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THE WIRE

STATE

LA jury convicts Spector in murder of actress

LOS ANGELES — In a dark coda to a life lived on the stage of rock music, legendary producer Phil Spector was convicted Monday of second-degree murder in the shooting death of actress Lana Clarkson at his mansion, a verdict that could send him to prison for the rest of his life. It took six years and two trials for a jury to convict the diminutive 69-year-old Spector of killing the actress, who he said had committed suicide.

DA: Rape may be alleged in Calif. girl's slaying

SAN FRANCISCO — Prosecutors said Monday they may include rape and molestation allegations in their murder charge against the woman suspected of killing an 8-year-old Northern California girl and putting her body in a suitcase. Melissa Huckaby, a 28-year-old Sunday school teacher, was arrested Friday on suspicion of kidnapping and murdering Sandra Cantu, although formal charges have not been filed.

— Associated Press

NATIONAL

Court declares Franken leading vote-getter

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A Minnesota court confirmed Monday that Democrat Al Franken won the most votes in his 2008 Senate race against Republican Norm Coleman. Coleman has 10 days to appeal to the state Supreme Court, which could further delay the seating of Minnesota's second senator for weeks.

— Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL

UN Council condemns North Korea launch

UNITED NATIONS — Eight days after North Korea's rocket launch, the U.N. Security Council on Monday unanimously condemned the action, demanded an end to missile tests and said it will expand sanctions against the reclusive communist nation. North Korea said in response that it will boycott the stalled six-party talks aimed at dismantling its nuclear weapons program and restore the nuclear facilities it had been disabling.

— Associated Press

PERFORMANCE ART



Jenna Bernard, a junior dance major (left), and Katie Dostalek, a sophomore occupational therapy major, play clown twins during a dress rehearsal of "CSI: CVU" in the Spartan Complex on Wednesday, April 8. **MIKE ANDERSON / Spartan Daily**

DISCUSSION

Finding new ways to encourage healthy living

Students armed with Post-it notes and ideas work to encourage healthy lifestyles

MICHAEL LE ROY
Staff Writer

Neon-colored Post-it notes covered the walls of a Clark Hall classroom, each one containing an idea or sketch of how to improve the campus as part of the Healthy Eating Active Living workshop on Friday.

More than 30 faculty, students and staff attended the workshop, which focused on creating design concepts that

can improve wellness and health for students and faculty. Ideas created at the workshop were based off more than a year of research done by anthropology students.

The students interviewed faculty, students and staff to find out what a typical day is like for them at SJSU from the moment they get up until the end of their day. The research was funded by a grant from Kaiser Permanente.

Students participating in the workshop were divided into six groups of four people. Each group had a student from the anthropology department, health science department, industrial design department and

urban and regional planning departments.

The teams brainstormed ideas such as intelligent parking lots, which would instantly let students know the number of open spaces, and exercise bikes mounted to the top of buildings. Easy to implement ideas such as putting a door to connect the Student Union to the Spartan Bookstore and healthy food vending machines were also suggested.

Scott Gee, a representative from Kaiser Permanente, said there are many simple things that SJSU can do to promote healthy eating and a healthy active lifestyle.

"Put a sign at the elevators right by the elevator button saying 'You might want to take the stairs, you can burn off 20 to 50 calories,'" he said. "More people will take the stairs if you put in those reminders."

An idea suggested by students participating in the workshop was decentralizing services on campus.

Alicia Murphy, an applied anthropology graduate student who helped organize the workshop, said students in the work groups wanted to "break down the silos" of services and

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GRADUATE STUDIES

Three honored by SJSU for grad projects

MERRIL GUZMAN
Staff Writer

Faculty, staff and students gathered Tuesday afternoon in the Engineering building to honor three SJSU graduate students who were winners of the 30th annual student research forum.

Along with the student recipients, faculty mentors who have advised their students were also recognized.

Julie Chun, an art history graduate student, Andrew In-

gram, a chemistry graduate student and John Shrader, a mass communications graduate student were all honored for their research projects.

Chun's research examined modernist Korean paintings under Japanese colonialism. Her project was inspired by the fact there are so many works of art that are under recognized and she wanted to focus on work that doesn't get as much recognition.

Under Japanese colonialism, from 1910-1945, "state-run Japanese art schools accelerated the

demise of traditional forms and emergence of modernism," Chun wrote in her project statement.

One of the challenges Chun faced was that much of the information from this time period was mostly written in Korean, and she had to translate all of it to English.

Her research is the "tip of the iceberg," she said. "The more I research, more I study. There is so much more to be unearthed."

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Barry Bonds steps up to the plate at AT&T Park in San Francisco. Bonds set a major league baseball record with 762 home runs in his career. His chase was the subject of John Shrader's graduate project, documenting Bonds' pursuit of Hank Aaron's home run record. **Courtesy of Brad Mangin**

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PHOTO BLOG

Check out an 'Around Downtown' slideshow by photographer Chad Ziemendorf.

NEWS BLOG

Staff writer Justin Perry writes about his own unique culture.

SPORTS BLOG

Derby Fever: Sports Editor Matthew Kimel is convinced I Want Revenge will win the Kentucky Derby on the first Saturday of May.

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A.S. Government Elections

Tuesday April 14th at 10 a.m. - Thursday April 16th at 8 a.m.

