

## Ethics Bowl team headed for national competition

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Armed with confidence, preparedness and diversity, the SJSU Ethics Bowl team is set to take part in the national competition on Thursday, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The team features four philosophy and two political science students, all of whom find themselves traveling to the national competition having had no prior ethics bowl or debate-style contest experience.

Team member James Gold, a graduate student in political science, said he expects the competition to be tough, more so than the regional which took place on Dec. 4, 2010 in Chico, Calif.

"We know it's going to be trying," he said. "But at the end of the day, we got there, and that's an accomplishment in itself."

Rita Manning, chair of the philosophy department and one of the team's coaches, said the competition will feature the 32 highest-scoring schools from regional competitions throughout the nation at the 15th Intercol-

legiate Ethics Bowl.

"There's no question the national competition will be more of a challenge for these students," she said. "But they're a strong group that has worked really hard, and they're expecting that."

The team will be given a series of fictional cases that raise questions in both practical and professional ethics in advance to the competition, and then judged on the quality of the moral argument the team delivers, Manning said.

She said the team members were given

about 12 cases prior to the competition, so they can prepare their arguments and memorize opening statements for each case.

"We start trying to form the strongest possible argument for every given case," she said. "We have many practices and meetings to talk through the cases. Everybody has to be thoroughly familiar with each one."

Tim Blackwood, a retired deputy attorney and volunteer coach, said the ethics bowl is

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## ACLU calls on students to fight for civil rights

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Student organizers at SJSU met to discuss what civil rights were missing in California and how they could be further improved.

An event put on by the American Civil Liberties Union on Thursday at the Student Union allowed students to ask questions about what could be done to protect the rights of students.

The ACLU is an organization that strives to protect the liberties of people that tend to be denied basic rights and try to achieve rights through organizing, policy changing and public education, according to an ACLU document.

"Students have always been at the forefront of protecting civil rights," said Abdi Soltani, executive director of ACLU of Northern California. "In the civil rights movements it was the sit-ins that sparked all kinds of future changes so we see students as being really important leaders in ensuring that every person's rights are protected in this country."

Rena Shanawany, a junior health science major, said her club, the Muslim Students Association, would benefit by joining the ACLU on campus.

"I believe that we, as an organization, are doing well," Shanawany said. "If we join ACLU it would strengthen our club and we could be involved in the programs they

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### ■ BASKETBALL

## Spartans clinch spot in WAC Tournament



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SJSU guard Justin Graham drives to the hoop during the Spartans' 72-60 win over Louisiana Tech.

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## Language department honors its 'champion'

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The department of world languages and literature dedicated its Clark Hall media center to former provost Carmen Sigler in a ceremony Thursday to commemorate her decades of service to the university.

"I consider it an honor to be a part of anything acknowledging what Carmen has done for this university," interim President Don Kassing said. "We've been very fortunate to have her; she's smart, perceptive and a natural leader."

Since her first position in 1987 as coordinator for the single subject teaching credential program, Sigler rose through the ranks, becoming the foreign language department's chair in 1992, dean of the College of Humanities and the Arts in 2000, interim vice president for University Advancement in 2002 and finally provost in 2004.

Students of world languages and literature can use the media center in Clark Hall Room 208 to take placement tests and use electronic course material, said Dominique van Hooff, chair of the world languages and literature department.

"I'm grateful that it's a learning space, something that is very close to me," Sigler said, calling the dedication "a wonderful gift from her colleagues."

Van Hooff said the department decided to dedicate the media center to Sigler shortly after she retired from her position as provost in 2009.

"We wanted to remember a real role model," van Hooff said. "She's an inspiration for faculty, students, administrators and even the president."

Kassing, who was president during Sigler's time as provost, and Gerry Selter, Sigler's successor to the position, praised her work ethic and commitment to students and staff.

"When I took the job everything was changing, so I was fortunate I didn't have to live up to her," Selter said, citing the state budget cuts implemented at the time.

Kassing said as a vice president, Sigler retained affection for her home department of foreign languages and spoke of it often.

"She's been their champion for years," he said. "She's always been a wonderful advocate for world languages."

Sigler, a native of Argentina, is now teaching Spanish language and literature classes, just as she did more than 20 years ago.

"It's like coming home," she said. "Nobody really grows up hoping to be a dean or a provost, but I've always wanted to be a teacher."

## Queer Prom rekindles high school nostalgia

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SJSU students and guests dressed in their finest attire walked into the Barrett Ballroom on campus to attend what was, for some, their first college prom.

Hosted by the SJSU organization Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice, students and the community were welcomed to the Queer Prom on Friday.

Queer Prom, which was in its second year, has grown to be a place where students can go to prom regardless of their gender or what gender they choose to be with, said Matt Cadena, a senior meteorology major and co-chair of the club.

"A lot of people did not get to go to prom in high school," Cadena said. "We wanted to throw in an event in college where it gives people a chance to go to prom with who they want, regardless of what gender."

The poker-themed prom had a red, black and white color scheme and featured decorations of poker cards throughout the ballroom.

