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LOCAL

Rotten fridge cleanup sends 7 to hospital

SAN JOSE — An office worker cleaning a fridge full of rotten food created a smell so noxious that it sent seven co-workers to the hospital and made many others ill. Firefighters had to evacuate the AT&T building in downtown San Jose on Tuesday after the fumes led someone to call 911. A hazmat team was called in. What crews found was an unplugged refrigerator crammed with moldy food.

— Associated Press

NATIONAL

5 Miami men convicted of Sears Tower plot

MIAMI — A federal jury in Miami has convicted five men of plotting to join forces with al-Qaida to topple Chicago's Sears Tower and bomb FBI offices in hopes of igniting an anti-government insurrection. The men were arrested in June 2006 on charges of plotting terrorism with an undercover FBI informant they thought was from al-Qaida. Defense attorneys said terrorist talk recorded on dozens of FBI tapes was not serious and the men wanted only money.

— Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL

Police: Bomb kills 6 civilians in Afghanistan

KABUL — A suicide bomb attack killed six civilians May 6 outside a U.S. military base in the same part of eastern Afghanistan where militants tried to storm government buildings the day before, police said. A vehicle drove up to a gate outside Camp Salerno, on the edge of Khost city, in the early morning and exploded, Khost province police spokesman Wazir Pacha said. Six civilians were killed and 16 others wounded, he said.

— Associated Press

SPECIAL ELECTION

Props seek to fix state's budget woes

Proposition 1A would extend tax increases until 2012

MINH PHAM
Staff Writer

Attempts to fix California's budget system will take place on May 19 in a special election.

The propositions on the ballot will have direct effects on issues such as funding for education, personal income tax increases and a possible spending cap.

One student said he would vote yes for all the propositions on the ballot this year.

"We need to start fixing things now," said Jason Martin, a sophomore psychology major.

Proposition 1A, one of six propositions on the ballot, contains three main components. In February, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the California Legislature voted on a tax increase on state sales, personal income and vehicle registration license fees.

The passing of Proposition 1A would extend this tax increase until 2012-13, creating about \$16 billion in tax revenues, according to the Web site for the Legisla-

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Propositions 1D-1F transfers part of compromise

DAN LU
Staff Writer

Students will get a chance to vote on the future of the California state budget next Tuesday.

There will be several propositions on the statewide ballot. This election will take place on May 19 rather than during the typical voting month of November.

Three of the issues on the ballot include Propositions 1D, 1E and 1F.

Terry Christensen, a political science professor, said a yes vote on Propositions 1D and 1E would transfer money from special funds from children's programs (Proposition 1D) and mental health programs and services (Proposition 1E) to the state's general fund.

Proposition 1D would take a portion of funds previously approved by the voters to support early childhood development programs through the California Children and Families Program. The funds would be temporarily redirected over the next several years to help achieve the state gen-

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WOMEN'S ISSUES

Campus programs nurture potential mothers



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Angelina Espino, a junior social work major, plays with her 3-year-old daughter, Marissa on the monkey bars.

MICHELLE GACHET / Spartan Daily

COMMUNITY

City senior center closures could impact nursing program

ALLIE FIGURES and DANIELLE TORRALBA
A & E Editor and Senior Staff Writer

Senior citizens soon may not be able to strengthen their flexibility with yoga, improve their coordination with a waltz or, most of all, receive balanced nutrition and health assistance.

The city of San Jose has announced the possible closure of four downtown senior centers, including, Northside Community Center, Alma community

Center, Hank Lopez Community Center, and Saint James Community Center — which provide these services to older residents.

In the city's purposed budget, the four area locations are closing because of budget cuts, but the centers in the surrounding suburban areas are still set to remain open, according to the released budget, which can be found on the city's Web site.

"I think it's unfair to choose downtown because there is a bigger demand for the centers in

downtown than in the suburbs," said Phil Canet, a senior nursing major.

Canet and his classmates are a part of a 12-week program that volunteers their time every Wednesday at the Saint James Community Center.

"We got to interact with them and encourage physical activity," Canet said.

SJSU nursing students help

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Downtown San Jose senior residents are playing Chinese traditional game call "Xianggi" at St. James Senior Center on Tuesday afternoon.

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Slideshow: See more baseball photos from SJSU's 6-5 loss against Stanford on Tuesday.

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Find out what students know about SJSU's iconic structures.

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Contact Ryan Wu at GSC.SJSU@gmail.com

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Peeing in Peace event hosted by Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice.

Listen to a presentation on the topic of unisex bathrooms.
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"Purpose Driven Life." A2 Christian Fellowship hosts a presentation and discussion.
7 p.m. in the Guadalupe Room at the Student Union.
Contact Justin Foon at jfoon1@yahoo.com

Meditation Group

5 p.m. in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.
Contact Harrison at hhaarrriissoon@gmail.com

Helium Magazine: Developer's Meeting

All students interested in being apart of an SJSU fashion magazine and fashion show should attend. Go to sjhelium.com for more details.
Thursday May 14, 3 to 4 p.m. in room 226 of Dwight Bentel Hall
Contact: Matthew Mountford, 510-861-4607, matt@sjhelium.com

Akbayan of SJSU

General meeting.
4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Almaden Room of the Student Union.
Contact Justin Lacap at j_lacap@yahoo.com

16 Saturday

Asian American Donor Program

Become a bone marrow/stem cell donor. Free yogurt to people who register to be donors and join the Be The Match Registry, which searches for patients in need.
Noon to 4:00 p.m. at Red Mango Frozen Yogurt in San JoseValley Mall.
For more information, contact Sally Arce at 510-525-9552 or sdarce@sbcglobal.net

20 Wednesday

Green Vision Cafe Presents Plug-in Cars: A Roadmap

Learn about hybrid and electric cars, how they work, and how they compare to their traditional gas-powered cousins. Free coffee and tea will be provided — attendees are encouraged to bring their own mugs.
7:00 p.m. in Room 225 at MLK
For more information, contact Annie Stauffer at ib_annie@yahoo.com

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PROPS 1A-C Second part would make drastic changes to funding

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tive Analyst's Office.

The second part of the proposition would make drastic changes to the "rainy day" fund, which is money from California's general fund put on reserve. It would save 12.5 percent of state revenues instead of the current 5 percent. Lastly, it would limit state pending, according to the Official Voter Information Guide.

Budget Reform Now, the official name for the "Yes on 1A" campaign, claims the proposition would provide short-term and long-term solutions to prevent facing huge deficits, according to its Web site.

Supporters of the official "No on 1A" campaign argue that the proposition holds a phony

budget reform. The proposition would allow the spending limit to be adjusted upward any time the legislature increases taxes, which means no spending discipline at all, according to its Web site.

President Lillian Taiz of the California Faculty Association said passing Proposition 1A would make planning for the California State University budget more unpredictable, because of the governor's power to make mid-year budget cuts to the CSU — even after a budget is adopted by the legislature, according to the CFA's Web site.

Members of Students for Quality Education, a student advocacy group that works with the CFA, have been collecting pledge cards on campus against Proposition 1A since the beginning of April.

"Right now is not the time to

be cutting education and other services," said Julian Rosenberg, president of Students for Quality Education.

Attached to Proposition 1A is Proposition 1B, which would require funds from the Budget State Stabilization to make supplemental payments up to \$9.3 million to public schools and community colleges.

The \$9.3 million price tag comes from money already owed to aforementioned schools through the passing of Proposition 98, passed in 1988, which required the state to spend a minimum amount of its budget on the K-14 school system, according to the Web site of the Legislative Analyst's Office. Proposition 1B will only be enacted if Proposition 1A passes, but Proposition 1B does not need to pass for Proposition 1A to pass.

"I would vote yes for Proposition 1B," said Judith Houston, an undeclared sophomore. "We need to send the message that money for our schools is important."

One student said she doesn't agree with having Proposition 1B on the ballot. "Proposition 1B was just put on so that groups like the California Teachers Association won't campaign against Prop. 1A," said Michelle Pham, a senior political science major.

Proposition 1C, called the "Lottery Modernization Act," would give the California lottery more flexibility in improving its performance, which could increase revenue. The expected revenue from Proposition 1C would be \$5 billion and would be borrowed to balance the state's current budget deficit. The fiscal impact would mean more dif-

ficulty in balancing future state budgets, because of debt-service payments from borrowing and higher payments to education, according to the official voter information pamphlet.

With Proposition 1C, the state would generate more than \$5 billion in revenues, which would prevent taxes from being raised and would protect schools from budget cuts, according to the official Yes on 1C's Web site.

