them out of a jam. For our execution and hitting, we work on that every day in practice and it finally paid off for us this weekend."

In the nightcap, Bellows went 3-4 with a single, a double and a two-run triple, his conference-leading fourth of the year.

In the first game he had two hits and two runs, one of which was a close sliding play at

home plate.

In the later game, the Spartans were trailing 4-3 after three innings, but got two runs in the fifth and three runs in the sixth to take a safe 8-4 lead. But the Bulldogs scored a combined three runs in the last two innings that made the fingernails of Spartans fans disappear.

SJSU senior infielder and pitcher Tyler Heil hurled 3.2 shutout innings during the Spartans' second game rally, for his first college win, in his second pitching appearance since high school.

Heil struck out five of the 12 Bulldogs he faced and allowed a single in the top of the sixth inning.

While the pitching and defense were impressive in the Saturday doubleheader, the offense helped add two wins for SJSU. In game one, senior catcher Anthony Aguilera hit a mercy rule inducing three-run double to end the game in the eighth inning.

Spartans junior catcher Corey Valine hit his first home run of the 2009 season in the second inning to get SJSU on the board. Sophomore outfielder Jason Martin also hit one out of the yard for his team-leading fourth long ball of the year.

With the weekend sweep of La. Tech, SJSU improves to 24-8 on the season and 5-3 in conference play. The four consecutive wins against the Bulldogs extended the Spartans' home winning streak to 12 games and overall 18-2 when at Blethen Field or Municipal Stadium.

The Spartans play the last game of this home stand tomorrow at 3 p.m. against the University of Pacific Tigers at Blethen Field.

SJSU has won all three previous matchups against the Tigers this season.

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# In search of the truth behind the Easter rabbit



SCOTT REYBURN  
Staff Writer

Easter has passed, and after being stuffed with Cadbury eggs and chocolate rabbits all week-end I still wonder about the origin of that rabbit.

When I started flipping through the Sunday ads a couple weeks ago, I realized Easter is upon us. It reminded me of pre-Halloween with the amount of candy and treats, although, unlike Halloween, you don't have

to work for the candy. Also, Easter baskets are like the pre-birth-day or Christmas present.

After coloring hard boiled eggs in Paas-branded egg dye last week, I asked myself the question: Why am I coloring eggs?

As the years went on, and I was no longer a child who received Easter baskets or went on Easter egg hunts, I pondered the idea of the Easter rabbit and its origins.

Sure, I participated in Easter festivities as a kid. My parents used to hide Easter eggs in the backyard when my sister and I were little and have us trot around, finding pastel-colored eggs filled with the kid's version of crack — sugar.

After a few years, the candy became tiresome and my par- ents anteed up the stakes by

starting to fill them with various amounts of change — a \$1 bill or the infamous \$5 bill my sister and I would kill each other to get.

But how did celebrating the death of the Christian Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, end up being celebrated with an Easter rabbit that hoards eggs?

Do bunnies even lay eggs? After a brief flashback to science class, I realized that of course rabbits don't lay eggs. But you'd be surprised when you ask someone on the spot if rabbits lay eggs, and they tell you they do.

Why is it not an Easter chicken or an Easter golden eagle that throws goats off cliffs for fun? Both of them are more plausible than a rabbit because they actually lay eggs.

At least a rabbit and eggs are more plausible than people who believe they see the Virgin Mary on a slice of toast or on a wall water stain in a bathroom. Or even more plausible than a person with the ability to jet set around entire world in one night to drop off presents into every house with children.

I was reminded a couple years back about the origins of Easter from an episode of "South Park" which answered my quarrel.

The most plausible explanation for a rabbit and eggs would be the approach "South Park" took on Easter. In the "Fantastic Easter Special" there is a Hare Club for Men that protects the secret of Easter. In Leonardo da Vinci's painting "The Last Supper," there is an egg on the table in front of Saint Peter, the first

pope, who actually is a rabbit.

Get it? Peter Rabbit?