Gabriella Pinelo, a club member and volunteer at the event, said she never thought she would go to a dance in college.

"I think it brings in a welcoming and nice atmosphere of the queer community," said Pinelo, a sophomore theater major. "It is a nice thing to have during the school year, to just have a night to relax and meet new people."

About 300 people were expect-

ed this year after the event was so popular last year, Cadena said.

The event, hosted in the University Room a year ago, was moved to the Barrett Ballroom because the University Room would not have been able to accommodate the expected number of attendees.

People in attendance were able to dance to the disc jockey or relax and eat food provided by the club. There was also a place where people could get their photos taken with their dates or friends, similar to the photos taken at a high school prom.

Cadena and Steven Prudencio, a senior art design studies major, welcomed the crowd and encouraged everyone to take part in the festivities.

The event was open to the pub-

lic because of the clubs relationships with clubs throughout the state, Cadena said.

"My prom days are over — it is sort of like the prom I have never had," junior psychology major Adan Gaona said.

Gaona said he also never thought he would be attending a queer prom in college.

"I am from L.A. and they usually have queer proms but I have never been to one, so I want to come to San Jose State's," Gaona said.

Many attendees looked forward to showing off their dance moves, Pinelo said.

"I haven't shown off my dance moves since high school," she said.

Attendees danced well into the night, enjoying what was for some, the prom they never had.

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# Gardening club plants seeds for healthy eating among students

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On Friday morning, a group of students prepared to plant beets, carrots and radishes in the garden located just outside of Clark Hall.

Yan Yin Choy, president of the Growing Roots of Wellness club, said the garden has been around for a couple of years now.

"The first garden (located) by Clark Hall and the statues was started by a nutrient food science class in Spring '09," she said.

Choy, who founded the club in Spring 2010, said the student garden collective meets every Friday at a gardening session called a Mudpie Recess to take care of the garden in front of the Tommie Smith and John Carlos Statue as well as the container plots in front of the gym.

"We are basically trying to utilize the urban spaces around campus to grow food because we feel that there is not enough access to healthy foods," said Choy, a junior environmental studies major.

She said a lot of the spaces around campus don't have much growing in them, so utilizing the space is a way to provide food for students.

Brian Cramer, a senior political science major, said he thinks the produce that is planted is of good quality.

"I've taken home strawberries and corn before and it tastes just as good as the produce in the stores," he said. "It's hard for me to tell the exact difference, but the main difference is that it's free."

Choy said most of the plants that are grown are edible, though some are wildflowers — among the plants in the garden now are straw-

berries, mint, dill, lettuce, garlic and snap peas. "We grow our food based off of sustainable means, using methods like companion planting," she said. "We grow crops together — not just one type of crop growing — that way it feeds nutrients back into the soil so we don't deplete nutrients from the soil."

Choy said she thinks people should start their own garden compost and try to buy foods that are locally produced and organic.

Cramer said he learns a lot every time he attends the weekly sessions.

"I've learned about the right times to plant various fruit and veggies during the year," he said. "Broccoli is something that you would want to plant right now."

It generally takes six to eight weeks, Choy said, and in the past they have grown things such as corn, celery, carrots, tomatoes and an artichoke plant.

"We try to choose plants that benefit each other," she said. "Carrots growing close to tomatoes is a beneficial relationship, as well as corn and beans."

The club sometimes collaborates with the nutrition, food science, and packaging department to sell produce at the Spartan Smart Cart, which appears every Tuesday in front of Clark Hall.

Ngoc Huynh, a junior chemical engineering major, is a native of Vietnam who said she would like to take the skills she's learned back home with her.

"I love to do things hands on, make your hands dirty and hang out with people, and they teach me a lot," she said.

The club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Student Union's Pacifica room.



Photo: Brian O'Malley / Spartan Daily

Abdi Soltani, the executive director of Northern California's ACLU, discusses civil rights with students at Thursday's meeting in the Student Union.

## ACLU

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have and fight for civil rights."

Part of the campus tour put on by the ACLU is to try and get students to join the campus network.

By joining the network, students are able to participate in ACLU events, including workshops, Soltani said.

Students can also take part in the My ACLU campaign, which allows students to sign up other students to be part of ACLU and provides scholarships once a student signs up a certain number of people.

"We have met with student leaders of different clubs," Soltani said. "The ACLU has a lot of members and advocates that represent us in Sacramento. We want students to know that ACLU is their partner when it comes to everyone's rights."

ACLU representatives also spoke about issues that the group is currently working on including the reform of making posses-

sions of small amounts of drugs a misdemeanor instead of a felony.

According to a form letter, the ACLU states that the reform would save taxpayers \$450 million on an annual basis.

Mitchell Colbert, a senior political science major, supports the reform and said that his club, the Students for Sensible Drug Policy, is looking to team up with the ACLU.

"In Students for Sensible Drug Policy and my personal approximation, our budgetary shortfalls in this state are largely due to increased prison spending, siphoning money away from other sources," Colbert said.