SPARTA GUIDE

14 Today

- Communication Club**
Kickoff party, plus meet with advisors
2 to 4 p.m. in Clark Hall, Room 240
Contact Stephanie Coopman at x5360
- Music Video Casting Call**
6 to 9 p.m. in Hugh Gillis Hall, Room 114
Contact sjsucasting@gmail.com
- 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
- 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.
Contact dwodisjsu@gmail.com

15 Tomorrow

- Do You Have Free Will When It Comes to Money?**
Kay Yut Chen, principle scientist at Hewlett-Packard, provides a unique opportunity to see how experimental economics can illuminate our understanding of social interaction.
5:15 to 6:45 p.m. at the King Library, Room 225.
Contact John Estill at 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

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 Manoogian at artshowcurator100@yahoo.com

20 Monday

- Don Edwards Lecture**
California Lt. Gov. John Garamendi in conversation with SJSU Professor and NBC 11 Political Analyst Larry Gerston.
Free.
7 p.m. in Morris Dailey Auditorium.
Contact Terry Christensen at Terry.Christensen@sjsu.edu

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LGBT | Money donated to center will be used to help it grow

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and licensed psychologist on campus, works with Sugiyama leading a LGBTQQI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and intersex) discussion group every Monday afternoon.

“I think the center is very important and offers a variety of resources,” Krumm said. “It’s wonderful and very generous of Larry and David. I really hope students on campus take advantage of the programs being offered at the center.”

The discussion group offers support in a confidential environment for the LGBTQQI students to share, discuss and explore their

personal experiences.

Along with the discussion group, the center offers a mentor program, Peers in Pride. It is a mentor program to bridge connections for incoming students.

Krumm said she developed and coordinated the program and said she asked Sugiyama to help after she received a grant to do a research study of the needs of the LGBT community.

“Out of the study, students wanted more peer connection on campus,” Krumm said.

During a news conference with members of the student media, SJSU President Jon Whitmore said that the university is immensely grateful of Arzie and Stonesifer for their support.

“I think they are an important

part of our community. They’re part of our diversity that we should be proud of,” Whitmore said of the LGBT community.

“That grant will help with some program funding for them and I think that’s a big plus.”

Anh Tran, a junior accounting information systems major, said he did not know the center existed on campus but said he hopes the gift will be put to good use.

“I think (Arzie and Stonesifer) are very generous for doing that and great people for giving back to the community,” he said. “Hopefully the money goes to good use for people who struggle with their sexuality and to promote acceptance or visibility.”

Jenny Ngo, a senior advertising major, said she feels that

the center and the gift are great, and that the center supports awareness while offering resources to people.

“Out-of-state students that come here might find it great that they are accepted here, rather than feeling like they have to be in the closet,” she said.

Sugiyama said some students recently got to meet one of the alumni, Arzie, and said they thought it was great. She said Arzie had a good sense of the students’ needs and issues concerning them.

Arzie and Stonesifer met in 1962 while they were students at SJSU. Both graduated with bachelor’s degrees in art in 1965 and 1966, respectively. They are now the owners of La

Estancia, a historic estate where they now reside.

“We want today’s students to have all the support and assurances they need so that they know with certainty they are valued members of our community,” Arzie said in a news release.

“We made this gift because we want to foster a movement important to all San Jose State students, and because we want the center to become a home in every sense of the word, a place to grow and learn together,” Arzie added.

The university’s LGBT Center was established in the fall of 2008 under the leadership of Sugiyama. Future programs, scholarship and research are expected to be included as the center continues to grow.

CAMPUSIMAGES



Students skate during a Friday morning beginning ice hockey class at Sharks Ice at 10th and Alma streets. The first half of the semester is spent on drills and practices, preparing the students for scrimmages.

KIRSTEN AGUILAR / Spartan Daily

PROJECT | Included documentary on Barry Bonds

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Ingram’s research project was titled “Advancing the Use of Chiral Europium and Terbium Complexes in Circularly Polarized Luminescence, an Analytical Tool.” In brief remarks to the audience, he thanked the committee for listening to and comprehending his research.

Shrader’s project was a 60-minute documentary on Barry Bonds and his chase for the home run record. The documentary includes interviews with 15 Bay Area sports writers and personalities about Bonds and the chase for the home run record.

“I’m really honored and flattered and humbled by this recognition, it came as a huge surprise,” said Shrader, who is also a lecturer in the school of journalism and mass communications at SJSU. He also serves as multimedia adviser to the Spartan Daily.

“It started out as a project to examine the mass communications studies of framing and priming, which is basically how stories are covered and how we decide to tell stories,” he said.

The three finalists were chosen out of a field of 14 applicants who submitted written summa-

ries and presented them in front of the graduate studies and research committee. Each applicant also answered questions from the committee, as well as the individuals who were present in the audience, said Celia Bakke, committee chair and librarian at SJSU.

“In the past, we’ve usually had many participants from Engineering, and also the College of Science, but we’re seeing more students from Humanities and Arts now,” Bakke said. “I think that’s partly because there are faculty members who are aware of this opportunity and then who encourage their students to participate.”

Ingram said he was the third winner from the chemistry department in the past three years.

“In some ways, it is an affirmation of the work that you’ve been doing, and the effort that you’ve been putting into presenting it and making it understandable,” Ingram said.

The reception was jointly sponsored by the Office of Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies and Research, and the SJSU Research Foundation’s Office of Sponsored programs.

The three winners from SJSU will be going to the CSU campus-wide student research competition at the beginning of May.

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HEALTH | 24 students participated in discussion

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departments at SJSU.

Joe Monzel, a senior anthropology major, suggested SJSU should flip itself “inside out” and make what students are doing in class more visible to the community. An example of this idea would be art students working on their projects outdoors.

“Why is it that when I walk by the Music Building I only know it’s the Music Building because maybe I accidentally went in there. ... Why can’t I hear people playing?” he asked.

The student’s ideas generated at the design workshop will be collected into a booklet with the hope that it will influence future development and renovation.

Murphy said she was happy with the results of the design workshop. The students arrived 45 minutes early and were ready to work, Murphy said.