State Sen. Bob Huff stated in a rebuttal to Yes on Prop. 1C's argument on the Official Voter Information Guide's Web site that the proposition is a huge gamble on revenues that might not even happen.

"This is not an immediate, responsible solution to our fiscal crisis and we don't know how this will play out in the long term," Huff stated.

PROPS D-F | Transfer fund expenditures to be determined by Legislature

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eral fund's budgetary savings.

The transfer would be spent for purposes determined by the legislature, which could include the state universities, Christensen said.

"This transfer was part of the grand compromise between the governor and the legislature to resolve this year's budget deficit, so they are part of the Propositions 1A to 1E package," Christensen said. "Advocates of the yes votes say these funds shouldn't have been earmarked in the first place (this was done by voter initiative) and stress that Propositions 1D and 1E are part of the compromise."

Michelle Tran, a senior sociology major, said she supports a no vote on Proposition 1D.

"I think children, especially

during early childhood development, need all the amenities and funding possible for the correct care they need for development," Tran said. "Children are our future; therefore they need the funds for proper development."

Moira Kenney, statewide program director for First 5 Association of California and No on Proposition 1D, said it would transfer 60 to 70 percent of First 5 revenues from local communities to the state budget for the next five years. By diverting First 5 funds to the State General Fund, Proposition 1D would threaten hundreds of successful efforts, she said.

"Proposition 1D will undermine one of the few efforts in California to fund prevention strategies that eliminate long-term and costly problems," Kenney said. "When times are tough, prevention funding is the first to go, and Proposition 1D will only worsen future budget problems."

Christensen said a no vote on Propositions 1D and 1E would fully preserve funds voters allocated to children's programs and mental health programs and services, and force the governor and legislature to make cuts or find funds elsewhere.

Jesus Gomez, a senior political science major, said he is leaning toward a no vote on Proposition 1E, where a portion of the funds set aside for mental health programs and services would be redirected over the next two years to help achieve the state general fund savings.

"This proposition (1E) is not going to fix the budget," Gomez said. "A lot of the propositions on the ballot are short-term fixes and the legislature needs to find long-term solutions."

A yes vote on Proposition 1F would suspend pay raises for legislators during years when the state budget is in a deficit. Members of

the Legislature, the governor and other elected state officials, would not be able to receive salary increases when the state general fund is expected to end the year in a deficit.

"This was an effort by the legislature to appease its critics," Christensen said. "Whether it passes won't make any significant difference in the budget deliberations, because it's limited only to pay raises and nothing else."

Nicole Dunn, a senior sociology major, said she supports a yes vote on Proposition 1F and said people in government positions should not get pay increases when the rest of the state is suffering financially.

"Pay increases should only occur when, if, the economy is in good standing and when the funds permit it," Dunn said. "Government shouldn't be an exception when it comes to hard times when the rest of us are losing jobs

and homes. They, too, should have to sacrifice."

Pete Stahl, creator of Pete Rates the Propositions Web site and a supporter of no on Proposition 1F, said if 1F passes, it will not accomplish any of the following, such as saving money, holding legislators accountable, motivating legislators to agree on a balanced budget or allowing voters to vent their frustrations.

"As far as I can see, Proposition 1F's only reason for existence is to allow voters to express their displeasure with the state budget mess," Stahl said. "That's an inappropriate purpose for a constitutional amendment."

"Turnout will be relatively low," Christensen said. "It will be higher than in past special elections because so many people have signed up as permanent absentee voters — so they can easily vote by mail."

CENTERS | Student volunteers provide cost effective health services

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the seniors by regularly taking their blood pressure, providing medication counseling, encouraging physical activity, serving hot meals and by socializing with them.

"We help them by providing health services," said Michael Ilumin, a senior nursing major. "Pretty much we make a difference by being there with them and accompanying them during their activities."

Toby Adelman, a nursing associate professor, said the consequences of the closures will be dire for the downtown community.

"If they are at home by themselves, they no longer have healthy interactions," he said. "And they won't call for themselves in the case of an emergency."

Connie Langford, chair for the city of San Jose Senior Citizen Commission, said the city hopes the seniors will continue going to the other centers outside of downtown, even though they are located further away from their community.

Langford said the likelihood of the residents traveling is slim.

"It is an accomplishment for them to make it here every day," Adelman. "And they won't go further on their own because the city has also cut their transportation funding."

For some seniors, the centers provides for their sole interaction, activities and meals for the day.

From ethnic backgrounds, including, Latino, Indo-American, Filipino, Punjabi, Chinese and Japanese, the center provides for a mix of social opportunities for San Jose oldest residents, said Adelman.

"Through the center the residents are able to come together with their own ethnic community and share with the others," said Ilumin, student volunteer.

"Everyone here is like a family, and by closing the center they would be discontinuing a family environment."

SJSU student volunteers help to provide cost-effective health service options for residents who may not have their own insurance, all while giving students a chance to hone the knowledge learned in the classroom.

The students are given the opportunity to practice actual nursing procedures, said Ilumin.

Canet said closing the centers will help ease the city's budget, but may also weaken the com-

munity, and could negatively affect the SJSU student program.

"It will only increase their risk of social isolation," Ilumin said about the common living circumstances that many senior citizens face. "They won't have anywhere to go, kill time, eat and interact. Many of them will lose touch with their case managers who link them to outside resources concerning their health."

Adelman said funding for the centers is already limited, only functioning by donations from the community, residents and even students.

"The students are willing to pay," she said. "They do a great job here creating community. There are serious reproductions for the people not being able to be in the community."

Senior centers closing

With the possible chance of four of the 15 community centers with senior centers scattered throughout San Jose being closed, here is a look at some of the remaining centers left open and their locations.

Almaden Community Center:

6445 Camden Ave. 95120

Berryessa Community Center:

3050 Berryessa Rd. 95132

Cypress Senior Center:

403 S. Cypress Ave. 95117

Southside Senior Center:

5585 Cottle Rd. 95123



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Senior residents dance to Chinese traditional music at St. James Senior Center, Tuesday.

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University takes baby steps toward helping student mothers

KIMBERLY TSAO
Features Editor

Devony Taylor is expecting. She is seven months pregnant with her second child. She was carrying her first daughter while attending SJSU, in the fall of 2004. She is one of the 32,746 students enrolled at SJSU in 2008, according to the Office of Institutional Research Web site. She is one of the 32,746 students who paid for SJSU's services, and one of the estimated 120 parents who use the Associated Students Child Care Center. She is not, however, one of the few people who are on the SJSU Women's Resource Center's e-mail list.

Women's Resource Center

Bonnie Sugiyama, the center's director, said it's more of a "referral service" right now. "When I refer people to places, like when I'm not sure they're going to get exactly the services they need," she said, "I always call the provider and find out what exactly they offer, so that I'm not sending somebody on a wild goose chase, because that's the worst thing you can do to somebody, be, 'Oh, I don't know, here. Go here. Go there.'"

Sugiyama said she has worked at women's centers in Sacramento and Sonoma State. "When people asked me what we did and I was, like, 'Well, what do you want us to do?' because if you have a question, I'm going to do the best that I can to figure out the answer for you, or many answers, to send you in the right direction — even if it's not about women's stuff," she said.

The center, located in Building BB near Campus Village, offers books students can borrow and a lactation room, which Sugiyama said the staff is going to spruce up over the summer so mothers can breastfeed their babies between classes.

Sugiyama was hired as a staff member, working part time for the women's center and part time for the LGBT Center.

"It's just hard to do the women's center right now because I have no background information," she said. "I have nothing on that group and there's not a lot of involvement, and I have a whole bunch of students who are really involved with the LGBT stuff."

At the women's center, she works with two other students,

one of whom was gone for most of April.

"Right now, she's not really in because she's behind in her classes," Sugiyama said. "You know how that happens."

Sugiyama said the center is open when she's there, but she goes "in and out of meetings all the time."

Wiggy Sivertsen, the center's faculty adviser, said she hasn't checked in on Sugiyama.

"I'm not sure what they're offering now because Bonnie's just been with us for this year," she said.

The center is affiliated with two clubs, Sugiyama said. One club, also called the Women's Resource Center, was started and left by students who already graduated.

"It is ongoing just because we needed — because (the former club members) had money left over in that bank account, and so we needed access to that bank account," she said. "We'll probably keep it for one more year until we figure out how to do all the transfer of money."

