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A day devoted to education

CSU's Super Sunday reaches out to churches to bring blacks to college

Lidia Gonzalez Staff Writer

The enthusiasm of more than 100 people at Maranatha Christian Center's Super Sunday congregation was contagious on Sunday, said an

SJSU student affairs representative. It has been five years, said Veril Phillips, SJSU vice president of student affairs, since California State University kicked off partnerships between churches inspiring a Super Sunday event for students and parents to work toward higher educa-

"We want to provide our students with what it will take to succeed," Phillips said. "No. 1, college is possible ... No. 2, you will never regret setting the foundation."

According to the Super Sunday Web site, Super Sunday is meant to connect and inform black students

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Joe Proudman / Contributing Photographer

Veril Phillips, SJSU vice president of Student Affairs, and Diana Gonzalez, SJSU interim director for Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions and Outreach, participate in worship at Maranatha Christian Center in San Jose. Super Sunday is a CSU recruiting program in which more than 100 black churches are visited across the state to encourage higher education, Phillips said.

New site lets students share notes

SJSU student, 2 alums use contest winnings to launch Web site business

Jasmine Duarte

Staff Writer

Students use different resources each semester to pass their classes. But an SJSU student and two alumni have taken academic tools to the next level by allowing students to download and share notes, study guides, exams and essays from SJSU courses.

The College Note Share Web site is an outlet where students can upload their own information from other classes and download what they need for classes taken currently, said College Note Share co-founder and chief technology officer Travis Hoover.

"I've always wanted to promote the sharing of information," said Hoover, a junior computer science major. "Tools like this don't exist in the education system and the system

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Engineering team wins award at Seismic **Design Competition**

Eric Austin

Staff Writer

An SJSU engineering team received accolades at the 2010 Undergraduate Seismic Design Competition held by the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) Student Leadership Council.

The SJSU team earned eighth place overall out of 22 and won the award for structural innovation for making the best use of technology and structural design to resist the effects of an earthquake, SJSU team co-captain Dan Torrey said.

"We wanted to take a risk and innovate," Torrey said. "We wanted to think of something new."

This was the first time SJSU has won an award at this competition, Torrey said.

"I am really proud of the SJSU EERI Seismic Design Team," said Thalia Anagnos, professor of civil engineering. "The competition was tough."

The competition, which took place from Feb. 3 to Feb. 6, involved designing a structure between 15 to 29 stories tall that can withstand a strong earthquake and generate a specified

amount of rentable income, according to the official 2010 Undergraduate Seismic Design Competition rules.

"It really is, in large part, based on revenue," Torrey said. "It is as close to real life as possible."

Each team has to build a scale model of its buildings to be tested on what is known as a shake-table, which is designed to simulate earthquakes at any given magnitude, he said.

"We had to construct a scale model that is about six feet tall," Torrey said. "The challenge is to construct this thing and have it perform at competition."

The SJSU team used new technologies and techniques to build its scale model, Torrey said. This included the construction of a device that uses steam to shape the wooden building materials with high precision.

Nik Marin, a senior civil engineering major, said he believes winning an award brings recognition to the university.

"We are really excited that we won this award because the engineering department gets recognized for what

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Schiavo service brings back memories

Anna-Maria Kostovska

Staff Writer

About 200 people gathered at the San Jose Stage Company on Saturday lecturer and environmentalist Frank Schiavo, who died Jan. 26 at the age of 70.

Schiavo's sister, Janice Schiavo-Schuhe, and his nephew, Glenn Schiavo, spoke at the beginning of the memorial service shortly after 11 a.m., encouraging attendants to share their memories of the "green pioneer."

Many people, including friends,

colleagues and former students, spoke during the four-hour open fo-

to honor the memory of former SJSU had remained close with Schiavo taught at SJSU. through the years.

"Frank was always like a big brother to me," O'Hanneson said. "I looked up to him."

While reminiscing about their adolescence, O'Hanneson said Schiavo always had a plan and a goal in

Inside the room, people were laughing at the memories shared while remembering their friend, family member and colleague.

Throughout the ceremony, several One of the speakers was Bob people made a reference to Environ-O'Hanneson, a childhood friend who mental Studies 101, a course Schiavo

Lucy Moran, who had him as a teacher in high school and then later at SJSU, said Schiavo had knowledge he wanted to share so others could make a difference.

"Know that this man was very special and should never be forgotten," Moran said.

Mary Ann Ruiz, a former student of Schiavo's, said he was close to many people.

"He made everyone feel special and valuable," she said.

It was not only students who were positively affected by Schiavo.

"Frank was an inspiration to me," said Bill Shireman, a friend and colleague of Schiavo, during his speech.

"Frank left a piece of him in all of us," said Ted Smith, founder of Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition.

"(He) made me feel like I did something valuable," Smith said. "He

made everybody feel that way." Glenn Schiavo said that because of such statements he knows what a great impact his uncle had on the

people around him. "He inspired everyone that he met," he said.