Students who attended the event were invited, but not required, to sign a form letter to Gov. Jerry Brown about the reform.

Colbert was planning to join the ACLU before the presentation but knew for sure he wanted to after the conclusion of the event.

ACLU of Northern California representatives invited students to attend a mixer at The Loft restaurant in Downtown San Jose that evening to network and discuss more civil liberties and social justice issues.



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Lack of sleep can lead to an increased risk of health problems such as diabetes and stroke.

# Busy schedules, stress can contribute to sleep problems

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A lack of sleep can cause big problems for students, said a wellness and health promotion coordinator for JSU.

"There's an increased risk to chronic diseases," Melinda Chu-Yang said. "Eventually it can affect the memory and also lead to dangerous driving."

Chu-Yang said stress is a big issue when it comes to sleep problems among students.

"Stress can cause students to stay up all night," she said. "Our students have so much going on outside of classes."

Brian Kissler, a senior animation/illustration major, said he has a lot of sleep problems during the week.

"I usually have around two all-nighters a week," he said. "Most of my sleep is around four to six hours if I do sleep."

Kissler said part of his stress comes from his major.

"Just being an animation/illustration major, it's really important to have high-quality work," he said. "It involves a lot of time."

Sophomore accounting major Felix Lam said he does not have sleep issues but knows many students who do.

"They don't manage their

time wisely," he said. "It's because they cram everything the night before."

Sophomore pre-nursing major Andrew Nguyen said he makes sure he gets the appropriate amount of sleep each night to avoid sleep deprivation.

"I make sure I get to sleep around 11ish," he said. "I make sure I get around eight hours of sleep and no less than seven."

Last Thursday, a small event called Sleep Awareness: Pajama Day was held outside the Student Health Center to promote better sleep and lower stress levels among students.

Event coordinator Phi Le, a post-bachelor stress specialty student, said a number of things contribute to lack of sleep among students.

"It can be anything from academic course load, financial issues, family issues, and general college issues," he said.

Karen Malm, another coordinator for the event, agreed that the college environment can sometimes lead to unhealthy sleeping.

"I think a lot of people get a lack of sleep because of the big course loads they take and also the extracurricular activities as well," said Malm, a senior health science major.

The event featured pam-

phlets and treat bags for students that included information on sleep and stress and how each can be improved.

One of the handouts gave information about how sleep problems can lead to diabetes, stroke, high blood pressure and irregular heart rhythms.

"We recommend establishing a routine," Malm said. "Trying to go bed at the same time every night, avoiding exercise or big meals right before bed and definitely avoiding alcohol as well helps."

She suggested that students who have stress problems should use the wellness massage chair located in Room 209 of the Health building to help ease them up.

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not a classic debate contest.

"The thing that makes these competitions different is that both sides may completely agree on a certain topic," he said. "They are judged on how well they justify their point in the argument."

Manning said just before the competition begins the team is given the literature of one of the cases and no member of either team is allowed to have any pre-written notes.

"They have to anticipate any question the judges may ask," she said. "They learn to be able to defend a position on their feat in real time, which is rather difficult."

Blackwood said he believes some of the team's success comes from the diversity the group exemplifies.

"Many different viewpoints come into play," he said. "Different slants within the viewpoints give sensitivity to certain things."

Team members said they are aware of their diversity and believe it works to their advantage.

"We see other schools with team members of all the same ethnicity," junior philosophy major Hiram Alvarez said. "We just pull to-

gether really well."

Members of the ethics bowl team also said they realize they have only been doing this for a semester and they will compete against much more experienced schools, but they're inexperienced will not affect them.

"This is a first for all of us," said senior philosophy major Aaron Adams.

"We went up against people in the regional competition who had a lot of debate experience and had even been to the national competition before," he said. "We just went in there and killed it."

The members of ethics bowl team compares themselves to the San Francisco Giants, who won the 2010 World Series despite being labeled as a group of misfits and cast-offs.

"We are sort of the underdogs," junior philosophy major Duy Nguyen said.

"We even have our beard," Alvarez said as he pointed at Gold's beard, referring to Giants' pitcher Brian Wilson's facial hair.

The members of the team said they have one more practice on Sunday, and they will meet throughout the week until boarding a flight to Cincinnati on Wednesday.

"We want to fine-tune everything in the last days we have before we leave," Adams said.

Manning said winning the competition would be nice, but taking part in this is about more than the outcome.

"We want to win, but we also want to give the students this experience," she said.



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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

# SJSU punches WAC tourney ticket, winning season



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Senior guard Adrian Oliver jumps past two defenders on his way to the basket during the Spartans' win over Louisiana Tech on Saturday.

Ron Gleeson  
Staff Writer

The SJSU men's basketball team stretched its win streak to four as it breezed by Louisiana Tech with a score of 72-60 Saturday night in the Event Center.

The victory over the Bulldogs (12-17, 2-12 WAC) was the Spartans' 15th of the season, the first time they have reached that plateau since the 2000 season.