Sugiyama said the staff used it to fund the "Vagina Monologues." Student Involvement has a women's resource center club listed in its online student organization directory and Nam Nguyen, leadership development coordinator, confirmed that the center is a club until Sept. 18, when they have to file for renewal.

Sivertsen, though, denied that there is a women's resource center club. She said it has always been just the Women's Resource Center.

The other club, National Organization of Women, was chartered this semester but has no formal meetings and is "more like an e-mail list right now," Sugiyama said.

"My job is to build it up in the future so that we can start doing some of that stuff that women's resource centers traditionally do," she said. "And I like to do some untraditional events but right now, really, what we're really working in — just maintaining what we have and next year, really working on getting some more students."

Day Cares

Taylor, a senior biology major, enrolled her 3-year-old daughter, Natalie, in the day care in the Fall 2008 semester.

"She didn't seem to have any problems transitioning — not even the first day," she said. "It was, 'Bye Mommy! See you later!'"

Angelina Espino, a senior social work major, also finds comfort at the center.

"A lot of times, professors will ask in the first day of class to introduce yourself and say one thing about yourself, and it amazes me how many women actually raise their hand and say, 'Oh, I have a 3-year-old' or 'I have a 5-year-old' or 'I have three, four kids,'" she said. "You kind of feel you're not the only one anymore, and then bringing her to the center in the morning and crossing paths with all the other moms that are here and seeing them carrying their backpacks and all that kind of stuff, it's like, 'OK, I'm not the only student, you know, that has a child.'"

The day care opened in 1972 at a church on 10th Street. A.S. took over around 1997 when it paid to have it rebuilt on 8th Street, said the SJSU Child Care Center's director Fran Roth.

"Most of the activities that we do, they're brought upon by the children themselves, like in the Bumblebee classroom, they were talking about butterflies and so, one child wants to know, 'How do butterflies become butterflies?'"

"It's like, 'OK, I'm not the only student, you know, that has a child.'"

fore, she said the day care taught him and allowed him to grow.

"Sometimes he wants something, and I don't want to give it to him. He's like, 'Mommy, we need to share. My teacher says all children need to share,'" she said.

As a result of the day care's services, more than 180 are on the waitlist "pretty much" every semester, Roth said. The center divides the children into three groups: infants, toddlers and preschool, of which toddlers are the hardest to get in, she said.

"The way this building is set up, you can't have 18-month-old children in the same play yard as preschoolers," she said. "I mean, it would take a major renovation to change that, so people just have to wait. We have some very unhappy parents on the waiting list."

Roth said it only goes as far as "nasty e-mails," but they have panic buttons just in case.

"One day, a child pushed the button at the front desk, and we didn't realize he'd done that," she said. "He was crawling around underneath and suddenly, the police were right there so we feel very good about that."

ANGELINA ESPINO

junior social work major

In the past, they had a bad leak in one of the pipes, which led to mold in the walls, Roth said. She said they have roof leaks now and then, but they deal with it.

Espino, who is also a justice studies minor, said she can only complain about the lack of participation in workshops on topics such as discipline.

"I kind of stopped attending there because it would only be one other parent, two other parents — you weren't really getting a lot of feedback, just kind of listening," she said.

Taylor, a full-time employee for the city of San Jose, said she wishes the center would always stay open.

She said even though the day care basically operates year round, there's a period between, say, the last day of the spring semester and the first day of the summer session when it is closed.

The day care in the Central Classroom Building is open during fall and spring semesters only, said Joy Foster, a preschool lab



Blanca Dominguez, a senior social work major, has a son named Emiliano. MICHELLE GACHET / Spartan Daily

instructor. This day care operates from Monday to Thursday with morning and afternoon sessions.

Even though the afternoons aren't filled, Foster said every semester there's usually 10 people on the waiting list for the morning time slot, which runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Cheryl Vargas, A.S. executive director, said the A.S. day care's budget is a little more than \$1 million going into next year.

"Some of our funding comes from the department of education and that funding helps low-income families have their children here without paying the full cost," Roth said. "Some parents have their children here and don't pay anything if their income is low enough, so we haven't heard anything about that being cut, but we don't know."

Vargas said although the day care's budget isn't solely from student fees, that allocation may decrease from \$345,464, in 2008-09, to a proposed budget of \$299,134 in 2009-10.

Shawn Chan, A.S. finance and accounting manager, cited lower enrollment as the reason. Stu-

dents pay a fixed fee of \$73.50, whether they're part-time, full-time, undergraduate or graduate students, Vargas said.

She said the center receives reimbursement for its food program and several grants, one of which amounts to \$200,000 and is up for renewal in September, she said.

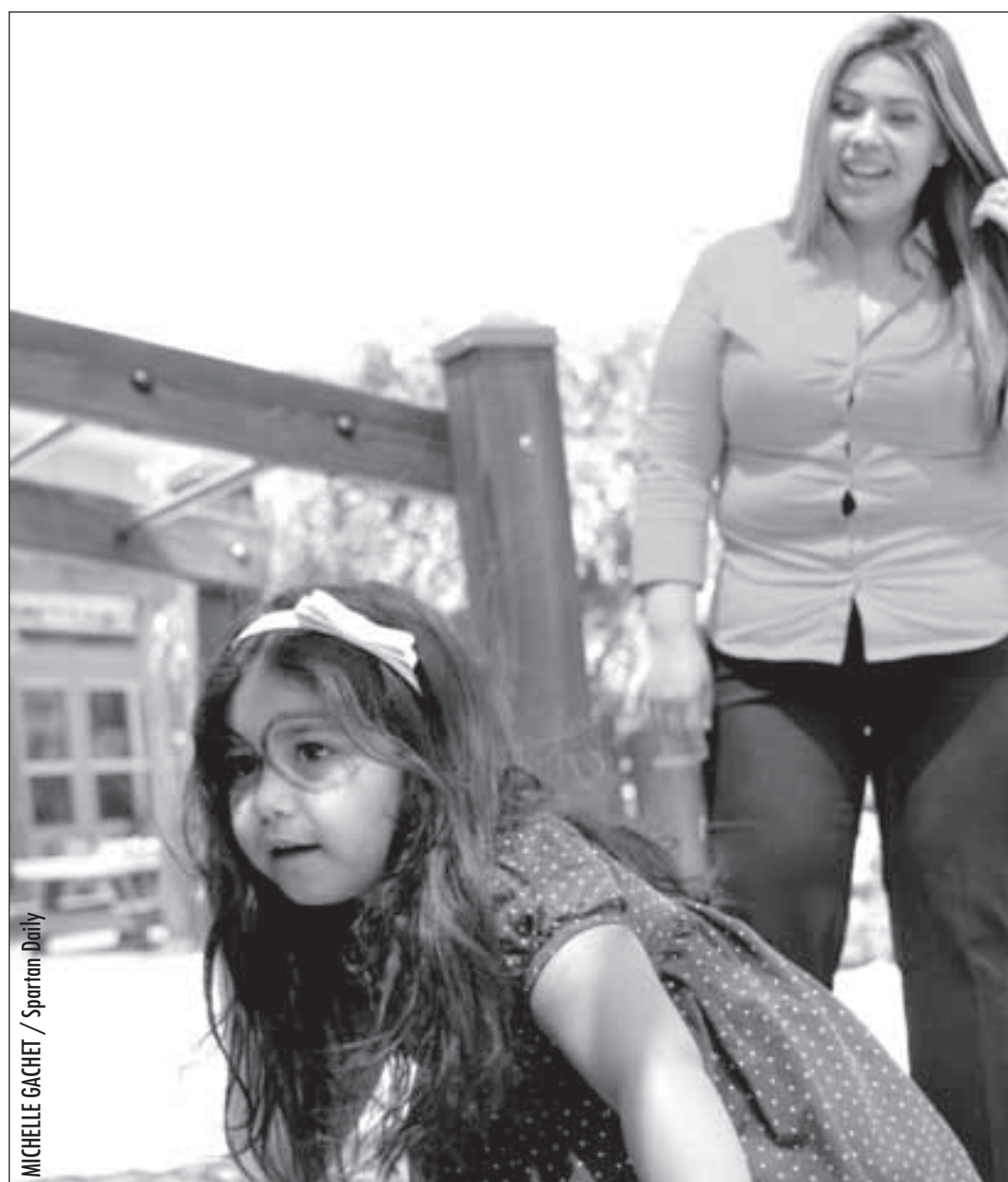
"Child care, as a field, is a break even," she said. "It's not a revenue-producing entity. It's a service. It's a true — from the truest sense of nonprofit — it's a service to the community."

Even the day care's employees reap the benefits.