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Workshop discusses alcohol abuse issues

Melissa Johnson

Staff Writer

A group of 15 students participated in an Alcohol 101 workshop in the Health building on Thursday where they learned facts and myths associated with drinking alcohol.

The purpose of the workshop is to educate students on the subject of how to be more responsible with their alcohol consumption, said Jennifer Gacutan-Galang, the wellness and health coordinator.

"I'm not here to tell you not to drink, that's not my role," Gacutan-Galang said.

how to do it (consume alcohol) safely, if you choose to drink," she said.

The major characteristics of consuming alcohol were discussed, with the presenter asking the audience for what characteristics they thought fit in the "good" and "bad" categories.

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not my role.

Gacutan-Galang said the subjects students mentioned healthy benefits of drinking for were celebrating, relieving stress, and bonding with others.

She said the danconsuming alcohol include ad-

diction, harmful sexual activity, negative legal ramifications and death.

some of the students were unclear about.

used before," said Denisse level. Smith, a junior justice studies

when initially you can't remember previous words that you said or situations that happened, and then someone feeds you your memories, Gacutan-Galang said.

business and finance major, said that she considers herself to be more of social drinker usually. But she said she can some shots of alcohol.

She also didn't know about what a brownout is.

"I think I will change my drinking habits because I didn't know it takes an hour and a half for one drink to metabolize," Duhra said.

class still drunk, so I think I'll probably change that, to make sure I've sobered up so that it's (alcohol) out of my system," Duhra said.

laughed when the presenter photographs that displayed an image of a promiscuous-looking college woman chugging a bottle of alcohol and college-aged men passed out with permanent marker drawings all over their

Gacutan-Galang said that despite the hilariousness of the photographs, there's no laughing matter associated with a drunken college female.

"One in four females will have survived an attempted or completed rape in their college career," she said.

"We can change that statistic, it doesn't have to be this way — that 25 percent of college women will be raped," Gacutan-Galang said.

"I didn't know that truly

frightening statistic," Smith said.

In addition to sexual assaults, 60 percent of sexually transmitted infections are passed while people are under the influence of alcohol, Gacutan-Galang said.

Sophomore kinesiology major Angel Diaz works security at Stanford University parties and said that he has seen people passed out from drinking alcohol and witnessed an incident where the ambulance had to be called.

"From seeing the way that they (students at Stanford) act when they've had too much to drink, I don't want to look "I'm here to give you tips on like them, stupid." Diaz said. "That's why I keep it (drinking alcohol) to a minimum."

"I have a couple friends that should've went to this informational (workshop) today,"

Tamara Hamlin, a senior health science administration major and peer health educator, said she was glad Gacutan-

Galang also emphasized the protective strategies which help encourage responsible drinking. Hamlin

said she en-Jennifer Gacutan-Galang joyed Wellness and Health **Coordinator** example that was demon-

gerous affects associated with strated during the presentation, which can be accessed by logging onto the Web site B4UDrink.

The virtual bar simulates The definition of the phrase a real-life drinking situation. "brownout" was something It enables users to enter gender, body weight and drinks of choice to monitor their es-"I've never heard that term timated blood alcohol content

As time progresses with each virtual drink they con-A brownout has occurred sume, the simulator shows if the user is within the legal drinking limit.

> Hamlin said she feels that many students tend to drink alcohol excessively.

"I liked the virtual bar Web Kirandeep Duhra, a junior site," Hamlin said. "I feel it's a great way to plan your night, so that you know how not to go over your limit."

To prevent alcohol poisonbecome a party drinker with ing, Gacutan-Galang said to remember A.B.C.D.E; make sure the person is awake, examine his or her breathing, check to see if he or she is cold and clammy, don't leave the person alone and for extreme situations to dial 911.

Sophomore nursing major "Technically I've gone to Madelene Hinajon said that she enjoyed the workshop.

"I really liked the Web site with the virtual bar, because a lot of students don't know what they can handle, they The group of students think they can just drink socially (along with others) and be fine. I don't really drink that much, but I learned to drink less and drink smarter," Hinajon said.

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it can do," he said.

The competition was designed to provide students experience in a field that isn't always readily available to undergraduate students, Torrey said.

"The whole premise of the competition is to give undergrad students the opportunity to do structural earthquake engineering, which is typically something that you don't do until graduate school," he said.

In an effort to increase exposure to earthquake engineering at SJSU, the first Earthquake **Engineering Research Institute** student chapter was founded at the university last year, Torrey said.

The research institute student chapter is primarily focused on earthquake engineering, awareness and community outreach, he said.

"There is a lot to be done in our communities with respect to earthquake preparedness, and so we are trying to make our contribution," he said.

Winning an award at the



Aboud, Kahan Huynh and Fransico Galan, all members of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, stand beside their entry in the 2010 Undergraduate Seismic Design Competition.