“Twenty-four students participated today and generated all these ideas and presented them to Kaiser and admin people. Just to see all the enthusiasm from health science, urban planning and industrial design and anthropology, that was amazing,” she said.

After captain's kidnapping, Obama vows to help fight piracy

Associated Press

MOMBASA, Kenya — President Barack Obama vowed Monday “to halt the rise of piracy,” while shipmates of the rescued American freighter captain called for tough action against Somali bandits who are preying on one of the world’s busiest sea routes.

Obama appeared to move up the piracy issue on his agenda, saying the United States would work with nations elsewhere in the world.

“I want to be very clear that we are resolved to halt the rise of piracy in that region and to achieve that goal, we’re going to have to continue to work with our partners to prevent future attacks,” Obama said at a Washington news conference.

The nighttime rescue operation of Richard Phillips won praise abroad but it was uncertain how far Obama wanted to go to engage the pirates.

The U.S. was considering options including adding Navy gunships along the Somali coastline and launching a campaign to disable pirate “mother ships,” according to military officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because no decisions have been made.

Some military strategists believe it may ultimately be necessary to attack the pirates’ bases on land in Somalia. But few international allies have the appetite for another land operation in Somalia, where a U.S. military foray in the early 1990s ended in humiliation. And the cost in civilian casualties would likely be extremely high, some warn.

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Executive Branch Candidates:
President: *Is the chief executive officer of the Associated Students, the official representative of the Associated Students. Has the power to veto as he/she sees fit any legislative action adopted by the board of directors and submits to the Board of Directors the A.S. budget for the subsequent fiscal year.*

Tobi Richards

- Currently A.S. Director of Programming Affairs
- Richards said she hopes to make a lot of improvements internally and if elected, she promises advocacy, efficiency and integrity. Richards said she also hopes to improve other things that aren't usually done when people win the position. On campus, she said she would like to see more students involved and said she wanted to give students a clear understanding of how the A.S. runs.

Megan Baker

- Currently A.S. Director of Extracurricular Affairs
- Baker pledges to maintain and improve educational experiences at SJSU. She said she believes students' "pockets are continuously being emptied out by government officials who don't believe education is a priority."

Vice President: *Is the chairperson of the board of directors, liaison between executive and legislative branches. Performs the duties of the President in his/her absence, acts as A.S. government office manager and sets, reviews, and enforces office policies for the use of the A.S. government office.*

Azra Crnogorcevic

- Crnogorcevic said she would like to ensure the efficiency of the A.S. government by serving as a liaison between the different branches of government. She said she believes her experience as an orientation leader will be helpful in achieving her goal of making A.S. more useful to students at SJSU.

Controller: *Is the chief financial officer of A.S. Responsible for all fiscal legislation, assists the A.S. president in preparation of fiscal year and proposing the budget. Publicizes financial reports to the general student body annually.*

Jacob Curtis

- Curtis said he wants to provide students with a balance between funding and higher education. Curtis said he is running to ensure that the money students pay is invested toward programs that benefit everyone. Curtis said he would like to see a budget that will provide funding for students today and in the future.

Christopher Palumbo

- Currently A.S. Director of Student Resources
- Palumbo said he wants to help students at SJSU by finding innovative solutions to California's budget cuts and CSU fee increases. He has been an advocate for transfer students, and will continue to be if elected. He is also familiar with the SJSU and A.S. boards, and he hopes to find new ways to fund student organizations.

Board of Director Candidates:
Director of Business Affairs: *Serves as a member of the A.S. audit committee, serves on the A.S. Personnel Committee, works with the A.S. controller on revisions to budget policies and serves as a member on the Campus Planning Board of the Academic Senate.*

Mai Phuong Nguyen

- Nguyen said she would like to work with the A.S. controller to make sure all financial documents are accurate and impartial. She said she would also like to make sure A.S. government remains a transparent organization that can bring attention to campus issues such as student enrollment and fees.



Tobi Richards, A.S. candidate for president



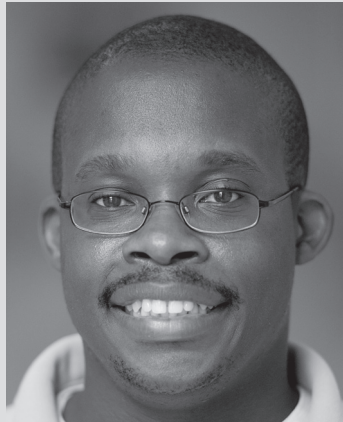
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Mai Phuong Nguyen, A.S. candidate for Director of Business Affairs



Ted Griffith, A.S. candidate for Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities



Tomasz Kolodziejek, A.S. candidate for Director of Intercultural Affairs



Jessica Dunham, A.S. candidate for Director of Communications



Joshua Levy, A.S. candidate for Director of Internal Affairs



Sarah Bronstein, A.S. candidate for Director of Community and Environmental Affairs



Cindy Tsui, A.S. candidate for Director of Programming Affairs

Jagdeep Singh:

- If elected, Singh said he wants to be in a position where he could allocate the funds in a way that is best for the interest of the SJSU students. Singh wants to make sure that funds are equally distributed to clubs, educational programs and other programs at SJSU. If elected, Singh wants to make sure funds are given to students through programs and that students are aware that this money is available to them so that students can join programs. Because SJSU is known as a commuter school, Singh would like to see more student involvement.

Bobby Zerby

- If elected, Zerby said he will dedicate himself to helping SJSU students.
- Currently serves as Resident Hall Association Treasurer, on campus.

Julio Velasquez

- Member of Forward Sparta Party
- Velasquez said he would like to make students more aware of fun and interesting events on campus and where the money from the student fees they pay goes. "This can be achieved by increasing the communication between students and the campus, essentially causing students to become more involved at SJSU," Velasquez said.