"It's the funnest job ever," said Williams-Oliver, a sophomore psychology major. "It's not too strict and I feel like kids teach you a lot if you just listen, but no one really listens."

Dominguez, a single mother, said the A.S. day care allowed her to be a full-time student, graduate this May and concentrate on her job.

"After that, things are going to change — my income, my stability — everything will be changed," she said.



Angelina Espino, a junior social work major, with her 3-year-old daughter, Marissa. MICHELLE GACHET / Spartan Daily

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Unisex bathroom issue reaches beyond gay community

DAN LU
Staff Writer

Mothers with young sons or fathers with young daughters will be able to comfortably escort their small children into unisex bathrooms later this summer.

Before that happens, a presentation regarding the conversion of several restrooms on campus, to unisex restrooms, "Peeing in Peace," will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Ohlone room at the Student Union.

Common myths regarding gender-neutral bathrooms will be discussed at the presentation hosted by Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice and Transgender Law Center, a San Francisco legal organization.

The event will include a panel discussion with a town hall-style

question-and-answer session with three panel guests.

The panel will consist of a transgender representative, a representative from the Disability Resource Center and someone from counseling services, said Megan Thompson, a senior psychology major and chair of Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice.

Winona Heyer-Soma, campus space and facilities planner for the planning, design, and construction department for Facilities Development and Operations at SJSU, said the department was asked to compile a list of existing and potential unisex restrooms.

"Twelve existing unisex restrooms were identified," Heyer-Soma said. "The criteria for the conversion was to identify which restrooms were already single-fixture restrooms and could be converted most easily."

Officials from the department identified 15 restrooms that could possibly be converted to unisex — which is five percent of the approximately 280 gender-specific restrooms on campus, she said.

Thompson said the restrooms would address the needs of three important groups on campus.

The groups include transgender individuals whose safety can be threatened by using gender-specific bathrooms, parents whose children's gender is opposite their own, and disabled students whose assistants, of the opposite gender, face issues comfortably using gender-specific bathrooms.

Rebecca Daily, a senior English major, said she will be one of the speakers at the event and said she feels SJSU has an opportunity to support the transgendered, disabled student body and support parents with children.

"Attendees should expect

information clearly presented to them as to why SJSU needs gender-neutral bathrooms," Daily said. "There will also be an open forum after the speakers."

Thompson, who will be leading the discussion, said she feels gender-neutral bathrooms are a necessity on every campus. She said she understands the common concerns regarding such a development, particularly involving women's safety, but said it is important to keep things in perspective.

"While we are not the ultimate authority on gender-neutral bathrooms," Thompson said, "Q-TIP members are aware of the significant benefits and would like to highlight those to the campus community."

As one of the hosts of the event, the Transgender Law Center works to make California a state where all citizens can freely



There are currently 12 unisex bathrooms on campus, with 15 more possibly being converted over the summer. Photo Illustration by JOE PROUDMAN / Spartan Daily

express their gender identities by working toward ending discrimination in employment, education and healthcare, Thompson said.

"The number of bathrooms being changed is actually fairly

proportionate to the number of students they will benefit," Thompson said. "I encourage everyone with any questions to come out to the event to get more questions answered."

Concrete canoe club cruises to third place

STEPHANIE VALLEJO
Staff Writer

An eight-month concrete canoe project proved worthy at the Mid-Pacific Regional Competition in Reno last month, earning SJSU's team third place.

The SJSU Concrete Canoe Club brought their 20-foot-long homemade canoe to Reno for the regional competition to try to qualify for the national competition.

"We tied for first place in final product," said Anthony Cirinelli, a senior civil engineering major and concrete canoe project manager. "But the tie-breaker went to Berkeley, because they were better than

us in the other categories."

At the competition, the judges critiqued each competing team based on four categories: racing, final product, a 13-page technical paper and a five-minute business presentation.

All 13 members, which included a four-party paddling team, started creating the canoe's design last August and finished in April, Cirinelli said.

Mark Young, a junior civil engineering major, joined the team after winter break.

"When I first heard about it, I thought, this can't be for real," he said. "Then I realized that as long as the density of the concrete is lighter than the water, it would float."

Cirinelli said building the canoe was a less time-consuming task than the rest of the project.

Before the initial construction, he said, the team had to design, form and mold an example of the final product with Styrofoam or fiberglass.

During that four-month stretch, they tested different types of concrete. In January, they began the concrete mold.

"When you first show up and you don't even have a canoe yet, it's just a fiberglass mold sitting there," Young said. "You just can't help getting into it when you see the canoe take shape."

Cirinelli said that they used a lightweight concrete mixture, which is less dense than the wa-

ter, in order to make it float.

Although the team's canoe weighs 160 pounds, he said its length actually makes it glide faster in the lake.

"When people think concrete, they immediately think heavy, but it's about the displacement," Cirinelli said. "When you think about an aircraft carrier or a cruise ship, those are big steel vessels, but they still float."

Daniel Wanner, a sophomore civil engineer, is the team's construction engineer.

"One of my roommates last year, when I was a freshman, told me about it," he said. "I just tagged along last year and got hooked on it."

Both Wanner and Young said

they heard about Concrete Canoe Club through the American Society of Civil Engineers club at SJSU.

In total, 85 students from the engineering department went to the Mid-Pacific Regional Competition, participating in steel bridge, water treatment and water canoe competitions.

Cirinelli said this is going to be his fourth year on the concrete canoe project.

"It's not a senior project or a class," he said. "We all do it on our own time for fun."

Next year's goal is to improve everything and win at regionals, Cirinelli said.

"The winners get glory, they get bragging rights and they get

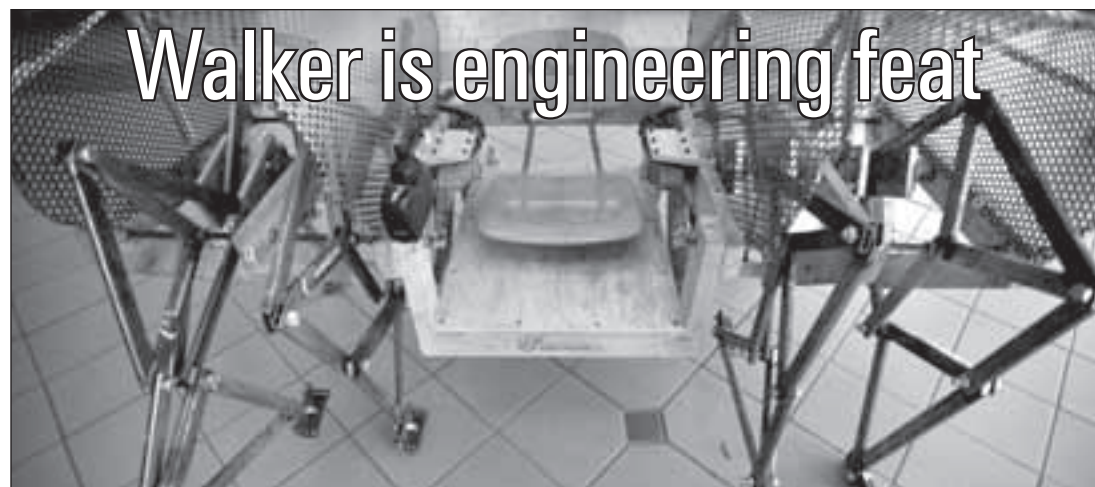
trophies," he said. "If you can make it to nationals, you get to be recognized at the national level and get representation for your school."

Wanner said it was fun hanging out with his teammates while working on the canoe.

"We become a team, and you learn teamwork skills and leadership skills," he said.

Young said he is already thinking about ways to improve for next year's canoe project.

"So much of what we do in engineering is purely paperwork, equations, problems, report," he said. "We don't ever get our hands dirty, usually. This is sort of a way to tie what we learn."



The "Eight-legged Walker" is displayed in the lobby of the Engineering building Monday afternoon.

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STEPHANIE VALLEJO
Staff Writer

An eight-legged metal and wood beast briskly walked down an Engineering building hallway, while being ridden by a student.

Five students from the engineering department spent a year creating this eight-legged mobile machine as their senior design project.

"We wanted to make a machine that was a little bit different, something that was able to navigate off terrain without having some of the disadvantages of a wheel, but has all the advantages of a leg," said Daniel Wiseman, a senior mechanical engineering major and the project's team leader.

Wiseman said he came up with the idea about a year ago. The team wanted to build something similar to a rescue vehicle, exploration vehicle or a vehicle to explore other planets, he said.