Undergraduate Seismic Design Competition provides exposure for the newly founded student chapter of the research institute and supports all of the other chapter's missions, he

Not only does the award provide exposure, but it has led to an increase in the number of members and participants, Marin said.

"EERI at SJSU is growing significantly and this award re-

ally shows what EERI can do," Marin said.

The annual competition took place in San Francisco and included 200 students from 22 schools competing from across the United States and Canada.

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and their families about what it takes to get into college.

Ryan Ingram, a senior studio art major who is preparing to be a teacher in the field, said Super Sunday plants a seed early for the youth.

"Everything in society is at your fingertips," he said.

Ingram said there are families that value education in the church environment.

Toni Ingram, Ryan Ingram's mother, said she is grateful for the CSU reaching out to the com-

Going to a local university makes Ryan a role model, said Toni, the assistant administrator to the pastor at Maranatha Christian Center.

"Younger kids want to do what Ryan is doing," Toni said.

Kovan Stephens, a sophomore student at Evergreen Community College, said he wants to attend SJSU.

For Stephens, financial aid is not enough, he said.

Stephens said he tries to get grants and scholarships because it is easier that way.

"Loans I won't touch," he

That fact that Phillips said college is possible and everyone deserves a chance at being educated was inspiring, Stephens

Shawna Currie, 22, wants to go back to school and said she thinks the information she received from Super Sunday will motivate her.

"I think him (Phillips) just saying that college is possible really encouraged me," she said.

Currie said it was heartening to hear that because she started feeling discouraged once she thought about never finishing school, getting older and watching her time pass.

"People are really grateful for the information," said Claudia Keith, CSU's public affairs as-

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sistant vice chancellor. "Parents Keith said. and grandparents are eager for

"I've known college was important, because I've always stressed college to my kids," said grandmother Betty Ashford.

the information. "

"What was really great to me was that they are taking a special interest in coming out to the community and churches." With all the necessary CSU in-

formational pamphlets in hand, Ashford said she will do whatever it takes to help her granddaughter further her education.

The program started with 30 churches and is now up to 100,

She said there has been a huge jump in applications from students who are part of underprivileged communities. There has been a 26.7 percent

enrollment to CSUs, Phillips said at Sunday's congregation. Religious community leaders were the individuals pushing for

increase in African-American

this involvement, said Erik Fallis, CSU's media relations specialist. "The motivational part of a

trustee being up, speaking to congregation is really inspiring," Fallis said.

Ben Guerrero, youth and

young adult pastor at Maranatha Christian Center, said parents want their students to excel.

He said they aren't just concerned about the youths' spiritual growth, but also their academic growth.

"I think the presentation was

great and energetic," Guerrero said. "To have the staff come out is huge, it's huge to our congregation."

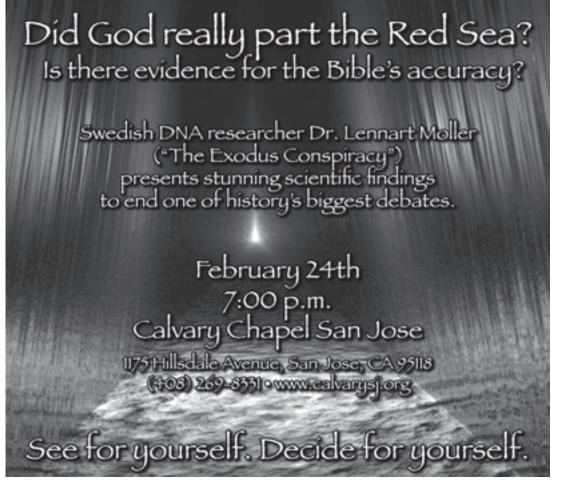
But one Sunday is not enough, he said.

"I call it 'Press the flesh," Guerrero said. "Getting out there and meeting the people has made Super Sunday successful."



Joe Proudman / Contributing Photographer

Bishop Broderick Huggins, who was a guest speaker at Maranatha Christian Center on Sunday, raises his hand in support as Veril Phillips, SJSU vice president of Student Affairs, speaks the congregation about pursuing higher education.



Students pedal their way to the university for Bike to School Day

Salman Haqqi Staff Writer

Free bike tuneups, veggie burgers, buttons and water bottles were the attractions for last Thursday's "Bike to School Day."

Held at the Paseo de Cesar Chavez barbecue pits, the event was organized by the Environmental Resource Center and open to bikers, skateboarders, scooter riders, walkers and public transit riders.

Zachary Pallin, director of the Environmental Resource Center, said the idea of the event was to support people to ride their bikes to school.

"We just want to encourage people who use alternate modes of transportation," said Pallin, a senior political science major. "As far as able-bodied people are concerned, bicycles are the most efficient modes of transportation."

Junior aerospace major Cody Clausen said he wasn't aware of Bike to School Day and found out about it when he rode by the barbecue pits and saw the signs.