The pope's hat makes no sense, unless you think of it as originally designed for a rabbit.

Sounds good to me. At least it's a more interesting explanation than the rabbit representing the goddess Easter and eggs being a symbol for rebirth.

But really, the point of Easter and any other holiday is just the chance to get together with family and friends and have a good time. Just don't get sucked into the commercialization and hoopla of it.

P.S. — God, don't smite me for writing this opinion.

Scott Reyburn is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

# Why anti-virus software is just a hack



JON XAVIER  
The X-File

Remember April Fool's Day? Remember how chaos reigned as a computer virus brought the Internet crashing down? Remember how society crumbled, how a frightened citizenry fell to barbarism as the screens of a million iPhones went dark? Remember the cyber apocalypse?

No? That's probably because no such thing ever happened or is likely to happen. Of course, that didn't stop such sensationalist news organizations as CNN and the New York Times from predicting that Confiker C, a worm that was scheduled to receive its instructions on April 1, could be used for massive attacks against the Internet itself. I heard one concerned-sounding newscaster say that it could be the "end of online life as we know it."

Now, the news media's collective cluelessness about all things

technical does make for a pretty amusing April Fool's joke. But it's also dangerous, propagating the climate of navel-gazing fear and ignorance that allows Internet crime to be such a profitable business.

That's right. Internet crime is a business, and it's thriving. U.S. Treasury adviser Valerie McNevin put the proceeds as high as \$105 billion a year in 2004, although that number has been disputed by some industry analysts. (Perhaps, understandably, that would make cyber crime far more profitable than the companies dedicated to stopping it. To put that number in perspective, information technology security giant Symantec only posted \$5.9 billion in revenue in 2008, according to filings with the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission).

What no one disputes is that Internet criminals are turning a profit, or that viruses like Confiker C are increasing the domain of shadowy criminal syndicates, rather than individuals.

And yet, the media continues to hew to a cliché image of computer criminals as misanthropic teens that seems straight out of the patently ridiculous movie "Hackers" from the early nineties. And while the twelve sec-

onds that we got to see Angelina Jolie's breasts in that movie were pretty sweet, I think we should expect a little better from our news coverage.

The trouble is that they're making people afraid of the wrong things. It's a boy who cried wolf effect. For every prophesied catastrophe that fails to materialize, computer users get a little more complacent. Since the world didn't end as the television said it would, they think that means they're safe. In reality, it just means that the threat is a lot more insidious than they've been led to believe.

To make matters worse, the advice normally given to protect oneself from hackers is usually better for peace of mind than actual safety. One of the more common bits of wisdom imparted in sensationalized stories of virus-related woe is to be sure one's antivirus software is up to date.

Yet antivirus software has proven ineffective in combating most modern threats, updated or not. A test last year by the German computer magazine "c't" of 17 popular antivirus softwares found most of them only caught about 20 to 30 percent of new viral threats, down from 40 to 50 percent the year before. So

in exchange for a product that allows at least 70 percent of viruses through, a user is sacrificing a chunk of system resources and money.

That's pricey for false peace of mind.

Of course, there are some steps that computer users can take to genuinely protect themselves. But they all require forethought and, in some cases, technical expertise, so you won't see the media championing them.

One of the most effective things a Windows user can do, for example, is to stop running his or her computer as an administrator, which is something that most Macs and Linux systems are already set up to do. Ever wonder why viruses only seem to be a Windows problem? Now you know. Without administrator privileges, a virus doesn't have the same carte blanche to take over a system and infect other computers.

Of course, running as an administrator is such an entrenched part of PC culture that this approach creates its own share of problems. Most programs are created with the assumption that its user will have administrator privileges, so running without them can cause

those programs to fail or behave strangely.

A user might have to switch back and forth between accounts to use their software, which can be tedious. Windows Vista's User Account Control is a kind of half-assed answer to these problems, prompting a user for administrator privileges when running software that requires them. Most Vista users I know found this extra dialogue box that they had to click through so annoying that they turned it off.