"We spent last semester dealing with all of the design work, the computer models and designing the mechanism," Wiseman said. "This semester has just been fabrication and construction."

The 350-pound "Eight-legged Walker," as the team calls it, is piloted by a joystick next to the wooden chair centered in the middle of the steel.

Wiseman said it is strong enough to carry someone up to

200 pounds.

"It is earth-friendly," he said. "Everything on the machine is recyclable and it's zero emissions, of course, because it's all electric."

Oscar Joya, a senior mechanical engineering major, said he helped with the project from beginning to end.

"A lot of people underestimated that this could be done," he said. "That served as a motivation for us to work hard."

The raw materials for the eight-legged walker were costly, Joya said, but the team secured a sponsor called Ecopedes, a company that makes electrically assisted scooters and bicycles.

Daniel Aldama, a senior mechanical engineering major, was the welder for the project.

"The best part is driving it," he said. "It kind of feels like being on a horse."

The machine's battery power isn't at its full capacity today, Wiseman said, but it has the potential to walk about a mile, at five to six mph.

"We designed it to be just a brisk walk," said Salvador Alvarez, a senior mechanical engineering major. "We didn't want to make it that fast because of the materials we were using."

Alvarez said he was in charge of purchasing all the raw materials using the team's strict budget, and is happy with the final result.

"It's like our little baby," he

said. "It's weird to look at and think, whoa, we made that."

The team posted their first test of the eight-legged walker on YouTube titled, "IT LIVES," Alvarez said.

"There are definitely some things that we've learned building it that we would change if we were to do it again, but we're calling it an absolute success," Wiseman said.

"We were really happy when it worked," said Hector Polvo, a senior mechanical engineering major and team member. "We went crazy."

Spectators who pass by the eight-legged walker, displayed in the Engineering building's lobby, will see wide-angled feet on the machine, Wiseman said.

"Those are all interchangeable," he said. "We designed different types of feet for different terrain. We have a spiked-shaped foot for a marshy, soft, wet terrain. There's a flat foot that would be good for sand."

The team said the best part of the whole process was seeing all their hard work become a huge success.

"We developed a big bond and found out how big industries come together and work as a team to accomplish goals and get their tasks done," Joya said. "Every group member in our team is ready to go out there in the industry, and that's what really counts."

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A changing of the guard for Spartan Daily leaders



ANDREW HERNDON
Staff Writer

At the end of each semester, the baton that is the Spartan Daily is passed from one group of editors to the next.

Hank Drew, a senior journalism major, will vault into the executive editor position and Samantha Inouye, a senior advertising major, will be the new advertising director.

Drew said that he feels the pressure of his upcoming responsibilities, but welcomes the challenge.

"I've worked in business, and I have experience that an exec at a college paper might normally not have," Drew said.

He said that the bonds he's made this semester as a staff writer with fellow reporters and contacts within the community will be useful as executive editor.

"It's a good learning experience for me and a chance to exercise my managerial muscle," Drew said.

Drew said that he plans on

continuing the work ethic and expectations that former Executive Editor John Hornberg instilled in his staff over the course of the semester.

"The output of the Spartan Daily speaks for itself this past semester," Drew said. "I think he went above and beyond what was there before."

There is a symbiotic relationship between editorial and advertising, and on the other side of the fence is senior advertising major Samantha Inouye, who is stepping up into the position of advertising director.

"Samantha has been a star on our staff this semester," said Tim Hendrick, the advertising assistant professor and Spartan Daily adviser. "I'm absolutely confident she's going to be a star as an ad director."

Inouye said she pursued the position of advertising director after one semester serving on the advertising staff, because she enjoyed the responsibility of working on the newspaper.

"I wanted to come back and a

management position was open," Inouye said. "I thought it would be a good challenge."

Hendrick said former advertising director Vanessa Alessi did a terrific job in her role and Inouye may have large shoes to fill due to the recent recession.

"Sales have held even and up a little bit in this down economy," Hendrick said.

Though the editorial and advertising departments may disagree at times, no serious problems have surfaced in about five years, he said.

Separating the newsroom and advertising are two large glass windows and a wall. Inouye said that she wants to open the door between the two departments even more than it has been in the past.

"I would like to work more with editorial — not have it so closed off," she said.

Journalism associate professor and adviser Richard Craig said Hornberg handled the news department well this semester, despite the nature of some of

the events that occurred.

"I think we had a really strong paper this year," Craig said. "We did very well in awards, both regionally and nationally. Considering that we turn the staff over every semester, I think we're doing an amazing job."

Hendrick's opinion of the paper parallels Craig's.

"The design, the photography, the stories, just the overall feel of the paper has been exceptionally good," Hendrick said. "We measure that because we don't have them left over in the racks. Students are taking them."

The Spartan Daily is student run and is the best way for students to learn the art of reporting and editing, Craig said.

"We know people are going to make mistakes and this is the venue where you learn from those," Craig said. "We walk the line between trying to teach people the right way to do things, but also sometimes letting them learn from their mistakes."

The Fall 2009 leadership at the Spartan Daily. Advertising Director Samantha Inouye (left) and Executive Editor Hank Drew inside Bentel Hall on Wednesday.

Global warming-fueled summer could lead to medical troubles

BRETT GIFFORD
Staff Writer

Finals week is all that stands between students and the freedom of summer, but with the sunny weather comes seasonal health issues.

Eugene Cordero, a meteorology associate professor, said San Jose tied or broke its all-time record highs for the 20th and 21st of April during this year's mid-April heat wave.

The highs on campus for those days were 92 degrees and 94 degrees, respectively, according to the Weather.com Web site.

It is difficult to predict if the summer months will follow suit, but because of global warming, more record-breaking temperatures can be expected, Cordero said.

Skin issues become a problem because of ample sunshine, said Stephanie Bowens, a senior health science major.

"Getting too tan can cause complications that lead to skin cancer," Bowens said. "It is so important to use SPF 15 sun lotion."

Nine out of 10 cases of non-melanoma skin cancers are a result of ultraviolet radiation from the sun, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation's Web site.

People of all races and skin colors need to use sunblock, Bowens said.

Although skin cancers, such as melanoma, are uncommon among African-Americans, Latinos and Asians, it is often fatal for people of these populations, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation's Web site.

"Being outside between 10 and two, you should definitely be wearing sunscreen and a hat, or try to limit your exposure in the middle of the day," Cordero said.

Air pollution, in the form of ozone, is a major cause of respiratory illness in the summer months, according to YourLungHealth.org.

"Asthma begins to flare in the summer," Bowens said. "Although we have smog all year, the summer heat activates it."

The intense direct sunlight of the summer months plays a major role in ozone formation, making it primarily a daytime issue, according to YouLungHealth.org.

"Those will be days when people ... if they are going to exercise [should] do it in the morning," Cordero said, noting that ozone pollution gets worse toward the afternoon.

The high temperatures of summer also increase the risk of dehydration and heat stroke.

"It is so important to drink wa-

ter — not juice, not soda, not tea, just water," Bowens said.

According to Quickcare.org, trying to rehydrate with sports drinks, intended for active, healthy individuals, can aggravate vomiting and diarrhea, commonly associated with dehydration, intensifying dehydration.

Victims of heat stroke should get immediate medical assistance, rehydrate and get out of the sun, according to Medicinenet.com.

"It happens a lot at amusement parks — large areas, lots of walking, hot sunny days, rides affect blood pressure so it's bound to happen for some people," Bowens said.

Some students are finding ways to beat the heat.

Antonio Walker, a junior accounting major, said he plans to avoid the summer heat by spending his time in air-conditioned classrooms during summer school at San Jose City College.

"I'm going to be chilling in the Student Union all day," Walker said.

Adriana Vogt, a sophomore kinesiology major, said she would be spending her weekdays in the air-conditioning at work.

"I work every day, from nine to five, and then I practice in the morning, from seven to nine, in the pool," Vogt said.

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CAMPUS VOICES: "What are your plans for summer break?"

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JOSH BOEMECKE
sophomore, business finance



"I'm just going to be working and playing soccer because I play for the university. I don't really have much else planned."

NURA OMER
senior, biological sciences



"I am thinking of taking a little summer vacation, like maybe two weeks. And then afterwards, I'm planning to come back to school and do some chemistry research."

GURPREET SINGH
senior, computer engineering



"I'll be working full-time, paying bills, paying for SJSU's tuition."

