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Bath, England, program canceled

BY DAVIDA ROSS
Daily Staff Writer

The San Jose State University study abroad program in Bath, England, has been canceled for the Spring 2006 semester.

Bath, a town rich in Roman history and architecture, offers students renowned museums, a lively theater district and the opportunity to earn upper-division credit toward their majors — just not next semester.

Dave Rudel, the study abroad coordinator, said the trip has been going on since 1988 and has only been canceled one other time. Next semester's trip was cancelled because it did not generate enough enrollment to continue.

"There is a 30-student minimum in order for the trip to be economically feasible," Rudel said. "This year, only five students turned in their applications on time."

Rudel said the students who did turn in their applications are working with the study abroad department to find other programs with the same academic focus.

Although the program was canceled due to low enrollment, the study abroad office is still hopeful for the Spring 2007 trip.

Rudel said the trip is sponsored by the College of Humanities and the Arts and the College of Social Sciences, so the deans of those colleges will decide whether or not to continue the trip in 2007.

"It looks promising, but they have the final say," Rudel said.

The program in Bath is a semester-long study that requires students to take at least 15 units. The program offers courses in humanities and social sciences, with many classes taught by SJSU professors.

Past response for the trip has been favorable. Returning student Maria Moraga wrote in the SJSU College of Science newsletter, "Living in Bath was the most remarkable experience that I ever had."

Besides learning in a unique academic setting, students traveling to Bath will also be able to tour historical sites, including the Great Bath, a natural pool of steaming waters once graced by the British elite in the 18th century.

Rudel said it is sometimes challenging to communicate to students what study abroad destinations such as Bath have to offer.

"Many students showed interest," Rudel said. "But they didn't turn in their applications."

Meredith Bailey, an undeclared sophomore, said she is interested in studying abroad but "just never got around to the meetings."

The study abroad department, which held a study abroad fair on campus Oct. 6, is hoping to change that.

"We will be doing a lot of classroom presentations," Rudel said. "And we will continue to set up tables in front of the Student Union."

According to Rudel, studying abroad is so important because it "transforms students' lives and gives them a different perspective of themselves and the world."



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Better posture ...

Occupational therapy Professor Amy Killingsworth, left, and Rebecca O'Callaghan, right, a graduate student and teaching assistant, teach Adele Shafer and Larissa Ksar, both seniors majoring in occupational therapy, good body mechanics for therapists who are repositioning clients to avoid injury on Thursday.

Group celebrates Out On Campus Week

Five days of events centered around National Coming Out Day

BY CHRISTINE BARKER
Daily Staff Writer

For some young people, the chance to love and be in a relationship is not as easy as just asking for a first date.

Being a part of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community, or being a supporter of someone who is, sometimes means being afraid to be who you are.

"National Coming Out Day is an event held on Oct. 11 every year to support people coming to terms and making public their sexual orientation or gender identity," said Jason Fithian, a senior majoring in photojournalism and chair of Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice, the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender organization on campus. "The day is aimed to bring awareness of queer issues and to educate others through events," he said.

Out On Campus Week '05 began Monday and will continue throughout the week with events

such as "When Did You Know?" with a panel of queer and straight students discussing how they discovered their sexual orientations.

This week's events also include movies, meetings with student organizations that represent and support the queer community, queer artistic appreciation and more. The week will wrap up on Sunday, Oct. 15, with the Silicon Valley AIDS Walk taking place in downtown San Jose.

Today marks the 17th annual National Coming Out Day and it has gained momentum every year. The idea for the day started with a gay and lesbian march in Washington, D.C.

"On Oct. 11, 1987, half a million people participated in the March on Washington for lesbian and gay rights," said Teresa Perales, the queer diversity advocate intern at Mosaic Cross Cultural Center at San Jose State University.

"To recognize that the LGBT community often reacted defensively to anti-gay actions, they

came up with the idea of a national day to celebrate coming out and chose the anniversary of the march on Washington to mark it," Perales said.

According to the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's Coming Out Project Web site, this year's theme is "Talk About It."

"Every single time we talk about our lives as GLBT Americans, we are another step closer to equality," said Joe Solmonese, the foundation's president. "Each word helps build bridges that change hearts and minds — and eventually our laws."

Awareness weeks like these are ways to educate people about issues and help work towards ending discrimination, she said.

Both Fithian and Perales use the word "queer" instead of "gay" because "queer" is an all-inclusive term that is more open (and) fluid, and I feel comfortable using it to describe the LGBT community, while gay is not,"

Fithian said. "Even identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender puts people in a box."

Although Fithian said that it is important for people to know that some still find "queer" to be an offensive term and do not like to be referred to by it, others are trying to change its connotation.

"Queer" is a term that is also being reclaimed, especially in the Bay Area, where people in the community can use it to define who we are, rather than use it against us," Fithian said. "It's a way of throwing out a hateful word and becoming stronger."

Fithian thinks there has been an increased awareness of the queer community on SJSU's campus. With the creation of such student organizations as Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice, he hopes that through social and political events, they will be able to educate others.

Perales said it is also impor-

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Exiled writer to visit

Chinese author
to discuss work

BY THERESA ALSTER
Daily Senior Staff Writer

Although dissident Chinese writer Ma Jian must live outside his country for safety and freedom, he doesn't feel betrayed by China.