"I was quite surprised today was Bike to School Day." he said. "If I had known, I would've told more people about it and spread the word about the tuneups being offered."

The free bike tuneups were provided by Bicycle Express, a local bike shop located on East William Street.

Karen Clifford, co-owner of Bicycle Express, said the business participated in Bike to School Day because it wanted to make a contribution to the



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Students gather at Paseo de Cesar Chavez barbecue pits to promote Bike to School Day on Thursday.

neighborhood.

"We've been around for 25 years and this is our way of giving back to the community," she said. "These days especially, a lot of students can't afford the cost of bike maintenance, so we just try to do what we can to help the students."

Sophomore English major Ashley Taylor said she rides her bike every day to avoid the hassle of parking and was thrilled about the free tune-

"I love that I can get my bike serviced for free and without having to go out of my way," she said. "I've been having issues with the brakes and I never get around to getting them fixed."

Senior anthropology major doesn't happen." Joe Moreno said that the event was a great idea.

"It's excellent," he said. "I had heard about this before, but this is the first time I've been able to get my bike fixed. It's great to promote bike riding because it's an easy way to get around campus and it's also good for the environment."

Pallin said the Environmental Resource Center is trying to encourage people to ride bikes with safety in mind.

"We want to make sure that not only do people take steps to bike more, but to be responsible cyclists," he said. "A lot of people think that cyclists are a nuisance, but there are rules for cyclists to make sure that

The event is not a knock against drivers, Pallin said, but for rewarding those who make the effort to do what they can to be environmentally con-

"I totally understand that people, especially students, have busy schedules and driving is the only option," he said. "We just want to reward people who do have the option to ride bikes and actually do it."

Pallin said the Environmental Resources Center plans to hold Bike to School Day on the third Thursday of every month for the rest of the semester.

"Hopefully, it'll get bigger and cooler every month," he

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needs to be updated with modern technology."

Once notes, exams or essays have been uploaded, they are put through a filtration system to confirm they are usable and legible, said CEO and co-founder Ryan Guerrettaz.

The idea of College Note Share started when SJSU alumnus Guerrettaz, while choosing his classes, could see the syllabus and the potential class load while registering, he

It was during one of his entrepreneur finance classes that he said he designed a business plan and model for the notesharing idea and entered SJSU's business plan competition.

The business plan took 10 days to create, and Guerrettaz took first prize at the competition and won \$10,000 toward financing his idea, he said.

From there, Guerrettaz met Hoover and later, Gilbert Bagaoisan, an SJSU alumnus who earned an entrepreneurship degree. Bagaoisan is now chief marketing officer for the College Note Share Web site, he

After purchasing software and the necessities for creating the site, the prize money seemed to disappear quickly.

"We found out pretty quick \$10,000 doesn't cover a lot," Guerrettaz said.

The prize money primarily went to the development of the College Note Share Web site.

"Most of the money went to marketing and hosting the site," Hoover said.

College Note Share launched on Jan. 26, the first day of the semester, Bagaoisan said.

Guerrettaz said full semester notes have been the most popular download compared to essays and exams since the launch of the Web site.

"I think it would be interesting to have as a different resource," junior microbiology major Minh Nguyen said. "Maybe you don't have friends in the to be a success, the Web site class and this could be used as a plans to expand to each departgood tool."

Christy Ramirez, a senior rasaid she would use the Web site Hoover said.

"Maybe if you were sick, I think you have to take your own notes," Ramirez said. "How would you get your own understanding of the lecture from another person's notes?"

"We really want our Web site to be used as a tool, not to replace going to class," Hoover

Guerrettaz and the other members of the site said they do not encourage students to skip class just because they have the Web site as a resource.

"There is so much more to class than just the notes," Guerrettaz said. "Just having the notes does not mean you will pass the class. There is class participation and pop quizzes to consider."

Sophomore business major Julie Pobre said she would use the site to upload her notes from classes she thought were tough and use notes she might

"I would still go to class but use the notes if I missed a day or need some extra help," Pobre said. "But I would definitely still go to class."

Guerrettaz said he interviewed several professors to make sure that what he doing with College Note Share was not crossing any ethical boundaries.

Professors he spoke to were OK with the idea of the Web site being a resource for students.

Most professors have set up classes so the highest grade a student can get if they rarely attend is a C minus, he said.

"We are here to help, not to be an enemy," he said.

Guerrettaz said College Note Share does not encourage plagiarism.

Hoover said the Web site is in the process of working with an anti-plagiarism Web site, Turnitin, to avoid any opportunities students might be tempted to misuse the site and claim the information as their

As of right now, the notes, study guides and exams on College Note Share are for business courses at SJSU. If this proves ment, the whole university, and possibly different colleges to dio, television and film major, spreading it as much a possible,

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Lisa Jensen — whose sister, of the large crowd to share her memories.

Jensen, who is a former student and a friend of Schiavo, said the way he taught made her want to learn.