DORIS VASQUEZ
senior, liberal studies



"I'm going to work in an outdoor program called Mini-Corps Outdoor Education. I'm basically going to be assisting in camps working with kids. So we're going to travel to, I believe, six different camps throughout the summer."

JOSHUA VAN DUSEN
junior, early childhood education



"I'm probably going to school for part of it because I'm not too good at school during the winter. Pretty much just chill and ride my bike, and chill some more, and then chill again."

JEFF ODNERT
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"I'm going to be working a lot because I've got to pay for the tuition. It's going up every year, more and more."

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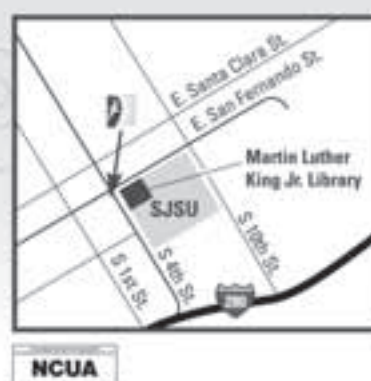
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MOVIE EVENT PREVIEW: MIDNIGHT MOVIE MADNESS

Escape to midnight movies

DANIELLE TORRALBA
Senior Staff Writer

Attention, all you bored and nocturnal individuals.

In a nutshell, summer is a three-month-long weekend for college students. Partying, acting careless and not having to worry about school is the ultimate summer vacation.

For those people who are not professional partiers, but seem to get their second wind in the wee hours of the night, something to check out for your viewing pleasures is Camera Cinema's Midnight Movie Madness.

The midnight movie series starts May 22 and runs for nine weeks, showing a different movie every Friday and Saturday night until mid-July.

The movie locations switch between Camera 7 on Fridays and Camera 12 on Saturdays.

Movies range from classics such as "Ghostbusters" and "The Professional" (with Natalie Portman), to upcoming flicks such as "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince."

Ticket prices for this event are \$7.50 per movie. There is even an occasional bonus where promoters do a little song and dance with the audience, ask trivia questions, and correct answers are awarded T-shirts, CDs and sometimes even movie memorabilia from the old-school '80s and '90s flicks.

My first Midnight Movie Madness experience happened when I heard that my favorite movie, "The Goonies," was going to be playing at Camera 7. When I showed up, the line proved I was not the only person in San Jose that night who had a die-hard appreciation for Steven Spielberg's '80s flick.

The theater gets packed early, so I recommend showing up 20-30 minutes early, just to factor in bathroom trips and snack retrieval time.

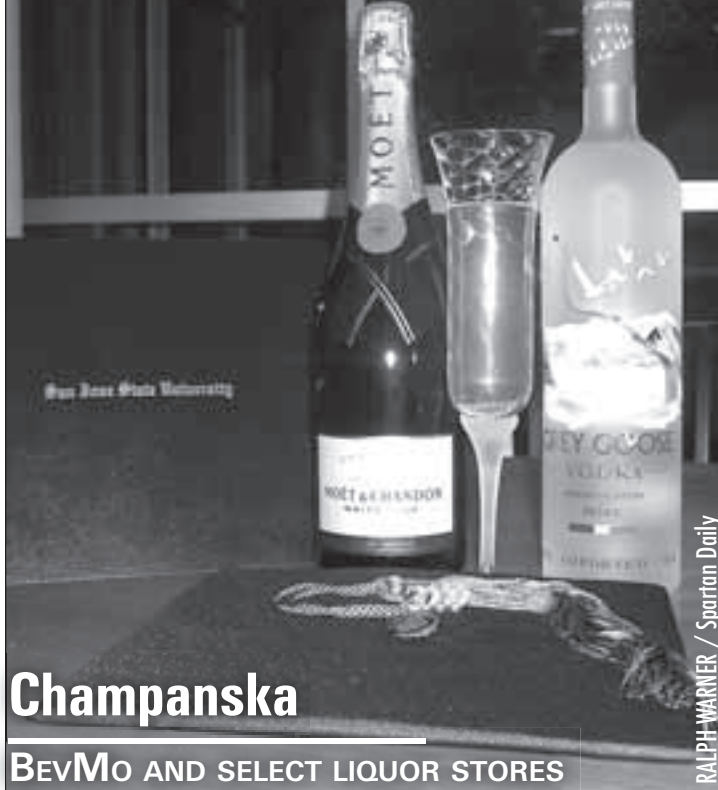
Before the movie even started, promoters were at the bottom of the packed theater asking Goonies trivia questions and giving out prizes for right answers. Viewers were rewarded memorabilia such as stickers, lapel pins and even mini-movie posters.

If you are the type of person who doesn't like sitting in a possibly jam-packed theater at midnight, the overall experience will not be ruined for you — but even if you are a bit apprehensive, give it a try.

When's the next chance you will be able to hum the Ghostbuster's theme song with a theater full of fellow fans? Probably not anytime soon.

Put your pinkies up graduates

DRINK OF THE WEEK

RALPH WARNER
Staff Writer

For the 6,000 students eligible to partake in graduation ceremonies this semester, the four or more years of college have been a journey of growth. It's time to have a drink that allows us to reflect on those good times throughout our college career, while looking ahead to our future.

Champanska, a mix of Moët & Chandon White Star Champagne, Grey Goose vodka and lime cordial is the perfect representation of this transitional period for the class of 2009.

We've all done the nights of cheap drinks on a college budget — whether it was playing beer pong with less desirable

beers, such as Keystone Light or Natural Ice, or opting to pick up the \$15 handle (1.75 liter bottle) of hard liquor instead of the \$30 fifth (.750 mL bottle) on those desperate nights. However, on the night of graduation, it's only right we learn from past mistakes and treat ourselves to something better. After all, isn't that part of the college experience?

The elegance of the Moët and the festiveness of the Grey Goose allows this mix to be enjoyed with the family during post-graduation gatherings, but still respected at the after-parties with your best college drinking buddies. This duo of French imports is a match made in heaven — where class meets entertainment.

For those of us who adore hard alcohol, drinking some-

thing carbonated other than chasers may take some getting used to. Don't worry — the smoothness of the vodka takes off a bit of the carbonation from the champagne, while providing that much-needed buzz. The low alcohol percentage of the Moët isn't going to cut it for a true grad party drink, but the 80-proof Grey Goose helps bring life to this party in a glass. The lime cordial, which is a mix of lime juice from concentrate and sugar, also complements the citrus fruit flavors of the Chandon.

This drink is to be savored, not downed or chugged. None of your friends will poke fun at you for babysitting this drink.

At \$31 for the Moët and \$28 for the Grey Goose, the money for these bottles could be split among a few friends, equating to the cost of no more than a shot or two per person at a downtown bar. Sure, it's not Cristal, Dom Perignon, or Ace of Spades, but we're college graduates entering a job market where nothing seems to be promised or guaranteed.

We'll leave the \$100 and higher champagne brands to rappers and celebrities, such as Jay-Z, for now. In the words of a good friend, "Hustle now, ball later."

A recession is no excuse to pick up something that will leave you hurling on one of the most memorable nights of your life.

So, no matter how many times you have been crowned beer pong champion, or have bought that vodka brand because it was the cheapest, do yourself a favor and treat yourself to this drink. After the four years or more you've spent at SJSU, you deserve it.

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Clockwise from top left: San Jose City Councilwoman Madison Nguyen fought off a recall election in March (STEFAN ARMIJO / Spartan Daily). A pro-Palestinian student and a pro-Israeli student debate during a student-organized 'die-in' in January (MIKE ANDERSON / Spartan Daily). Students apply makeup during Cassandra Carpenter's Makeup for Stage and Video class in February (MIKE ANDERSON / Spartan Daily). Thousands of activists marched to San Jose City Hall on May Day in support of rights for immigrants and workers (STEFAN ARMIJO / Spartan Daily).



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Clockwise from top left: Freshman Michael Reiling celebrates as he crosses the plate to secure a come-from-behind victory against Fresno State in April (CHAD ZIEMENDORF / Spartan Daily). Spartan head coach George Nessman and junior guard John Williams react to a foul during the fourth quarter of SJSU's loss to UC Riverside on Saturday (WILLIAM COOLEY / Spartan Daily). Senior guard DaShawn Wright avoids Nevada's Luke Babbitt to complete a reverse layup during the WAC Basketball Tournament quarterfinal (CHAD ZIEMENDORF / Spartan Daily). Left to right, Armando Garil, a representative of San Jose's Police Athletic League, and Alan Cheng, a junior mechanical engineering major, spar at the San Jose Police Activities Gym in East San Jose in March (SANDRA SANTOS / Spartan Daily).