The bottom line is that the war for computer safety is ongoing. The battlefield is everyone's computer, and it is everyone's responsibility to remain vigilant against threats and make the necessary sacrifices to protect themselves. By presenting an exaggerated, inaccurate view of the problem, and offering only superficial solutions, the news media is failing in its mandate to inform and enabling the sort of crime that it should be working to fight.

Jon Xavier is the Spartan Daily online editor. "The X-File" appears every other Monday.

# COMMENTS FROM THE WEB

In response to "State prisons in dire need of reform," which appeared in the April 4 issue of the Spartan Daily:

Great idea!

Now all you need to do is establish a system that provides for a place for non-violent criminals to live while getting job-training and/or a better education.

Mind you, this place must be able to monitor the actions of adults, keep people, and communities, safe and somehow take care of the every single need these criminals have during this time.

I've got a great idea ... let's send all the non-violent criminals to college and pay their way with full scholarships. Seeing how they cannot be responsible to hold down their own jobs, treat the property of others with respect, or avoid drugs I think that the campus would need to then be surrounded with barbed wire to keep the communities safe.

Oh, wait... Never mind. These place already do exist — they are called prisons. And, yes, they are over-crowded. And, good for that too. If you cannot be trusted to treat people or property with respect then why in the world should those who do have to provide better care for those who don't?

Prisons have schools. Let those people in the prisons make their own decisions, just like they did in the first place. If you don't want to live in a goulag, then don't commit a felony crime. Simple as that.

Personally, I'd rather we build a tent-cap in the middle of Death Valley and let the criminals sort it out for themselves. Why should we provide for the survival and quality of life for those who wouldn't do the same for us?

Joshua Resnick

In response to "To Serve and Protect SJSU," which appeared in the April 4 issue of the Spartan Daily:

The university police are doing a fabulous job. Whether it is day or night, we always feel safe around campus. Now, if the police can just do something about the bicycle theft situation, we'll have nothing left to complain about!

Garret

In response to "Week of events focuses on helping take care of planet," which

appeared in the April 4 issue of the Spartan Daily:

Yay sustainability week! Here are some definitions we had on the back of our ERC shirts:

Sustainable SJSU (definition):

1. A campus capable of being sustained
2. The current SJSU generation meeting their needs without compromising the needs of future SJSU generations
3. A means of configuring San Jose State University and the student/faculty/administration activity so that the campus, it's members, and its local economies are able to meet their needs and express their greatest potential in the present, while preserving our limited resources and environment community, planning and acting for the ability to maintain these ideals for future SJSU generations.

Anna Le

In response to "Attention Uncle Sam: Where's My Bailout?," which appeared in the April 9 issue of the Spartan Daily

I think it's absolutely ridicu-

lous that some of these companies are even asking for bailout money. They have big profits from shipping jobs overseas and Mexico. Their CEOs make more in bonuses, then most people make in a year.

Everybody is asking for bailout money. How about calling in debts? Other countries owe us money we lent them. Also, those big greedy-ass big-wigs sit there and snicker behind our backs about how they stuck it to us. Damn it. Enough is enough, charity begins at home.

Scraping by in Hemet, Ca

In response to "Two students take to the Web to impress potential employers," which appeared in the April 9 issue of the Spartan Daily:

Ahh, this is a really great idea, especially as an in-depth supplement to paper resumes. I still think there's great value in resumes/CV's printed on official letterhead — letterhead rules, yo — but the accessibility and amount of information you can include on an online resume without making a mess makes these VisualCV's an innovative way of getting your name out there.

Leecho

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# VAGINA | V-Day movement has spread to 120 countries on 3 continents

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Domestic violence is still very prevalent in this world and our country as well," said Lauren Doyle, a senior art history major and performer of one of the monologues.

Bonnie Sugiyama, assistant director of the SJSU's Women's Resource Center, said that the center is "a safe place to hang out and learn more about women's issues."

The V-Day movement has grown to 120 countries from Europe to Africa and all of North America.