It also meant SJSU (15-12, 5-9 WAC) has clinched a spot in this year's Western Athletic Conference Tournament in Las Vegas.

Senior guard Adrian Oliver ignited an early first-period run as he converted a string of six straight field goal attempts, including two 3-pointers, as part of an eight-minute stretch when he scored 16 points.

Oliver did not score another field goal for the remainder of the game, however, but his teammates picked up the slack.

Senior guard Justin Graham stepped up in the second half by scoring nine points, finishing with the second-highest total on the team with 17.

"It was a gritty win for us," he said. "(Louisiana Tech) came in here really fighting. They needed to win to play in the WAC Tournament. We knew that. We played tough tonight and never really let them get close."

SJSU thwarted any attempt at a comeback by the Bulldogs.

The Spartans brought a 39-28

lead into halftime and stretched it to a game-high 14 early in the second half while preventing the lead from dwindling below eight the rest of the way.

Head coach George Nessman appreciated the energy his team displayed on the hardwood.

"It was a solid performance by our team," he said. "They had a lot of energy. I thought (Louisiana Tech forward Ola Ashaolu) played an inspired game and had a lot of fire in him. We sustained an effort the whole night."

**"We knew we had to win this game to make sure we went to the WAC Tournament..."**

**I hope we stay on this roll and keep winning."**

**Keith Shamburger**  
Freshman guard

Ashaolu was dominant in the paint, scoring a team-high 18 points and grabbing a game-high 11 rebounds while providing the bulk of the energy for the Bulldogs' offense.

However, the six-foot seven-inch junior struggled from the free-throw line, finishing 3-11 from the stripe, and fouled out of the game

with just over a minute left in the second half.

Ashaolu was only part of the Bulldogs' poor effort from the free-throw line, as the team collectively shot 5-18.

Junior forward Wil Carter finished the game with 10 points and eight rebounds, including a perfect 8-8 from the free-throw line.

Freshman guard Keith Shamburger also had a productive game, adding eight points of his own and a team-high five assists.

Shamburger said he was aware of what was at stake before the game.

"We knew we had to win this game to make sure we went to the WAC Tournament," he said. "We got it done. I hope we stay on this roll and keep on winning."

Oliver scored seven points in the second half on 7-8 shooting from the free-throw line, finishing with a game-high 23 points.

SJSU's next game will be March 3, against Hawaii, and will be the Spartans' final home game this season.

The game will also be the final home game for the team's two highest-leading scorers, Oliver and Graham.

Graham, SJSU's all-time assists leader, said he is a bit sad that his career at home is coming to an end, but is excited to finish it against Hawaii, a team he has a successful history against.

"It's a little bittersweet," he said. "Historically I've played well against Hawaii, so it's kind of fitting it's who we play. It should be fun."

■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Spartans' defense unable to contain Broncos

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Despite an exemplary offensive effort from its starting unit, the SJSU women's basketball team lost a critical game to Boise State University 83-68 on Saturday.

SJSU (2-25, 2-12 WAC) and BSU (12-16, 3-11 WAC) shot evenly from the field, 51 percent and 50.9 respectively, and 45.5 percent from 3-point range.

Head coach Pam DeCosta said although her team shot well, it did not play the defense that had characterized it all season.

"We pride ourselves on defense and our defense didn't show up," DeCosta said. "We can't get into a shooting match. ... Boise had more players. They wore us down."

Junior Sara Plavljanić scored a game-high 24 points, but said she felt the team lost the game because of defensive lapses.

"Usually we hold a team under 60," she said. "Usually defense is our best (quality)."

Despite a slow start from both teams, SJSU ran out to an early 11-4 lead.

The Broncos recovered however, and by halftime held a 34-24 advantage.

Solid free throw shooting from BSU kept the Spartans behind the rest of the way, with seven points being the closest differential.

Although the Spartan starting five outscored the Broncos' starters 68-35, SJSU got no points in support from the bench, while BSU got 48 from its reserves.

DeCosta said she was not expecting to get any points off the bench, and the Spartans' lack of depth was the main reason they could not afford to get into an offensive shootout with BSU.

Fatigue also played a large factor in the game, she said, as the players were drained emotionally, mentally and physically.

"We've had two tough games prior to this," she said. "The Hawaii game affected us mentally, (and) I don't think we recovered from it. We played tired and that's normally not how we play."

The Spartans lost the game in Hawaii two nights prior to the BSU game, failing to score in the final 3:50 and

squandering a five-point lead.

Rebounding was another area where DeCosta said she didn't feel the team performed as well as it could.

The Broncos outrebounded the Spartans 32-22, and of SJSU's 22 rebounds, 15 were logged by 3 players: Plavljanić, Johnson and freshman Marisa Williams.

Junior Brittany Johnson said although the team wanted victory, it simply did not play at the level it needed to win the game.

"Our intensity went down when it shouldn't have," Johnson said. "As a unit, we could have done more."

SJSU needed the win over Boise State to get to the WAC Tournament on March 9-12.