Director of Communications: *Assists the board in publicizing the activities of the Associated Students, serves as a member of the A.S. Programming Board, advocates and establishes a public relations strategy to educate the campus community regarding A.S. and advocates and establishes a public relations strategy to educate the campus community regarding A.S.*

Jessica Dunham

- Dunham said she feels that students aren't aware of a lot of what A.S. offers. She said that through her creativity, she wants to make A.S. events more visible to students.

Erin Nicole Ellis

- "I want to keep the students and A.S. more connected," Ellis said. She said that, knowing that little can be done without informing and engaging students with campus resources, she hopes to be the communication link between A.S. Board and the student body. She sees this position as a good opportunity to volunteer on campus and be an active student at SJSU.

Chris Flores

- Flores said he would like to make local government officials and legislative officers more aware of the needs of students at SJSU by improving the connection between the two through

better communication. He said he believes his background as a public relations major can help him make students more aware of the opportunities they have at SJSU and get them more involved on campus.

Director of Community and Environmental Affairs: Reports to the board decisions concerning, and proposed changes in, policies affecting the campus community, works with the University administration, city authorities and campus groups to create a safe and clean campus, serves as a member of the A.S. Programming Board, report on decisions concerning, and proposed changes in, policies affecting the campus community to the board and serves on the Campus Planning Board of the Academic Senate.

Sarah Bronstein

- Currently Director of Community and Environmental Affairs
- Bronstein said she saw a lot of growth during the two semesters she served and feels that there is a lot of potential and room for improvement. Bronstein said she is running because SJSU has so much to offer students.

Robert Buzzard

- Buzzard said he believes more bike racks are needed on campus to encourage riding to school and thinks incentives should be provided for recycling. He said he believes the greatest campus weakness is lack of student participation and hopes to increase student involvement on campus and recognize student voices.

Director of Extracurricular Affairs: *Serves as vice chair of A.S. Programming Board, serves as a member of the Homecoming Selection Committee, serves on the Athletics Board, provides a liaison report on the status and activities of the A.S. Campus Recreation, Club Sports, Community Housing, Dept of Intercollegiate Athletics, fraternity and sorority councils and Student Involvement to the Board.*

Byron D. Covington Jr.

- Covington is running because he wants to play a bigger role in sports and extracurricular activities and provide students with more sports. He also wants to bring more attention to certain sports and improve them for all participants.

Hillary Henson

- Henson said she hopes to reach out to people who are commuters or non-traditional students through the promotion of community service and on-campus student involvement. She wants to create a more active student culture at SJSU. "Publicizing more of the events going on, and creating a comprehensive

Web site or database for students on how to participate in campus activities, join a club or start a club," would be a good place to start, Henson said.

Shelsy Bass

- Bass said she would like to be a voice for students looking for opportunities to join campus organizations and become more of a part of the SJSU community, rather than just a student. She also said she would like to create more opportunities for students to help the community of San Jose through civic engagement projects.

Brandyn Jandrew

- Jandrew said he wants to increase student involvement at SJSU. He said he feels he is able to provide students with what they need and has, through his experience when working with housing, where he worked to see which programs benefited students.

Director of Intercultural Affairs: *This is a new position this year, the terms of the office have yet to be defined.*

Alanna Mancebo

- Mancebo said she would like to increase the promotion of resources for students. Mancebo also said she would like to create better advertisements and information about organizations on campus that may interest students.

Tomasz Kolodziejek

- Kolodziejek said he is an international student who wants to represent all SJSU students as well as international students. Kolodziejek said he would like to advocate for all students, and he strongly believes his international and cross-cultural experience could help him represent SJSU's diverse student population. He said he would like to promote a student advocacy system, "a Web site to offer representation, help, and advice to any student or student group on campus."

Director of Internal Affairs: *Reports to the board concerning proposals in the Academic Senate affecting University governance, serves as the chair of the A.S. Rules Committee, serves as a member on the Organization and Government Committee of the Academic Senate and serves as a member of the A.S. University Affairs Committee.*

Joshua Levy

- Currently A.S. Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities
- Levy said he hopes to "maintain moral and logical A.S. governing documents" for the A.S. board. He promises to "uphold and preserve the mission and values of Associated Students," Levy wrote in his candidate statement, and to use student

"questions/concerns and the A.S. strategic plan to guide my goals and decisions."

Kyle McGuire

- Member of Forward Sparta Party
- McGuire said he would like to see more participation in student government by students. "That's one thing I think A.S. kind of struggled with last year but can do a better job of by expressing its message to campus," McGuire said.

Director of Programming Affairs: *Provides a liaison report on activities of A.S. Special Events department, serves as chair of the A.S. Programming Board, advocates for the A.S. Board member participation in campus-wide events and activities such as Fall Welcome Days, Academic Integrity Week, Student Organization Leadership Conference, Tunnel of Oppression and events hosted by A.S.*

Tina Thuy-Hang Thi Pham

- Running for: Director of Programming Affairs
- Pham said she has the experience and knowledge in creating events and activities where students and alumni will be engaged.

Cindy Tsui

- Currently A.S. Director of Communications
- Tsui hopes to "work to implement more programming and activities on campus for all students," she said. She also plans to "target students who live on and off campus and commute, to promote a more integrated and open campus," she added. Tsui will work on "campus programming and events, but also student advocacy and representation," she wrote in her candidate's statement.

Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities: *Serves as a member of the University Affairs Committee, reports to the Board concerning proposals under consideration by the Academic Senate to change academic and administrative policies and procedures affecting student*

rights and responsibilities, serves as a member of the Campus Fee Advisory Committee, serves as a student Senator in the Academic Senate and serves as a member on the Instruction and Student Affairs Committee of the Academic Senate.