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SJSU athletes hitting the books with force

Test scores improve resulting in more scholarships

JOHN HORNBERG
Executive Editor

Recent academic reports for student-athletes have resulted in more penalties for SJSU's athletic teams, but there is a silver lining this year for the university's teams.

According to the SJSU Athletics Web site, all 16 teams scored above the minimum 925 Academic Progress Rate, or APR, threshold to avoid sanctions from the NCAA for poor academic performance.

But 11 of SJSU's 16 Division-I sports teams registered their highest multiyear academic progress rates since the NCAA began tracking academic progress in 2003, said Lawrence Fan, the university's sports information director.

"The difference for the whole department is partially because of the commitment the athletics department and the university has made in regard to its student-athletes in terms of its academic pursuits," he said.

But the university will still have sanctions for next year. The football team will lose five scholarships for the upcoming season, according to a report released by the NCAA. The women's basketball team will lose one scholarship, and the men's soccer team will also lose scholarships.

The APR sanctions are based on each team's multiyear APR score, Fan said, which is based on a team's academic performance during a four-year period.

The reason for the sanctions against teams such as football and men's soccer go back to previous academic transgressions, Fan said.

The overall athletics department progress rate for 2004-05 was 897, Fan said. The total score for all teams this year was 949.

"We need to do more institutionally in terms of an academic support system," former SJSU President Don Kassing told the Spartan Daily last year after the first report of major sanctions were made.

Academic changes have occurred for student-athletes in the last five years, Fan said. The university has added several staff members, including a learning specialist and an academic ad-

viser, to encourage academic improvement for student-athletes.

Last year, the football team, men's soccer team, and men's cross-country team all had reductions in the number of scholar-

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DON KASSING
Former SJSU President

ships and practice time, Fan said. Along with those teams, the men's basketball team and baseball team had reductions in scholarships.

SJSU is not at risk of facing penalties from the Western Athletic Conference for academic issues. Anthony Archbald, the conference's assistant commissioner for compliance, said the conference does not impose additional penalties for APR violations beyond the NCAA's.

He said the conference's universities have shown improvement since the academic progress ratings were first instituted, and are doing the best to compete with the resources each university

has on hand.

"I think with any program you're implementing that's trying to create this dramatic culture change, the program has to have some teeth, or some incentives and disincentives," Archbald said. "I think that (the APR program's) system of incentives and disincentives are strong enough to create that change."

One student, Jaclyn Garrison, said she thinks the university's sports teams should be in better academic standing.

"I think, if they have a scholarship, they should keep their academic standing," said the senior communicative disorder major. "Especially because the state is paying for (their) education."

Another student agreed. "They should be penalized,"

said Andy Romero, a sophomore kinesiology major. "Why are you in school? It's not all about sports."

But Lawrence Fan gave a more optimistic view.

"There's significant upward progression," he said. "To say that all 16 teams were above the benchmark, this is the first time that that has been the case. This most recent report is precedent-setting, and there's every reason

to believe that this year's precedent will continue."

Ryan Buchan contributed to this report.

Scholarship sanctions

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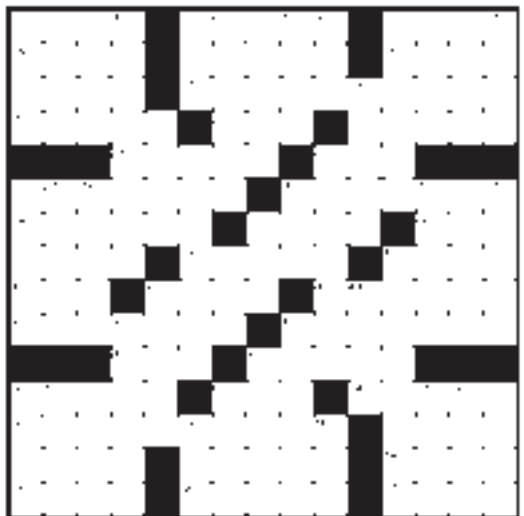
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Unfaithful Jon minus wifezilla Kate equals canceled show



DANIELLE TORRALBA
Senior Staff Writer

Before social networking sites devoured humanity, reality television shows captured people's attention.

Shows such as "The Real World" and "Road Rules" were the legal substances viewers chose to become addicted to.

The first step to coming clean is admitting you have a problem, right? Well, I am going to stand up and admit I have TLC addiction.

"The Learning Channel," the little catchphrase the network likes to attach to its name, has

me hooked to its string of shows, such as "What Not to Wear," "Take Home Chef," "Take Home Handy Man," "10 Years Younger" and, of course, the infamous "Jon and Kate Plus 8."

With the recent news of Jon's alleged infidelity, I must say that I am still on "team Jon."

After listening to Kate's interview on CNN's "Larry King Live," it's clear that Kate is more comfortable with her family's celebrity lifestyle.

In her transcript with King, she said, "I feel that Jon is having difficult times realizing that, you know, you can't go to the grocery store without people whipping out their cell phones, calling everyone they know and taking pictures of you. He is dealing very poorly with it."

With this comment, it sounds as if she is sending out a public service announcement to Jon and the rest of America that if he doesn't shape up, he can ship out

If we rifle through the episode archives, we can clearly see that marriage to Kate is no cakewalk.

It is understandable that after bearing eight children — a set of twins and a set of sextuplets — you are not going to be the most favored mom at the PTA.

In season one, episode six: "Shopping for Ten," Kate pretty

dried, fluffed, folded and put away already.

In a more recent episode, after the Gosselins move into their new home, Kate sends Jon to the hardware store for some home improvement supplies, and like the obedient, Kate-fearing husband that he is, he goes ... but forgets her coveted coupons.

ica's watchful eye is quite difficult to do.

Cheating, whether it is from either party, cannot be justified, especially now that Kate is under fire for alleged infidelity too. The world is now trying to crumble their cookie-cutter image.

I might sound like I am standing on top of my "team Jon" soap box, but in all honesty, there are eight little people who are being affected by this controversy.

With the widely known statistic of the country's divorce rate at 50 percent, why would we contribute to failing families all across America?

I don't want to see a spin-off on TLC in the near future called "Jon minus Kate plus 8 (only every other weekend and select major holidays.)"

Danielle Torralba is a Spartan Daily senior staff writer.

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much humiliates Jon inside a toy store by snapping her fingers at him to come and meet her in line.

Honestly do not believe a man that has that short of a domestic leash could have an alleged affair and not have been caught sooner.

If this so-called scandal were to happen to any other ordinary horn-dog Joe Schmo, his dirty laundry would have been hung,

Cue the shrilling of the shrew. When Kate learns of his "frivolous" shopping, she, like usual, rips him a new one.

With all of the controversy and rumors that are being spread about Jon, I can see that it might look suspicious.

For example, take a look at the pictures of his late-night socializing with college girls. But attempting to cheat under Amer-

Meanwhile at the Uncle Joe's Marketing Conference ...



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What really counts when measuring success



KIMBERLY TSAO
It's Down to This

I'm in the second grade, and my teacher is handing out forms.

"What is your ambition in life?" the questionnaire asks me. "To be happy and successful," I answer.

In Malcolm Gladwell's best-selling book, "Outliers," he delves into theories about why successful people are just that successful.

He goes into how birthdays have something to do with it. Gladwell brings his point home by connecting students' birthdays to their degree of success in school.

I have to agree because not one, but two, of my siblings are victims of this horrible monstrosity that is the school system.

Since their birthdays are in September and December, neither of them made the June cutoff date. This means they'll have higher chances of excelling academically, according to Gladwell.

My siblings do well in school, but thanks to Gladwell, I wonder whether that's because of their abilities or their birthdays.

The author's next theory stipulates that people will thrive in whatever they choose to do as long as they've practiced for at least 10,000 hours.

He claims that's what happened with The Beatles and Bill Gates. Maybe you've heard of them.

Again, I have to side with Gladwell on this. As a journalism major, who knows where I would be if I didn't write one-liner diary entries as a child, such as "I got a haircut today?"

I'd be scrounging for food.

Don't take my word for it. Even Reese Witherspoon recently vouched for this 10,000-hour theory. She said she started acting at a young age and now she's an Academy-Award winner.

The book also covers how the right attitude translates into a math extraordinaire and how a high IQ doesn't equal success. I think most of us can agree not everyone can be a genius.

Gladwell also explores how people's cultures can influence the outcome of their lives. Remember the plane that crashed into a river recently?