To qualify for the WAC Tournament, the team would now need to win its' remaining two games along with Boise State dropping its final two.

Despite the disheartening loss, DeCosta said the team will focus on the next game.

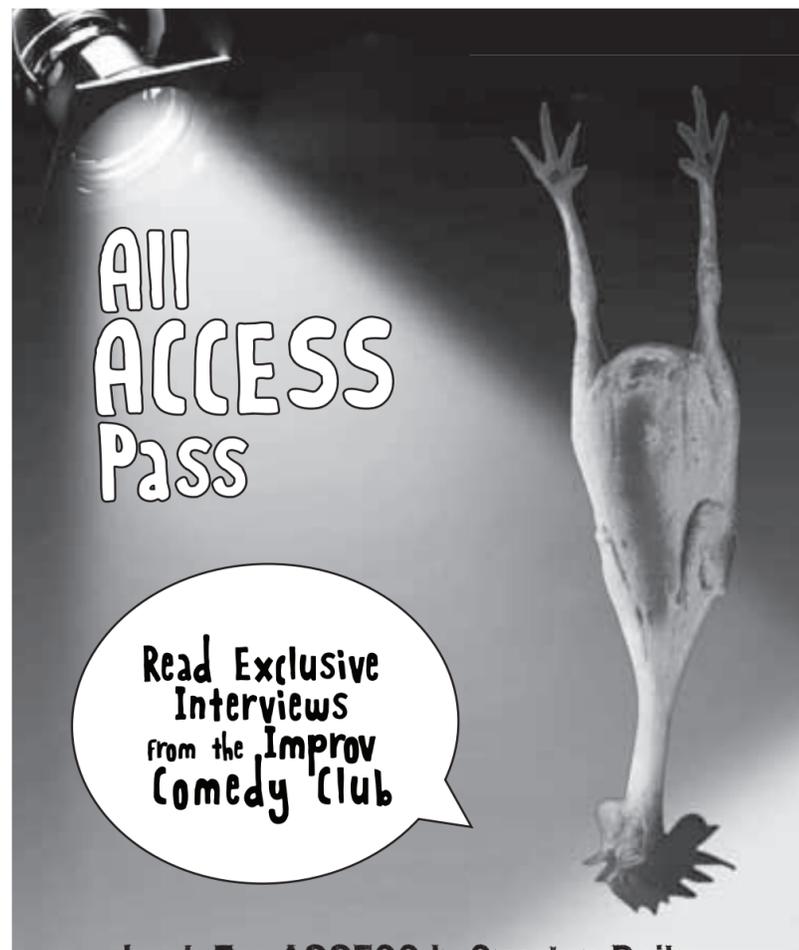
"We're (going to) keep preparing until the very end," she said.

SJSU's next game is against Fresno State at 5 p.m. on Thursday in the Event Center.



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Sophomore guard Liz Johnson dribbles through the Boise State defense during the Spartans' loss Saturday night.



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# SPORTS ROUNDUP

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## Baseball

### Spartans take two of three from No. 2 UCLA

The SJSU baseball team toppled No. 2 UCLA by taking two out of three games from the Bruins on the road at Jackie Robinson Memorial Stadium this weekend.

The first game was won on the shoulders of junior pitcher Roberto Padilla, who hurled a complete game in the 5-3 victory for the Spartans (6-1), giving the Bruins (5-2) their first defeat of the season.

Craig Hertler led SJSU offensively, finishing 1-for-4 with a two-run home run in the fifth inning.

The Spartans knocked off the Bruins once again with a final score of 8-3 in the first game of a doubleheader Sunday, increasing their win streak to six to open the season.

SJSU scored a season-high five runs in one inning in the sixth, sending 10 players to the plate sixth including a two-run single by senior first baseman Danny Stienstra.

The Spartans lost the third and final game of the series 12-2, their first of the season.

UCLA exploded at the plate offensively

as it recorded a season-high 22 hits and 12 runs, including a game-high four RBIs from junior first baseman Dean Espy.



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**Junior pitcher Roberto Padilla threw a complete game Saturday, leading the Spartans to a 5-3 victory.**

## Water Polo

### SJSU wins three at invitational

The SJSU women's water polo team won three of four in the UC Irvine Invitational, recording victories over No. 12 Cal State Long Beach, No. 15 UC Santa Barbara and Cal State Bakersfield.

The first match of the invitational, however, ended up a loss for the Spartans (10-8) to No. 9 Arizona State (3-4) by a score of 9-8.

SJSU was led offensively by senior Adriana Vogt with three goals. Arizona State was led with four goals from sophomore Shannon Haas.

The Spartans earned their first win of the event with an 11-8 victory over Cal State Bakersfield (3-11). SJSU was led by freshman Timi Molnar, who scored four times en route to the victory.

Vogt and junior Katie Buzzetta each scored twice, giving the Spartans' three multi-goal scorers.

SJSU was led by Vogt the entire second day of the invitational as she scored a total of 11 goals in the two matches.