"He's the most amazing

person I've ever met in my entire life," Jensen said.

After her speech, Jensen read a poem she had written for Schiavo.

Julie Phillips, chair of envi-Kristin Jensen Sullivan, was ronmental studies at De Anza among the first to speak about College, called Schiavo the Schiavo — also stood in front father of environmental education in California, if not the

> He had been a pioneer in integrating environmental protection into the educational system, said Phillips, who is a friend and a former student

of Schiavo.

Small cards with the words "What would Frank do?" on them were placed near the entrance. The cards were there major. for people to write their own answer.

source Center and the depart- that Schiavo once planted, Le ment of environmental studies said.

will host another memorial service for Schiavo on April 22 at SJSU, said Anna Le, a senior environmental studies

During that ceremony, a tree will be planted in front The Environmental Re- of Clark Hall close to the tree

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Some of the 1,200 San Jose Bike Party participants ride through traffic while exiting the parking lot of Lynbrook High School.

Bikers party their way through San Jose

Eric Austin

Staff Writer

Members of the San Jose Bike Party organized a themed 20-to-30-mile group ride through San Jose every third Friday with the self-proclaimed mission of building community through

About 1,200 cyclists took part in the San Jose Bike Party's "Revenge of the Nerds" group ride on Friday, according to the San Jose Bike Party Web

Participants were encouraged to dress in costumes to match the theme, according to the Web site.

About 40 percent of Friday's participants came donning oversized glasses, suspenders and other miscellaneous nerdy paraphernalia as they made the 22-and-a-half-mile route through

The atmosphere was jovial and exuberant among the bicyclists, some of whom were riding highly modified bikes pulling stereos on trailers or covered in hundreds of colored LED lights.

Seeing all of the costumes and decorated bikes is reason enough to join the Bike Party, said Kimberly Jones, a sophomore psychology major.

"It is always fun to to come out and see what crazy costumes people made and all the crazy

The loop began at the Civic Center parking lot on San Pedro Street and ended at the Circle of Palms between the San Jose Museum of Art and the Fairmont Hotel in downtown San Jose.

The route had four regroup locations, which

included the Century Theatre at Winchester and both Lynbrook and Homestead high schools, where participants would stop and rest or dance

Along the route, bikers would often take over the entire street as residents stood outside their homes and watched the mass of cyclists yell "Bike party!" at the top of their lungs.

Many motorists trying to get through the crowd of cyclists shouted "Get off the road!"

These were usually responded to with a few dozen bicyclists laughing and shouting "Bike party!" back at the motorists.

Kimberly Quach, an SJSU alumna, said the Bike Party was not as enjoyable as she thought

Quach said she returned to San Jose to participate in Friday's Bike Party for the first time.

"It is a little more obnoxious than I would like," she said. "I even saw a few riders kicking cars."

Quach said she does not believe that the San Jose Bike Party enourages the positive aspects

"It feels as if people do this to be included as part of a group to be accepted and not to support what biking should be about," she said.

Junior business major Paul Rodriguez said he does not share this sentiment.

Rodriguez said he has attended the last five Bike Parties and plans on attending as many in the future as possible.

"It's just a good time," he said. "There is nothing like riding with over a thousand other bikers in the middle of the street."

Improv group hopes students laugh their way to '10 Census

Angelo Scrofani

Staff Writer

An SJSU public relations group paired with a local entertainment company Thursday to promote the 2010 U.S. Census and draw students to Morris Dailey Auditorium.

Called "do it...with Improv," SJSU's chapter of Public Relations Student Society of America worked with the Comedy-Sportz improv group and used humor as a vehicle to usher in more than 60 students to engage their participation in this year's census.

Anton Molodetskiy, a senior public relations major and lead organizer for the event, along with PRSSA, are representing the U.S. Census Bureau as part of a nationwide effort advocating the importance of college students filling out the census.

Molodetskiy said SJSU, dependent upon student cooperation, stands to benefit monetarily from its involvement tapping into a federal fund used to support city infrastructure around the country, which according to the census Web site is determined by the accuracy of the count.

He said that any student, regardless of being international or not, qualifies the campus for funding that could be used to open up, for example, more class sections and add to future development

Sheree Martinek, a senior criminal justice major, attended Thursday's event in support of PRSSA.

"We really didn't know too much about it, we just knew what the cause was and the cause is what was important to us," Martinek said. "The comedy bit was kind of a plus, it made it a lighter subject

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to care more."

Meghann Wistrich, a senior public relations major and member of the PRSSA team who coordinated last week's a more appealing alternative to avenues such as paper fliers and social networks like Facebook and Twitter.

"Our goal is to tell the student population that they need to be counted," Wistrich said. "They're a hard-toreach population, and so it's really important that we all take the census."

Molodetskiy said he can relate to why those attending college can be elusive when the federal government is taking a headcount.