"We are often not allowed to talk about ourselves and our sexuality. It's kind of hush-hush. So it gives women a voice and a source of empowerment," she said.

The audience included males and females who received the performance with many laughs and nods in agreement and even some surprised reactions to the monologues.

"It's a lot different than I expected because it's a lot more blunt," said Angela Santoro, a marketing major.

Santoro said that what prompted her to come to the monologues were the causes that the money went toward.

Organizations such as the YWCA of Silicon Valley, Asian Americans for Community Involvement's domestic violence program and Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence received benefits from the production.

"I thought it was really interesting and gave out a lot of information that we wouldn't normally hear," said Kelsy Holm, a kinesiology major. "It showed girls that they shouldn't be ashamed of their vaginas."



Junior broadcast journalism students Haley Harms, Diana Nguyen, Jacob Amayh and Jennifer Huynh interviewed novelist Nanci Kincaid during a practice news conference for their broadcast journalism class on Wednesday.

## Author Kincaid speaks to students as 'mystery guest'

SAMANTHA PATTERSON  
Staff Writer

Half a dozen students diligently set up microphones and focused their cameras on an empty table that stood at the head of the room with a black linen backdrop — the environment formed a mock-up news conference.

They anxiously waited for their mystery guest.

For the students in John Shrader's electronic media reporting course, this gave them the anticipation of what it's like in a real news conference, but without knowing who they would be questioning.

A blond-haired woman with blue eyes and a smile walked in and sat in the spotlight. Speaking into the microphones, she answered the first question from the students.

"My name is Nanci Kincaid," she said.

The students then asked her profession and where she was from.

"I'm a writer. I write fiction books," Kincaid said. "I have six books — five novels and one short story (collection)."

Kincaid, who is originally from Alabama, said she was brought to San Jose by love.

"I'm married to the Spartan football coach," she said.

Dick Tomey and Kincaid have been married for 12 years.

"I think it's cool to know that the head coach's wife is a writer," said Lauren Baker, a senior broadcast journalism major. "It brings uniqueness to a story when you're looking at it from our point."

The students, now knowing the subject of the news conference, continued with further questions about her career and past.

"It was my first main experience in a press conference," said Russell Mikols, a junior broadcast



Kincaid, a romance novelist, spoke about her experiences as a writer and the South.

"I write to find out. I never know how the story is going to happen or how it will end."

NANCI KINCAID  
Novelist

journalism major. "It was very beneficial to see and get involved with the action, move around and see the different shots you want to get, how to set up, the timing and everything. It's good experience."

Kincaid referred back to her mother, whom she described as a born-again Christian, who believed the only book one needed is the Bible. Her family looks down on her for being a writer, she said.

Kincaid said she became a writer so she could tell the truth about things.

"I knew nothing about constructing a story," she said. "I write to find out. I never know how the story is going to happen or how it will end."

At the beginning of her career, she said she would wake

up, make coffee, take the phone off the hook and then write from 8 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m., four days a week.

"Now, I can write everywhere," Kincaid said. "On the plane, in a hotel, anywhere. I write my first drafts on my computer when I am at home."

One of Kincaid's favorite novels is "To Kill a Mockingbird." She said she believes that one doesn't have to read every great book to be a great writer, though.

"I like all her books," said Tomey of his wife's work. "As Hot as It Was You Ought to Thank Me" was my favorite book up to this point, but her latest book, 'Eat, Drink and be from Mississippi,' I like very well also."

Kincaid is currently working

on a plethora of short stories. She begins her book tour on April 15.

Tomey said he is her No. 1 fan and she is certainly the most talented person in their family.

"I think she has amazing talent, she loves doing it," Tomey said. "I get such a kick out of watching her at a reading or watching her in a question and answer session about her writing. I think she is just so brilliant in what she does, and just what she does takes such creative art and a creative side — it's special."

Kincaid said the students were polite, thoughtful and courteous.

"Obviously there was no way for them to be prepared," Kincaid said. "I was interested in the questions they asked."

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