Vogt scored seven against Cal State Long Beach (10-6) to win 10-9, and four against

UC Santa Barbara (10-6) to grab the victory with a final score of 11-9.

SJSU junior goalkeeper Meagan Minson anchored the Spartans' defense the second day of the invitational, recording eight saves in the match against UC Santa Barbara and a season-high 14 saves against Cal State Long Beach.



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**Junior goalkeeper Meagan Minson recorded 14 saves against Long Beach State.**

## Gymnastics

### Spartans finish on podium at invitational

The Spartans scored a 193.050 to place third at the 31st Salbasseon Suites Invitational on Friday.

Thomasina Wallace was the highest placing participant for the Spartans, finishing third in the all-around event with a score of 38.975, tied for fifth on vault with a score of 9.800, seventh on bars with a score of 9.825, and tied for seventh on floor with a score of 9.800.

SJSU started on floor and finished with a team score of 47.625. The Spartans were led by senior Lily Swann with a score of 9.650.

The competition then rotated to the team's best event of the season, floor.

Right behind Wallace's score of 9.800 was junior Katie Valleau's score of 9.775.

On the vault, the Spartans were led by Wallace's score of 9.800 and senior Katie Merritt's score of 9.750.

In the final event of the meet, the Spartans scored 48.250 on bars, headed again by Wallace's score of 9.825.

The Spartans hit the road in their next meet where they will face Sacramento State on Sunday, March 6.

## Tennis

### SJSU comes up short against Loyola Marymount

The SJSU women's tennis team fell to Loyola Marymount University on Saturday.

Freshman Sebastiani Leon Chao recorded her third victory in a row for the Spartans (2-1), but it was not enough as they lost to the Lions (3-5) 5-2 in total matches won.

Leon Chao won her first set 6-4, then won the second set 6-2 to win her match.

The other Spartan who reigned victorious

was sophomore Sandra Florea, who took the first set 6-4 before falling in the second set 6-2 to send the match to a third set.

Florea then entered a super tiebreaker, where she wound up winning the marathon match 12-10.

SJSU will head to Santa Clara University to take on the Broncos on March 2 in its next match.

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# SJSU basketball star deserves shot at NBA

Those who have taken time to wander over to the Event Center to watch the SJSU men's basketball team play have witnessed one of the greatest basketball players who has ever played for this school: Adrian Oliver.

Oliver is currently third in the nation in scoring, averaging 24.3 points per game.

Last season, Oliver averaged 22.5 points per game, good enough for fifth overall throughout NCAA Division-I basketball.

Simply put, Oliver has been one of the most prolific scorers in the nation the past two seasons, and at the end of this season he is graduating.

So, what's next for Oliver? The answer should be the NBA.

Before the chatter starts up from the peanut gallery criticizing the caliber of the Western Athletic Conference, let's take a look at what Oliver has done during his short stint at SJSU after transferring from the University of Washington.

In three seasons as a Spartan, Oliver has become the second all-time leading scorer at SJSU, only trailing the late Ricky Berry who also played three seasons at SJSU before being selected 18th overall in the 1988 NBA draft by the Sacramento Kings.

Oliver also holds the school record for most games scoring more than 30 points, which he has done on 16 different occasions, and he's not done yet.

When Oliver finishes in the top-10 in scoring at the close of the 2011 season, he will become the first player from any of the Bay Area's six NCAA Division-I schools (SJSU, Stanford, California, San Francisco, Saint Mary's and Santa Clara) to finish in the top-10 more than once in his career.

Not even the great Bill Russell accomplished this after playing center at the University of San Francisco for three seasons before beginning an illustrious 15-year career in the NBA, winning 11 NBA championships with the Boston Celtics and being elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1975.



Ron Gleeson  
Staff Writer

Plenty of players who are among the national leaders in scoring never get their chance in the NBA. Most of the time it is because scouts believe the player's abundant scoring comes because the conference he plays in is no good.

Scouts, however, should look beyond Oliver's huge scoring numbers and look at how he actually scores his points.

They will see Oliver cut on a dime and make a spin-move past who is guarding him, and before the defender has any idea, Oliver has already sent the ball through the hoop for an easy layup.

Oliver has one of the most pure jump shots in Division-I basketball. His spot-up jumper is deadly.

The ability to make an off-balance shot is what separates him from other players on the court. With hands in his face and his momentum falling away from the basket, Oliver can still hit the shot.

His on-court talent should overshadow the fact that he is not playing against the most competitive schools in the country.

It becomes evident by the end of every game that Oliver plays in that he was indeed the best player on the court that night.

Oliver has tons of scoring ability that would be effective for many teams in the NBA. If teams appreciate his talent, he could go somewhere in the second round.

The last player to be drafted out of SJSU was Tariq Abdul-Wahad in 1997, and Oliver should be the next.

It's not about where you play, it's about how you play, and Oliver deserves his shot.

**"So, what's next for Oliver? The answer should be the NBA."**

# Arab revolutions: Why now?

The past five weeks in the Middle East have been the most tumultuous and shattering in the history of the region possibly since the fall of the Ottoman empire.