"We're busy with classes, jobs, sometimes more than one PRSSA's efforts and that the job as well as being students, and it's not easy for us to take the time to fill out a long application," he said. "It has this year."

Molodetskiy said this year's questionnaire consists of only

and I think people are going 10 questions, and according to the census Web site, it is the shortest in the history of citizen registry.

Performers from Comedy-Sportz took the stage as two event, said using humor was teams wearing baseball jerseys and sweatpants, accompanied by a referee with a whistle.

> The group played a succession of games based around comedy improv, allowing the audience to determine the winner by allotting points at the end of each one.

> During the performance, one comedian threw a punchline satirizing the MTV series "Jersey Shore," making one of its cast members the object of humility.

> Wistrich said she hopes students were entertained by group has done their job by promoting the census as much as possible.

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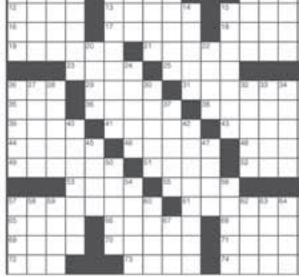
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Google scares me.

It really does, more than the boogeyman or that cat kid from "The Grudge."

The core of Google's business is its search engine, which means it knows everything I search about.

If I search male enhancement or some sort of disease, Google

Then there's Gmail, where it can find out who sends me

Google Talk, its instant messaging application, and Google Buzz, its microblogging application, both are built into Gmail, which means people I email, even if it's just once, get added to my Google Talk and Google Buzz list even if I never want to speak to them again.

What were to happen if I had a stalker that emailed me all the time and he or she was automati-



Husain Sumra Husain in the Membrane

cally added to my Google Buzz and Google Talk accounts? Uh-

Don't forget Google introduced its Android-powered smartphones, such as the Motorola Droid, which house all my contacts, pictures, text messages and videos.

If I ever need to go anywhere, I can look up the location on Google Maps, in which Google has a feature called Street View, allowing you to look at pictures

of every street corner in the United States.

Oh, and that means it knows exactly where I'm going at any given time, especially with its new GPS navigator called Google Navigator.

Then there's always its Web browser, Chrome, where Google can figure out which Web sites I visit and all my passwords.

If I like to watch videos online, there's the ever-

popular YouTube, where I can broadcast myself to not only the world, but Google too.

All of Google's services are free though, which is nice, but it's because the free services allow a lot of eyes on its advertising.

The advertising on Google's Web sites are specifically targeted too, so if someone was having an argument with their spouse over Gmail, an advertisement could show up for divorce lawyers.

No need to worry though. Google's motto is "don't be evil."

That's about as comforting as Tiger Wood's recent apology.

What, or who, is there to stop Google?

Recently, Google announced it would also become an Internet Service Provider.

For one low price, Google will be able to own all my information on the Internet and how I connect to my Internet! If I act now, I can get some free Google Energy!

Yeah, Google Energy. Google has received the OK from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to buy and sell energy as well, according to NBC Bay Area. Fantastic.

Migrating away from Google services and using other services is an option, but one could easily

end up in similar traps. Using Microsoft services in an option with Bing,

Hotmail, Windows Phone 7 Series, Internet Explorer, Windows 7 and Windows Live Messenger. Yahoo is a viable alternative with Yahoo search

and Yahoo Mail. Taking a bite out of Apple with the iPhone and

MobileMe is a choice as well. The bigger issue is that everything someone can

do on the Internet is controlled by a small group of Google is the biggest of them all, and for the

sake of everybody, I sincerely hope they "don't be

"Husain in the Membrane," appears biweekly on Mondays. Husain Sumra is the Spartan Daily managing

Hey, you can't do dat

Who dat? Who dat? Who dat say dev can sell dem T-shirts? That's the question the NFL, also known as the "No Fun League," asked some New Orleans vendors in January.

In the end, the NFL ended up backing off, but the mere fact that it tried is a little unsettling.

The NFL sent out cease-anddesist letters to several T-shirt vendors in New Orleans who were selling shirts with the phrase "Who Dat" on them.

The phrase "Who dat say dey gon' beat dem Saints?" has been a popular saying of New Orleans Saints fans for several decades, but leading up to Super Bowl XLIV the NFL tried to take ownership of the slogan.

The NFL's argument was that it didn't want to "confuse the purchasing public into believing that your (vendors') items" were affiliated with the league.

By using the Saints' team colors along with the fan slogan, people might believe they are associated with the NFL.

Seriously?

associated with an organization as big as the NFL and some small-business T-shirt shops.



Marlon Maloney Staff Writer

The fabric is different, the design is different, their shops are clearly not associated with any real clothing companies and they're often sold on sidewalks before and after games.

Who is getting confused about whom the NFL is affiliated with? This looks like another move made by the league

In a season where the NFL is possibly on its way to a lockout, the money-grubbing front men of the league seem to be on the lookout for ways to add more money to their wallets.