Ted Griffith

- Griffith is concerned with the increasing cost of student fees at SJSU. He would like to involve A.S. with the number of classes being offered in different departments. He wants to make sure students are aware of their academic responsibilities by working with University administrators. Griffith would like to create a panel that would change the way a student's paper or test is re-evaluated. Instead of a student going to a department chair to request a review, they could go to a panel. He said he hopes to be the liaison between the university and the many unheard voices of students on campus.

Lizzie Orr

- Orr said she would like to make students more aware of their rights and responsibilities at SJSU. One way she plans on putting this into action, if elected, is by creating a comprehensive Web site that includes the s90-5 Student Rights and Responsibilities document making it more easily accessible for students. "I envision this position helping to make San Jose State a more positive experience for all students, and increasing efficiency at the administrative level," Orr said.

Alexander Maldonado

- Maldonado said he wants to make students aware of their academic and legal responsibilities. If elected, Maldonado said he will also ensure that student's civil rights are upheld.

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FOOTBALL

Modest Perry prepares to play for SJSU again

ANDREA MUNIZ
Staff Writer

A key contributor to the Spartans’ 2006 bowl-winning team will return this season, though he isn’t one to boast about his past accomplishments.

Patrick Perry, a senior sociology major, won’t tell you about how he had the only Spartan blocked punt of the 2006 season against New Mexico State or that he won the Western Athletic Conference special teams player of the week for it. He won’t go into much detail about how he’s applying for graduate school to study counseling education or that he helps young people succeed in school.

In fact, if you ask him what he’s involved with, he might say, “School, sports and my job ... that’s pretty much it.”

But he’s not that simple. Perry is currently employed at Communities Organizing Resources to Advance Learning, an educational outreach program that focuses on improving student achievement.

He has a class of about 28 elementary school students, who he works with every day after they finish school to mentor and help them with reading, writing and homework. Perry said that the job, which began as an internship, has turned into more of a fulfilling hobby.

“I don’t view it as a job,” Perry said, “because it is very fun and the kids are entertaining. They remind me of myself when I was a kid.”

When Perry was in fifth grade, he joined the Pop Warner football league in Los Angeles to stay out of trouble in the city streets and he’s been playing ever since.

In 2004, Perry came to SJSU to play football under then head coach Fitz Hill. The decision to be a Spartan stemmed from a relationship that was built by one of the Spartans’ assistant coaches, Charles Nash.



SJSU running back Patrick Perry is tackled during the Spartans’ 24-14 win over Fresno State at Spartan Stadium during his sophomore year.

“I talked to coach Nash, and he guided me up here,” Perry said. “I felt a strong connection with him ever since. It only felt natural coming here.”

SJSU’s current head football coach, Dick Tomey, said he has known Perry for five years.

Aside from being serious, thoughtful and studious, Tomey said that Perry’s work ethic was reflected in the way that he handled an injury in 2007 that kept him out of football for two seasons.

“To rehab a knee that was as seriously injured as his takes a lot of work,” Tomey said. “He was able to get that done and he’s out here, about 95 percent (better).”

It took Perry two years to bounce back from the torn anterior cruciate ligament in his knee and get back to the physical condition that he was in prior to the injury.

The realization that football could be taken away from him was best described by Perry in one word: “heartbreaking.”

“It puts you through a lot of stuff that you never think you can overcome until you actually face it,” he said. “It’s a learning process too, because you learn that every-

thing you go through is for a reason. You’ll see that at the end. You won’t see it at the beginning, but at the end you’ll understand why you went through that event.”

Tomey said Perry was one of the key players in the Spartans’ victory over the New Mexico Lobos at the 2006 New Mexico Bowl. Perry blocked a kick against the Lobos to help the Spartans win the game, 20-12, and seal SJSU’s victory.

That season, Perry led the Spartans with seven rushing touchdowns.

“He’s just a different kind of back than we’ve had, because he’s a bigger guy. He’s a downhill runner, he’s a tough runner, and we’ve needed that,” Tomey said. “We’ve had nobody that provided that and so we’re excited about having him back.”

Being back on the field with his teammates is something that Perry has been waiting for.

“I feel like a kid in a candy store,” Perry said. “Come and have a good time with my friends and play football; that’s what it’s all about.”

Perry’s teammate, senior center Ronnie Castillo, said he is glad to be playing football



Spartan running back Patrick Perry is making a comeback this season after a leg injury left him unable to play for two seasons.

SANDRA SANTOS / Spartan Daily

with his old teammate again. The two played together in the 2005 and 2006 seasons.

“Every year he’s been there, he’s been a guy you can count on,” Castillo said. “You can trust him to do his job, on the field and off the field.”

Aside from being a dependable friend and a “quality guy,” Castillo said that Perry is a Madden NFL video game fanatic.

“He’s on me to get Madden ’09 because I have Madden ’08,” Castillo said. “I tell him, ‘If you give me 50 bucks, I can get

me that Madden ’09.’”

Whether at school, work or on the field, Perry has shown that he is ready to handle anything.

“When I look across at him in the huddle,” Castillo said, “I see Pat’s eyes. Big as any, he’s ready to do the job.”