For once, the term "shock and awe" can be used as a positive descriptor for the region.

What we're witnessing in the world right now is a global moment unlike any in memory.

Comparisons can be made to the wave of people power that swept Eastern Europe as the Soviet Union collapsed in 1989-91.

For those with longer memories, perhaps 1968 might come to mind, that abortive moment when, in the United States, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, and elsewhere — including Eastern Europe — masses of people mysteriously inspired by each other took to the streets of global cities to proclaim that change was on the way.

Of course, if enough regimes fall and the turmoil goes deep enough, there's always 1776, the American Revolution, or 1789, the French one, to consider. Both shook up the world for decades after.

But the truth of it is you'd have to strain to fit this Middle Eastern moment into any previous paradigm, even as — from Wisconsin to China — it already threatens to break out of the Arab world and spread like a fever across the planet.

Never in memory have so many unjust or simply de-



Salman Haqqi  
On The Contrary

spicable rulers felt quite so nervous — or possibly quite so helpless — despite being armed to the teeth, in the presence of unarmed humanity.

And there has to be joy and hope in that alone.

Even now, without understanding what it is we face, watching staggering numbers of people, many young and dissatisfied, take to the streets in Morocco, Oman, Algeria, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Sudan, Yemen, and Libya, not to mention Bahrain, Tunisia, and Egypt, is inspirational.

Watching them face security forces using batons, tear gas, rubber bullets, and in all too many cases, real bullets — in Libya's case even helicopters and planes — and somehow grow stronger is little short of unbelievable.

Seeing Arabs demanding something we were convinced was the birthright and property of the West, of the United States in particular, has to send a shiver down anyone's spine.

The nature of this poten-

tially world-shaking phenomenon remains unknown and probably, at this point, unknowable.

Are freedom and democracy about to break out all over?

That might be overstating the case but if not, what exactly are we seeing? What light bulb was it that so unexpectedly turned on in millions of Twittered and Facebooked brains and why now?

The Arab world has been largely ruled by autocratic regimes that suppress all opposition and dissent, sometimes with great cruelty.

We've known these regimes are corrupt, and some of them are effectively in the service of foreigners.

But that has all been true for decades. It never led to revolutions before.

Was the self-immolation of a single young man in Tunisia the spark that set half a dozen other Arab countries alight?

Nonetheless, you would expect that a ruling elite, observing such earth-shaking developments, might rethink its situation, as should the rest of us.

After all, if humanity can suddenly rouse itself this way in the face of the armed power of state after state, then what's really possible on this planet of ours?

Seeing such scenes repeatedly, it wouldn't be unwise to rethink the basics and feel the urge to reimagine our world.

For the first time in history, a movement of Arabs is inspiring Americans in

Wisconsin and possibly elsewhere.

Right now, in other words, there is something new under the sun and we didn't invent it.

It's not ours. We're not even the good guys.

They are the ones calling for freedom and democracy in the streets of Middle Eastern cities, while the U.S. feels caught trying to maneuver within the limbo between supporting a populist movement and performing another of those indelicate imbalances in favor of the thugs it has long supported.

History is now being reshaped in such a way that the previously major events of the latter years of the shortened American century — the Vietnam War, the end of the Cold War, even 9/11 — may all be dwarfed by this new moment.

Seemingly oblivious to events, the U.S. government clearly intends to fight its perpetual wars and garrison its perpetual bases, creating yet more blowback and destabilizing yet more places, until it eats itself alive.

As the sun peeks over the horizon on the Arab world, dusk is descending on America.

In the penumbra, America plays out the cards it once dealt itself, some from the bottom of the deck, even as other players are leaving the table.

*"On The Contrary" is a weekly column appearing on Mondays. Salman Haqqi is the Spartan Daily Executive Editor.*

# I'll leave the sales on the racks

You'd have thought it was either the day before Christmas or the highly discounted sale of the last books on the planet for all time.

It was neither. Instead, hundreds of would-be bargain hunters lined up in a winding queue with armfuls of loot as Borders began the first day of its clearance sale.

Were these people savvy shoppers walking away with unbelievable deals? I can't say they were, with most items discounted at a mere 20 percent off.

The simple use of readily available coupons could net much larger savings at any time. Unfortunately, most people don't seem to care about details or logic when large red signs blare about limited-time "deals." They turn into zombie hordes with crying children and avarice in their eyes.

I'll never forget making the huge mistake of venturing out to the Great Mall in Milpitas at midnight on Thanksgiving a few years ago. I didn't think many people would be out, and thought I'd pick up a sweater.

Old Navy was apparently giving away "free" MP3 players to a certain number of people who were first in line.

It was insanity. Mall cops were astride their trusty two-wheeled Segways, crowds crushed shoulder-to-shoulder, and I ran out of patience immediately.

The heat of all those greedy, sweating bodies was overwhelming.

From what I could tell, the MP3 players tightly grasped in the fists of desperate teens were cheap trinkets with minimal storage and not worth the loss of hearing from the screaming hordes.