In 2011, even if there's a I don't know about you guys, lockout, the NFL will be paid take control of every little but I think it's pretty easy to feel \$5 billion by the networks that thing related to your league. the difference between a shirt would have otherwise shown When you do, you keep picktheir games, according to ES- ing on the little guys, us fans, PN's Web site.

The owners want to lower that make the NFL so great.

the percentage of money the players get by 18 percent, add two more games to the regular season without paying players more, and they want to cut revenue sharing.

All of which are moves that put more money in the owners' wallets, not in the players', and that's just this season.

The owners made a whole laundry list of greed and "no fun" maneuvers before this season too, but we won't get into that.

Where do they get off taking ownership over black and gold, a logo that dates back several centuries, and a slogan created by fans?

Don't get me wrong, I love the NFL. I think football is the best sport in the world.

But for all the other moneymaking moves they've made up to this point, you could make a case for either side. This attempt to take own-

ership over a fan-created slogan has me and a lot of other fans pissed off and I have to draw a line in the sand. Just stop. Stop trying to

and you are taking away things

Stopping the suicides

I never knew suicide was the second leading killer of college students until I was confronted with it personally. A girl very close to me was seconds away from ending her life. Thankfully, she sought out help instead.

Someone in the United States dies every 16 minutes from suicide, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Web site. The Web site also estimates that a suicide attempt occurs every minute.

I'm not sure why more students don't know about this. It's quite significant.

If you are considering suicide or you know someone who is, do the right thing and get

People consider suicide as an option to solve their problems, to get peoples' attention or because they want to escape a world they don't feel they fit

Understanding the causes of suicide is important, too. Such things as major depressive disorder, anxiety and bipolar disorder can lead to thoughts of ending one's life. Death becomes romanticized.

It can all start with a brief thought and can lead to a calculated plan of death based on an irrational weighing of options.



"If I'm dead the world will be a better place."

"If my family and friends cared about me dying, why don't they support me now?"

Putting a positive value on death is caused by irrational and impulsive thinking.

If you're dead, how can you try to work out any of the problems you might have?

If you're dead, how can you repair relationships or get the help and support you crave?

You can't. Death is absolute.

It's final. There's no turning

What if you were to regret your choice, were unsuccessful in your attempt at suicide and had lasting ailments as a result?

What if you were successful? If more students were aware of suicide facts and aware of the help available, perhaps more lives would be spared.

Some people feel so alone that they think their death won't affect anyone, but it will.

Suicide ruins a lot of peoples' lives, not just the person who dies. Loved ones are left behind to try to put together the confusing puzzle pieces of their lives. One death can lead to another death causing a vicious cycle of pain and suffering.

Don't believe me? Google the phrase "suicide survivors" and read the stories of people who were left behind.

There is a lot of help available for people who are on the brink. Free counseling is available at SJSU and outside counseling is often covered by insurance.

There are various support groups around for people suffering from things such as depression, alcoholism and bipolar disorder that can be found on the Internet. Many crisis phone lines, like the County Suicide and Crisis hot line (408) 279-3312, are available 24/7 to talk to people who need an open ear. There are hospital programs, psychiatrists and mental wards if necessary.

You are not alone.

There are understanding people willing to listen and comfort.

There is another way. Please seek the help you need.

Letters to the Editor

This letter is a response to 'Remembering Howard Zinn: center of the people' that appeared on Feb. 10

Thank you for publishing "Remembering Howard Zinn, center of the people" by Salman Haqqi. It was just a few years ago that I discovered Zinn's book: "A People's History of the United States," and after reading the first chapter it literally took me a few days for my heart to settle. His honest writing in telling our history empowered me to be just as honest with my 11-yearold son when he had to profile Christopher

Columbus for his class assignment. It's a shame that his death was overshadowed by celebrity mishaps because it would've been a great opportunity to profile Zinn's life and his contributions. Thank you for remembering Howard Zinn.

Esmeralda Anaya

This letter is a response to 'Anti-abortion ad in Super Bowl isn't game-breaking' that appeared on Feb. 10

This letter is in response to the article "Anti-abortion ad isn't game-breaking." I connected with Melissa Johnson's article because I also love watching the Super Bowl for all the new commercials and was anxious to see how this controversial ad would play out. It was an innovative way for the Christian group to tie two topics that didn't seem to go together and left the crowd I was watching the game with saying "Awww." However, this "Aw" made me feel like the crowd didn't really understand what the commercial was trying to say and left me wondering how many people across America also missed the point.

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Sayja Sumler tries to muscle through two Boise State defenders Saturday during SJSU's 80-62 loss. Sumler scored 12 points for her third consecutive game in double figures.

Women's basketball team **bucked by Broncos**

SJSU's Chasity Shavers goes for 34 points in 18-point defeat

Shiva Zahirfar

Staff Writer

On senior night, Chasity Shavers' career high of 34 points for the SJSU women's basketball team wasn't enough to beat Boise State, 80-62, Saturday at the Event Center.