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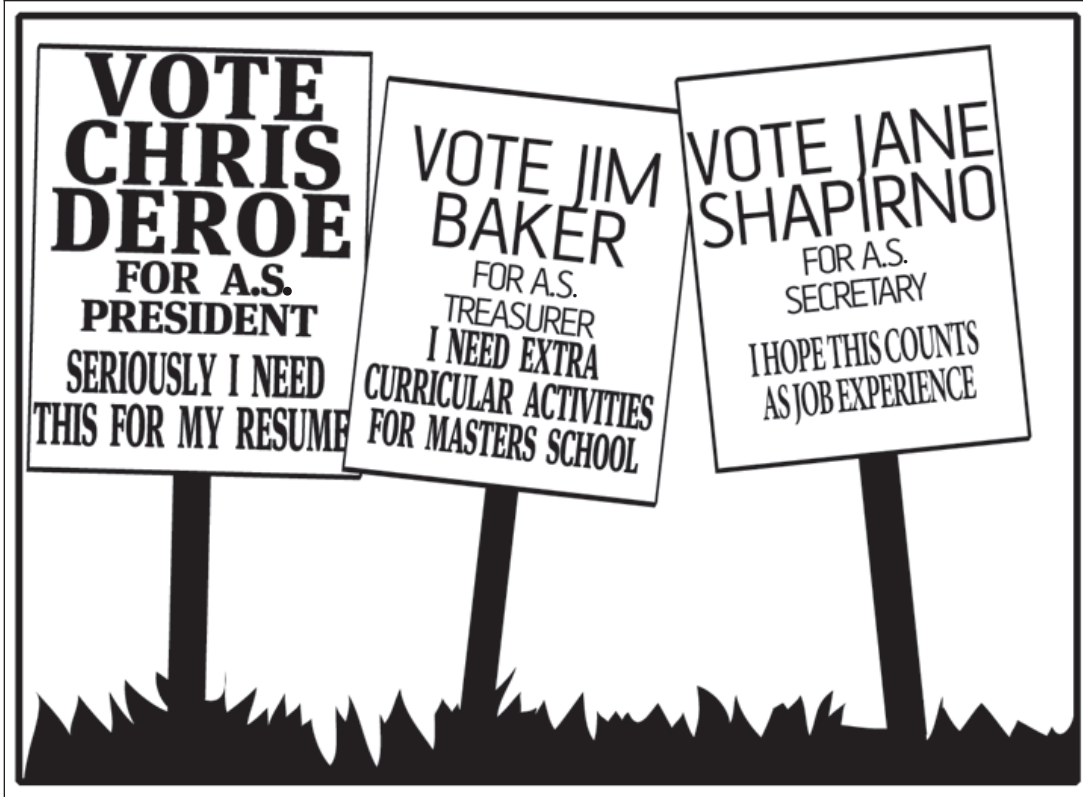
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CARTY SEWILL

Nothing can be certain, except pizza and pirates



ANGELO LANHAM
Yes, I Have a Point

Ben Franklin must have nearly chortled himself to death when he uttered that phrase. You know, that famous one — the one about how “in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.”

While in most cases this seems to be pretty true, giving credibility to the 1789 statement, those who have recently glanced casually at the news are excused for forgetting it.

Pirates, for example, overtook an American cargo ship in a situation that resolved rather nicely for all non-pirates involved.

Pirates! Yes, as in “shiver me timbers!” Who expects to hear of pirates these days? I bet old Benny didn’t think we’d still have pirates bobbing the oceans a few centuries after his time. If he did, his statement might have included pirates, and would have been a whole lot cooler.

“In this world, nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes. And pirates.”

While it has a nice ring to

it, the old standby of death and taxes are nevertheless easy to find in current events.

For example, a service called “Legacy Locker” allows you to throw all your online information — passwords and usernames for the most part — and store them to be revealed to your next of kin after you go kaput.

This seems like a silly thing to pay for. By and large, if a relative wants to check my online banking and gmail, and I happen to be dead, it falls under the category of “not my problem.”

And as for taxes — well, here we are in April. If taxes haven’t been on your mind, chances are a friendly audit from the IRS is in your future.

So, Ben wasn’t too far off. He got the death and taxes right, and after all, he didn’t specify that pirates wouldn’t pop up every now and again, even if the century seems to be wrong. So we’ll just forget about amending Franklin.

Not so fast there, Jimmy, there’s one more thing Franklin forgot to mention. Pizza. If you’re shaking your head right now, I offer a challenge of the social experiment variety. Just find any group of five to seven people, suggest the ordering of a pizza, and see what happens.

Two happenings are guaranteed. For one, no one is going to agree on the toppings. The second is that everyone involved is going to have some snooty

idea about the region in which the best pizza is found. And you can be damn sure it’s not this region.

Ol’ Franklin should have had that one in his proverb — pizza had been around for any number of millennia when he was chortling himself to death with his own witticisms.

Most accounts trace pizza back 3,000 years or more.

Around here, you can’t try to get pizza without some jerk saying that New York, Chicago or whatever—style pizza is superior to whatever can be found around here. What’s more, the advocate for each region speaks of the pizza found there as that is the “right” way to make pizza — the way it’s always been done.

Bollocks. If anyone has a right to be upset about the state of pizza these days, it’s the Neapolitans. They created a real, serious pizza, of only a few varieties. No weird combination pizzas, with such goofy names as “cruise ship special,” or “pepperoni and cheese.”

“In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes, that no one agrees about pizza and pirates.”

Much better.

Angelo Lanham is a Spartan Daily copy editor. “Yes, I Have a Point” appears every Tuesday.

DID YOU KNOW...

A human head remains conscious up to 30 seconds after it has been decapitated? In the heyday of the guillotine during the French Revolution, it is said that many of the condemned were asked to blink for as long as possible after decapitation. Some did for as long as 30 seconds.

— Boing Boing

Giving false praises to Obama for pirate crisis



ELISHA MALDONADO
... in love and war

I can’t seem to help thinking it ridiculous that the Obama administration is being credited with its first international victory over a quartet of Somali pirates, but such is the case, according to NPR.