Matt Young  
Staff Writer

I hadn't been there for that, anyway, and didn't even go in.

I understand the economy has been in rough shape for a few years now and many people are unemployed (including several family members), but I can't help but think that a good deal of the notion of the slow economy is merely psychological. I heard more than one person mutter "What recession?" as they looked at the crazy lines.

Consumer confidence seems bolstered by red signs and going-out-of-business sales, but people either have money to spend or they don't. It all boils down to when people choose to spend that money.

They certainly turned out for the Borders sale, as they did when Circuit City went bust a few years back.

Mediocre films with 3-D technology still get the masses all atwitter, and the frequently full parking lots at the biggest malls seem to put the lie to the assertion that people aren't buying.

One of the biggest stressors on retailers, from what I've heard from managers and employees, is overhead costs. Location is everything, and that location comes with a price.

With low profit margins, retailers have to rely on moving more product, and when people rely on sales to motivate them, those margins go down even further.

To make matters worse, the locations that seemed so great at one point begin to lose their luster as good stores pull out. It's a vicious cycle, but one that will only right itself after the consumer confidence metrics change significantly.

As for me, I think I'm done with big sales and long lines for marginal savings. There's always Amazon, and I don't have to contend with crazy people shopping online.

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Carlos Acosta (left) and Aleksandra Meijer (right) share a center stage embrace.

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■ DANCE

## 'Swan Lake' illuminates San Jose stage



Alex Wara  
Staff Writer

The audience members filling the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts got a taste of love, seduction and heartbreak when viewing "Swan Lake."

People watched as producer and choreographer Dennis Nahat developed a show that reminded some that artistic culture is still alive and breathing in San Jose.

Music by Peter Tchaikovsky filled the venue, adding to the emotion and talent of the dancers.

In a stunning production put on by Ballet San Jose, "Swan Lake" showcased guest dancer Carlos Acosta who took on the role of Prince Siegfried.

Acosta performed the male lead-

ing role for two nights — on opening night and Feb. 25.

From Havana, Cuba, Acosta has gained prestige in the ballet world by receiving numerous awards and recognition. Many may also recognize him from his role as Dante in the film "New York, I Love You."

He was joined by the lead female dancer Aleksandra Meijer, who took on the role of Odette and Odile, better known as the Swan Queen.

When the house lights were drawn for the first time, the stage was set at the castle of evil sorcerer Baron Von Rothbart where four maids are picking flowers.

The maids are taken control of by Rothbart's powers and made into swans, without control over their destinies.

The women are to join the group of swans that Rothbart has created for his queen swan, Odette.

Odette, who symbolizes innocence, refuses to marry Rothbart and in return he casts a spell on her so that she can marry no one else in the hopes that she will be forced to fall into marriage with him.

Act 1 is where audience members are introduced to Acosta playing the role of the prince.

The stage was transformed into a castle that bore small details audience members could see from the rafters.

The talented work of scenery and costumes by David Guthrie almost stole some of the audience members' eyes away from the dancing.

Dressing the swans in flowing white dresses and Odette in a short tutu added just the right amount of sparkle. When the dancers twirled, the light caught the costumes and the stage lit up.

It was obvious that Guthrie's creativity did not miss a beat when Prince

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Siegfried's mother, the queen, appears on stage in the first act dressed in a long dress with a flowing skirt.

Also in Act 1 is the first long dance sequence featuring Prince Siegfried's coming-of-age party.

At the party the queen introduces four women she thinks Siegfried should marry.

Siegfried introduces himself to the women and Acosta did a wonderful job of portraying feelings of emotion.

In ballet performances, no words are spoken and all emotion is translated through dance.

The act concluded with a garland dance in which dancers took the garland and wove it in and out of each other.

At times it seemed a little off because the dancers could not keep the garland straight or keep it from bundling up.

In Act 2, the introduction of Odette takes place in a lake surrounded by massive trees that overtake the entire sides of the stage.

When Prince Siegfried first meets Odette as a swan you're taken back to meeting that certain someone for the first time who makes your heart skip a beat.

Acosta and Meijer share the stage

beautifully, complementing each other's dance styles.

Once again, Rothbart is angered and begins to fight with Prince Siegfried.

Played by Jeremy Kovitch, Rothbart plays the part well, demonstrating a powerful hold over the swans.

In Act 3, Rothbart tricks Prince Siegfried into dancing with Odile, a black swan that he disguised to look like Odette. Rothbart does this to try and trick Prince Siegfried into falling in love with the wrong woman.

Meijer is forced to change her dancing style to match a sexier version, not quite how she was dancing as Odette.

In the final act the audience must watch as Prince Siegfried discovers that he has vowed his love for the wrong woman and the heartache that ensues because of it.

This version of "Swan Lake" pulls at your heartstrings and serves as a reminder that love is not always as easy as it looks.

A welcoming crowd gave credit where it was due during the end of the show.

Although at times some dance sequences felt long, the beauty of the costumes and scenery matched that of the dancers, making the show an unforgettable event.

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