The Spartans hung around early with Boise State, tying the game at 13, but the Broncos pulled away with a 9-0 run, and SJSU was unable to catch Boise State for the rest of the game.

Senior guard Shavers surpassed her old career high of 32 points.

ing the game, the bigger picture game with double-digits. was more important.

"When you lose, no matter how many points you score, you feel like you didn't do anything," Shavers said.

Shavers performance Saturday night was the fifth-highest single-game total in SJSU history.

"We needed to win and I just wanted to do as much as I could to help," Shavers said. "Because we didn't accomplish our team goals, tonight it's kind of a subdued feeling."

Spartans head coach Pam DeCosta said the team needed to have the force they had the second half of the game from

the beginning.

"The first half is what beat us," DeCosta said. "We came up flat. The second half was a little more aggressive. It's what we needed in the first half."

Although the Spartans lost to Boise State, senior forward Shaunna Ridge reached a mile-

Ridge now ranks fourth on the school's list of all-time blocked shots after Saturday night's game.

Ridge also had a game-high with nine rebounds and three

Junior guard Sayja Sumler Shavers said although she scored 12 points Saturday, and reached a new career high dur- it was her third consecutive

> Part of the cheering team for SJSU was the pep band.

> While players from Boise State attempted to make their free throws, members of the Spartan band screamed, singed phrases like "you're not going to make it," and even twirled an umbrella for bad luck.

> "I enjoy the band," Sumler said. "I like when they come to our games. It gives us more energy."

Saturday night's game was the last time seniors Ashley Brown, Aumornai Edinburgh, Shaunna Ridge and Chasity Shavers will play on home

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All four seniors helped put points on the scoreboard for the Spartans.

"These seniors are special," DeCosta said. "They helped us lay the foundation for this program and any future success will be partly because of their sacrifice. We are proud of them and they will be missed."

The Spartans have only three games left in the conference season and will continue to fight for one of the eight slots for the Western Athletic Conference Tournament.

"It's not always about wins and losses," DeCosta said. "It's about becoming productive young women."

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Spartans downed by Stanford

Late run by Stanford leads to a 10-4 loss for SJSU

Eric Van Susteren

Staff Writer

Despite a solid defensive display, the Spartan women's water polo team was soundly beaten by Stanford on Saturday at the SJSU Aquatic Cen-

"It was a frustrating loss because we played well at the beginning, but had too many turnovers," said head coach

Tully said that one of the things that caused the 10-4 loss to Stanford was bad pass-

"One thing you can't do is turn the ball over, especially when you're playing Stanford," Tully said.

Stanford is the No. 1 ranked women's water polo team in the country and is undefeated this season.

The Spartans are ranked No. 10 with a 7-6 record.

Tully said that the Spartans need better control of the ball and better offense in the twometer section.

Co-captain Kathryn Hannum said that she thought the team played well defensively.

"They had a lot of threats in a lot of different places, and we did a good job of helping each other out," she said.

The Spartans stayed close in the beginning of the game, trailing the Cardinal 4-2 going into the third quarter.

"We had a really good start," said co-captain Adriana



Thomas Webb/ Spartan Daily

Stanford's Kelsey Holshouser and Alyssa Lo try to defend an SJSU shot during Stanford's 10-4 win Saturday.

Vogt. "We'd been working in practice to set the tempo early and I think we did that."

Stanford pulled ahead in the third quarter when it went on a 5-0 run.

"It was like all of a sudden we lost our focus," Hannum said. "It takes some time out and regrouping to get back on track."

Hannum said she thought the team started to come back in the fourth quarter.

"Things only get better with a goal in a drought like that," Tully said.

The Spartans scored two goals to end the game at 10-4.

Sophomore goalie Meagan Minson made 11 saves for the Spartans.

"We executed well on defense," she said. "The defense was talking really well, so I knew where the shots would be coming from."

Minson said she was feeling good despite recently sustaining a knee injury and con-

"We need more confidence in our individual offensive abilities and more confidence in our shots," Hannum said.

The Spartans committed six fouls compared to Stanford's two. Each foul left the Spartans short a player for 20 seconds.

"I get frustrated with the refs, but it's just that kind of game," Tully said. "I really can't complain about the ref-

Next week, the Spartans will compete in a tournament at Irvine in which the top 15 teams will compete, Tully

"The pecking order is really only decided after the tournament," Tully said about the rankings.

Hannum said she was looking forward to the tournament. "It's the biggest tournament

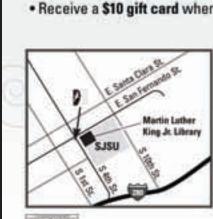
of the year and it's against a lot of teams we don't normally see," she said.



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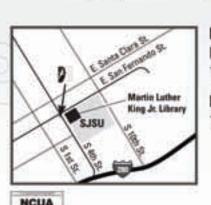


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