How do the French say it, c’est la vie?

“The president demonstrated a willingness to allow the military, the FBI and other professionals to do their jobs, and he did not insert himself in a situation that would have amplified [Phillips’] value” to the pirates, said Juan Zarate, who served as deputy national security adviser for terrorism during the last four years of the Bush administration.

Zarate, of course, is talking about what should be, by now, universally known: The Sunday sniper shooting of three of the four Somali pirates who had been holding hostage Richard Phillips, master of the hijacked, and-taken-back-by-the-world-class Navy, Maersk Alabama, an American cargo ship — the first American-operated ship to be seized in a series of hijackings in the waters off Somalia.

So it is absurd that Obama is being credited with a win when all he really did was give the order to pull the trigger.

Or, put more plainly, when all he did was do his job. Were those snipers trained under the Bush administration?

Really, to take out three pirates simultaneously is mastery. (A brief tack right, sorry. Back on course.)

The Navy took action because Phillips’s life was in danger, Bloomberg reported.

Vice Admiral Bill Gortney, the commander of U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, saying, “The pirates were armed with AK-47s and had small-caliber pistols, and they were pointing the AK-47 at the captain.”

The bottom line is that the short-term mission was accomplished: pirates dead, hostage alive. Navy does its job. Still ...

The president said he vowed to “halt the rise of piracy.”

But it has already risen. Pirates attacked 165 ships last year between Yemen and Somalia, seizing 43 of them for ransom, Bloomberg reported.

It is not just something bandits recently decided would be

good sport, it is a threat; an enemy of mankind.

For, if one is a pirate, he has already declared himself against humanity.

So the president would be correct when he said piracy needs to be halted, though I much prefer squelched.

Which is, as Hugo Grotius, founder of the modern just-war theory, would argue is cause for just war.

It was Grotius who wrote, in “Freedom of the Seas,” that “every nation is free to travel to every other nation, and to trade with it.

“Those therefore who deny this law, destroy this most praiseworthy bond of human fellowship, remove the opportunities for doing mutual service, in a word do violence to Nature herself. For do not the ocean, navigable in every direction with which God has encompassed all the earth, and the regular and the occasional winds which blow now from one quarter and now from another, offer sufficient proof that Nature has given to all peoples a right of access to all other peoples? Therefore this right belongs equally to all nations.”

Grotius’ point — and a similar one is made by Emerich de Vattel — The Law of Nations — is that territories are what countries can claim.

None, on the other hand, can claim the ocean. It is common to all mankind.

So someone, or persons, or bandits, or pirates, et al, who exhibit hostility or initial acts of aggression against anyone, or country, on common ground are declaring themselves enemies of humanity.

Because of this, Vattel and Grotius (and I) argue, those who have the resources should attack them and knock them out entirely. At whatever cost.

And the president was right when he said that “we’re going to have to continue to work with out partners to prevent future attacks.”

Because it takes those with the means, and the lovers of our common right, to band together to defend it.

For the Obama administration, one that has been particularly critical of the Bush administration’s war policies, this is a chance to prove that he is a serious president. And is a chance to prove that his choice of war methods are the proper route to take.

But it’s going to take more than three bullets and a yes to pull the trigger.

Elisha Maldonado is the Spartan Daily investigations editor. “... in love and war” appears every other Tuesday.

When to intervene when children are at risk



STEPHANIE VALLEJO
Staff Writer

A few weeks ago, I was torn between doing the right thing and doing my job. It was a situation where if I intervened, I could have lost my employer some money. If I didn’t bother, the morals and values rooted deep inside of me would shatter.

I meet many people as a waitress, and learn how they have different standards of life. One afternoon, a man stopped in for a drink — two beers, exactly —

and enjoyed a smoke in the restaurant’s outdoor patio area.

He was also feeding a one-year-old baby boy.

Picture this – A nice-looking fellow with an empty beer bottle on the table, a half-full one in his hand, two fingers holding a burning cigarette, a baby in his lap and a baby bottle in his other hand.

It was something I’d never seen before — something I wanted to stop.

Now, I know there are plenty of parents who are far worse out there, but this was my chance to prevent secondhand smoke to an innocent child. I don’t know what his tolerance to alcohol was, but what if the walk home wasn’t as safe after two drinks?

It killed me to bring his beverages out to him, and I approached my manager about how I felt. He said it’s not my job to teach adults

how to be better parents. It’s not my responsibility what decisions he makes with his child. Let it go, Stephanie.

After this reality slap in the face, I watched the dad through the window to make sure he wasn’t harming the baby in any way.

The man was treating his son like any other. Kisses, hugs and speaking baby talk. It was all the normal things I’m used to, but something about his hand underneath the table with another cigarette still haunted me.

My only responsibility in a situation like this is to determine whether the individual has safe transportation home. In this particular case, he was walking.

So my role as super woman didn’t persist, but I still needed some closure to what happened. I needed something to stop mak-

ing me feel guilty for not speaking my mind and, instead, flashing a fake smile.

Now, I know there are plenty of parents who are far worse out there, but this was my chance to prevent secondhand smoke to an innocent child.

The next weekend, I encountered a family with several adults and a few children celebrating a mother’s birthday. All the adults were drinking, so after the first round, I asked politely if there will be a designated driver. At first, I was given mean stares,

but after they looked at the kids coloring their kids menus next to them, one of the women said she was done drinking for the night.

I was afraid I had made their dining experience awkward, but I just kept on smiling and hoped I did the right thing.

After three more rounds of drinks, the party got up to leave. When everyone was gone, I started to bus their table and one of the ladies, the designated driver, came back to talk to me. She smiled, shook my hand and said she had and will continue to have a wonderful evening because of me.