He basically says this could happen when you pair, say, a Korean pilot with a Caucasian captain, since the latter's culture has one of the lowest power-distance index, meaning they speak to their superiors in the same way they would anyone else.

However, the writer says respect for elders is so deeply embedded in Korean culture that if they are the subordinates in a situation, like an impending plane crash, they're not going to say anything to the captain.

It may be hard to imagine unless you've been raised in a similar environment, but it happens more often than you think.

I never felt the need to say whatever's on my mind all

the time.

Yes, in order to prevent accidents, silence may be dumb, but any other time, it's called respect or even tact. Most Americans may call it brutal honesty, but other cultures would just call it rude, since I'm being honest and all.

Here's nothing but the truth: I don't agree with everything Gladwell writes. First, success is relative. Second, life is unpredictable.

"Outliers" declares success is dependent on what your parents do for a living.

Jewish immigrants highlight this theory because they successfully developed skills in certain trades, which their children and their children's children will be able to benefit from.

The writer also emphasizes that no one gets to the top alone. They must have had help from family, friends or even strangers.

Not true. Not everyone has or needs someone to turn to: People have clawed their way out of rock bottom all on their own. They've tasted success through their own hard work, self-belief and sacrifices.

Sometimes, no one else can take credit for your college degree, job promotion or golden anniversary.

Even if you stumble, try to enjoy your failures because relatively speaking, your shortcomings could be your success.

This is the final appearance of "It's Down to This." Kimberly Tsao is a Spartan Daily features editor.

Obama Day: an April national holiday



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For Those About to Read

Tradition compels us to annually gorge ourselves on Guinness, buy mom roses or get the neighborhood kids hopped up on mini Snickers.

Our American consumption machine loves a holiday. It usually can't go more than a month without the opportunity to hype a sale.

But there is one lonely month that is mysteriously void of annual celebrations. Maybe they noticed poor turnouts at their August mattress sales.

I question how much longer this holiday hole will last, but I know the man who is destined to change this — America's latest Superman, Barack Obama.

America has turned the birthdays of former presidents Lincoln and Washington into a holiday. These men provided sage leadership when our country was coming together and tearing itself apart.

America has also turned the birthdays of civil rights leaders, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Cesar Chavez, into holidays. They were dedicated to making all of America and all that America offers equally available to everyone.

Potentially, Obama could wade through the pools of history and one day fit among these men. If he is that man, and leads America out of its troubles, he would bag some serious holiday credit of his own.

Being the first black man elected, he is already the figure behind the opening of the largest civil rights door in our country. His birthday just happens to sit in the last remaining open month in our

calendar. August 4 seems destined to become Obama's.

It sounds odd, but historically, America has been increasingly liberal with the establishment of its honorary holidays. Lincoln had been dead for 103 years before the third Monday of February became what we call Presidents Day. It was 18 years after Dr. King's assassination that the third Monday of January became his. Cesar Chavez was dead for seven years before March 31 was dedicated in memoriam.

Washington is actually the precedent that makes my tongue-in-cheek suggestion of the Obanza somewhat realistic. Washington's Birthday was celebrated like a national holiday while he was still in office. He was wildly popular and a very important first for our country. Sound like someone you know?

Every holiday needs traditions. Independence Day has fireworks, Halloween has pumpkins and Thanksgiving has turkey. Unlike Easter and Christmas, both full of traditions that have nothing to do with the man who inspired them, Obanza will be full of mid-summer, Barackish fun.

We would all give stimulus checks to each other. It's much easier than buying real gifts and, compared to an iTunes gift card, it covers for your lack of gift-giving creativity.

This holiday also needs to reflect Obama's promise of change. We'll take our nickels, dimes and quarters and decorate them. It'll be fun for the kids and every once in a while, a vending machine will give you a colorful little memento of the summer of 2012.

I can only hope Obama lives up to his lofty expectations. Then my new favorite holiday could become a reality. Oh yeah, I guess if he saved the country that would be nice too.

This is the final appearance of "For Those About to Read." Chris Curry is a Spartan Daily A&E editor.

DID YOU KNOW...

A human sneeze can travel up to 100 mph? The inevitable spray spreads 100,000 bacteria into wherever you aim.

Cardinal balks away with victory at SJSU, 6-5

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Sam Piraro threw his hat down to the ground, screamed at the umpires and was immediately thrown out of the game after a questionable call. The game turned out to be just as frustrating for the rest of the Spartans.

Kellen Kiilsgaard's RBI single in the 13th inning proved to be the difference in Stanford's 6-5 win over SJSU at Municipal Stadium.

The Spartans (35-18) lost to the Cardinal in a nonconference game for the second time in eight days.

"It's very disappointing, especially when you have several opportunities," said Tom Kunis, SJSU's associate head coach. "We had runners in scoring position in the ninth, 10th and 11th and didn't convert. ... A single scores it and the game's over."

With the Spartans down 4-2 in the seventh, Stanford reliever Dan Sandbrink appeared to have errantly stepped off the rubber while attempting a pick off at second, and his throw stumbled over to the shortstop far off the bag.

"What happened was, the guy tried to run a pick with the shortstop at second base when the shortstop wasn't at second base, ... which is a balk," Kunis said.

Piraro came out to argue the no-balk call, and Stanford coach Mark Marquess followed suit, arguing profusely that no balk was committed.

After what seemed like an eternity, the umpires decided not to overturn their call, leading to Piraro's ejection. Following the long hiatus, Jason Martin came up to the plate and

hit a bloop to right field. Stanford outfielder Kiilsgaard dove for the ball, dropped it, and the Spartans scored two runs to tie the game at four runs apiece in the top of the seventh.

"I wasn't trying to do too much," Martin said. "I was trying to hit a ground ball to second base. ... I was just trying to get a run in. Luckily, I got two in."

The Cardinal rallied back with two outs in the bottom of the ninth. Kiilsgaard's RBI single through the right side of the infield scored the go-ahead run, putting the Spartans on the brink of defeat.

But the Spartans tied the game. Again.

With two outs and nobody on, Martin struck out for what could have been the last out of the game. But Stanford catcher Zach Jones dropped the ball, and Martin made it safely to first base.

John Shaffer and Kyle Bellows followed with back-to-back infield singles, loading the bases. Martin would then score from third on a wild pitch to tie the score at five apiece.

With two outs and a runner on first in the bottom of the 10th, the Cardinal walked Craig Hertler on four straight pitches, bringing Anthony Aguilera up to bat. Aguilera smashed a 2-2 pitch to deep left field, and Toby Gerhart made a game-saving, high-light reel catch as he crashed into the left-field wall.

In the 11th inning, the Spartans put shortstop Bellows on the mound — the eighth Spartan to pitch in the game. Despite putting runners on first and second, Bellows escaped the inning unharmed.

But the Cardinal would break through in the 13th against Bel-

lows. With one out and runners on first and third base, Kiilsgaard singled to right field, giving Stanford a 6-5 lead.

Blake Hancock shut down the Spartans in the bottom of the 13th, securing the Cardinal victory.

The game started off slowly, as both teams were held scoreless until the fourth inning.

Relief pitchers Jack Adams and Esteban Guzman threw three no-hit, shutout innings to for the Spartans. Max Peterson, usually a starter for SJSU, made his first relief appearance of the year to start the top of the fourth and gave up two hits and one run, giving the Cardinal a 1-0 lead.

Making his first start of the season for the Cardinal, Michael Marshall threw five shutout innings, allowing just three hits.

Scott Snodgrass relieved Marshall to start the bottom of the sixth and gave up a leadoff double to Martin. Shaffer moved Martin over to third on a ground out to second. Martin eventually scored from third on a wild pitch, evening the score at one.

In a wild seventh inning, both teams scored three runs.

With Luke Mazzanti on the mound for the Spartans, Jake Schlander hit a sacrifice fly to the left-center field wall, with runners on second and third to give Stanford a 2-1 lead.

Mazzanti then put runners on first and second, loading the bases. With Joey August up to bat and one out, Mazzanti balked and gave up another run. Toby Gerhart's sac fly to deep left field brought in another, giving Stanford a 4-1 lead.

The Spartans tied the game after scoring three runs in the bottom of seventh, capped by Martin's two-run single.



(Top) Spartan baseball head coach Sam Piraro shows his fury and is ejected by multiple umpires after disagreeing with their call. (Bottom) Spartan outfielder Jacob Bruns throws his helmet in disgust after striking out during SJSU's 14-inning loss to Stanford on Tuesday evening at Municipal Stadium. Photos by CHAD ZIEMENDORF / Spartan Daily

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