As she turned to leave, the car keys jingled in her purse.

Stephanie Vallejo is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Insane clowns stir up coffee and crime



(Top) Cast members perform during a dress rehearsal of “CSI: CVU” in the Spartan Complex on April 8.
(Below) Stephanie Walker, a junior interior design major, performs during a dress rehearsal of “CSI: CVU” in the Spartan Complex on April 8.

DOMINIQUE DUMADAUG
Staff Writer

Thursday night, Company One, the production company of the SJSU School of Music and Dance, went to the clowns.

At the dance theater in Spartan Complex 15, music and dance students put on a production called “Crime Scene Investigation: Circus Victim’s Unit.”

The two-act production is a musical parody of the popular television shows “CSI” and “Law and Order: Special Victim’s Unit.”

In between spoken lines, the actors broke into re-written songs from movies, musicals and choreographed dances.

Anyone who loves a good mystery, comedy or musical will enjoy this unique story written, directed and choreographed by SJSU Professor Janie Scott.

The first act started with a spotlight shining down onto a chalk outline of a body. Agents looked at each other in disbelief, as the body was missing and only a spongy red nose lay in the outline.

With no witnesses to the crime, the identity of the victim is unknown until a passing troupe of clowns is able to recognize to whom the nose belongs. The mayhem of solving the curious crime begins.

The agents, who dressed like they were from “Men in Black” or “The Matrix” movies, wore black suits, ties, sunglasses, slick hair and maintained a serious demeanor, putting pressure on the visiting clowns to talk. Interrogating the colorful clowns proved difficult for the agents, as the clowns said they knew nothing and did not kill the victim.

One memorable sequence was the performance of “Cell

Block Tango” from the musical “Chicago.” Each clown sang about why they did not like the victim, while reiterating that they did not kill him, even though “he had it coming.”

The second act begins with a dance sequence featuring an agent who was torn between his boring, predictable life of a by-the-book job and being a fun, unpredictable and colorful individual like the clowns. He switches from wearing with his work-regulated black sunglasses while dancing with his fellow agents to his big, yellow “unregulated” sunglasses while dancing with the clowns.

The surprising end to the sequence brought many of the 60 audience members to their feet.

Another great moment is in the courtroom before the trial. The performance of a song called “Coffee in a Cardboard Cup,” which parodies the obsession with and dependence on coffee,

had the audience in hysterics throughout the whole song and dance number.

The trial proved even more problematic for the agents, as one of them has fallen for one of the clowns, and the judge is a performer herself who adores clowns. Sticking to their stories of innocence through the agent’s hard questions and trickery, the shocking truth about the murder victim, who did it and why is revealed.

Company One’s production of “CSI: CVU” will be playing April 16-18 at 7 p.m. and on April 17 at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$8 for students.

BLOG

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Britney Spears in one of her several costumes Sunday night at the HP Pavilion.

Britney drove crowd crazy when ‘Circus’ tour reached San Jose

Fans got nasty with the pop princess as she took on center stage

JESSICA AYALA
Staff Writer

The princess of pop, Britney Spears, rocked the HP Pavilion on Sunday night, looking much like her old self again.

Spears did not disappoint her fans, despite a few minor flaws.

Also on stage were the Pussycat Dolls, who are known for captivating young girls with their upbeat hits and burlesque performances.

The Pussycat Dolls, who were the opening act, performed their hit songs “Don’t Cha,” “Beep,” “Buttons,” and “When I Grow Up,” which had the audience dancing and singing.

After a 45-minute performance from the Dolls, a break followed as Spears prepared to take the stage.

During the break, the stage

was converted to what looked like a circus. The audience was also entertained with acrobatics, martial art performances, magicians and clowns during the intermission.

Spears’ performance opened with a video introduction from celebrity blogger Perez Hilton, which led into her hit song “Circus.”

Dressed like a ringmaster, in a short red trench coat with a whip in one hand, girls as young as seven and ladies in their late 50s sang and danced along with Spears.

After a few wardrobe changes, Spears finally greeted the audience with “Sacramento, how are you doing?”

The concert was in San Jose. Her fans were not bothered, though and brushed it off because after all, it’s Britney Spears, who they’ve supported throughout her ups and downs.

What also gave away how much love there was for Spears were the outrageous ticket prices. Tickets ranged from \$39.50 to

\$750, and they sold out.

And for those men who were dragged by their girlfriends, they were soon pulled in by Spears’ music and were dancing along.

With several breaks as Spears changed her wardrobe, it became obvious that people were not willing to move in the general admission area, an area that was near the stage, possibly out of fear that they might lose their spot.

“Sacramento, how are you doing?”

BRITNEY SPEARS

at HP Pavilion, San Jose

Some didn’t even dance, but just stood in awe of Britney Spears’ presence.

Throughout the concert, she did not miss a beat and was sharp when it came to her dance skills, although she did lack in her ability to interact with the audience.

Catching her Sacramento greeting mistake, she made sure that the audience knew she was

in San Jose twice.

Spears then took the audience back to her younger days when she sang “Everytime,” “Baby One More Time,” “I’m A Slave For U” and “Toxic.”

One flaw that the concert had was a lack of screens. People who were in the back or could simply not see did not have an opportunity to see Spears up close.

After a wardrobe malfunction in Tampa Bay, Spears had the screens removed.

After an almost 90-minute performance, Spears ended the night with her recent song, “Womanizer.” The audience became ecstatic as she danced in a police costume.

Sunday night proved that no matter what Miss Spears does, for instance shaving her head, bashing a car with an umbrella or having a mental breakdown, she will always be considered the princess of pop.

She thanked San Jose for coming out Sunday night and said, “Happy Easter.”

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