"On the contrary, I betrayed China," Ma said through his translator Emily Wu via e-mail. "Today's China has lost its tradition and has no future. Just like Japan in the 1960s — when Japanese goods were sold and used all over the world — it was still hard for them to gain respect because they were lacking in repentance and retroactive thinking."

Ma will speak on campus at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday at SJSU's Center for Literary Arts, room 225B of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. Ma has written "The Noodle Maker" and "Red Dust," the winner of the 2002 Thomas Cook Award for Travel Writing.

Living in London has its challenges for Ma.

"It is a struggle for me to live in exile in order to write freely," Ma said. "For a writer, leaving his own language environment is cutting off the source of his creativity and his connection with the society," Ma said.

To an exiled writer who has left his country, only his body has moved, his spirit and thoughts stay behind, he said.

After Ma's work as a photographer and painter was met with governmental disapproval in the 1980s, he went into exile, said his translator Emily Wu. "Red Dust" is the travelogue of this journey.

While fleeing from police in China, all Ma wanted was freedom, he said.

"I was just a little mouse toyed by the big cat," he said.

"I didn't know anything about politics," Ma said. "Only when I went to Hong Kong in 1986, standing on the free solid ground, did I realize how seriously wrong the regime was and did I dare to speak

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Two SJSU residents assaulted

Unidentified suspects flee Campus Village

BY RACHAEL HAMILTON
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Two San Jose State University students were sexually assaulted in their Campus Village bedroom early Sunday morning, campus police said.

Police were called to Building C at 3 a.m. to investigate the crime. The victims were assaulted by two or more unidentified black males who fled the scene, according to a University Police Department press release.

Sgt. Robert Noriega said he couldn't comment on the ongoing investigation, but he did offer some safety tips.

Campus residents should be on the lookout for any unauthorized people trying to

enter their rooms, or any suspicious people who look like they don't belong, Noriega said.

Noriega also advised residents against letting strangers into their rooms, to be careful while out in groups, make sure that all friends in a group are accounted for and never leave a friend alone in an unfamiliar situation or unfamiliar people.

"UPD is here to help," Noriega said. "Students should call to voice any safety concerns at all and UPD will gladly come investigate."

Anyone with information on the assault is urged to call UPD at 924-2222 or the Crimestoppers tip line at 947-STOP (7867).



BEN LIU / DAILY STAFF

I spy ...

Mirza Sabanovic, a junior majoring in civil engineering, measures angles as instructor Don Marcott stands in the back directing and explaining to the students how to make the measurements on Thursday.

JESTER ALONE

Smurfs make ultimate sacrifice to help children of war

A controversial new episode of the "The Smurfs" is scheduled to appear on Belgian TV this week. Sponsored by the United Nations Children's Fund, the program depicts warplanes annihilating the Smurf village.

The short film opens with a pastoral setting featuring bluebirds flying over a group of happy Smurfs singing and dancing around a campfire. Unexpectedly, a swarm of fighter planes thunder in the sky and begin to shower the village with bombs and heavy artillery. The tiny blue imps unsuccessfully flee for safety.

After the fog of war clears, only one Smurf is left alive — a scorched and bloodied baby. The final scene shows the Smurfing inconsolably wailing surrounded by the bodies of slaughtered Smurfs. A message reading "Don't let war affect the lives of children" is the final image the viewer sees.

When a 25-second clip of the program was aired on Belgian's evening news last week, many adults were shocked and some of the children who witnessed the commercial were terrified.

Planned for airing after 9 p.m., the adult-oriented show was created by UNICEF to raise money to rehabilitate former child soldiers in Burundi.

Burundi, a country located in central Africa between Tanzania, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, has been engaged in an ethnically driven civil war since the early '90s.

Similar to the ethnic conflict resulting in the

Rwandan genocide during the same period, the fighting in Burundi erupted between the Tutsis and the Hutus.

Although Tutsis make up only 15 percent of the population, they have been dominant in most aspects of Burundi public life since 1925, when Belgian colonizers allowed them to administer the colony. The Hutus were subject to forced labor at the hands of the Tutsis, who in turn obeyed orders from Brussels.

Though Burundi achieved independence from Belgium in 1962, the ethnic tensions didn't reach a boiling point until 1993, when the first Hutu head of state was elected. Within months, the Tutsis attempted a military coup and the country became embroiled in civil war.

Over a 10-year period, approximately 300,000 people were killed in the conflict and more than 500,000 were forced to flee to neighboring countries as refugees.

Under any circumstances, the number of victims from the civil war is horrendous, but put in the perspective of Burundi's population of fewer than 8 million they are almost unfathomable.

If the U.S. were to have another civil war with the same percentage of losses the Burundians have faced, 10.5 million people would be killed and 17.5 million displaced.

Coupled with the increasing death rate from the AIDS virus in Burundi, where one out of every 10 adults is infected, the casualties of war have left many children orphaned and looking for both an identity and somewhere to belong.

Military leaders on both sides of the fighting have fueled the civil war by recruiting and abducting children to serve as tools of war. Cheap, expendable and naive, both boys and girls have been used as fighters, porters and sexual slaves.

The psychological legacy that witnessing the carnage of war leaves on young minds can be irrevocable, which makes the problem of demobilizing and reintegrating child soldiers into society all the more challenging.

Child soldiers have an unbelievably high suicide rate and their chances of developing a mental disorder are dramatically increased.

Returning children soldiers to their communities is another problem. Often their parents have been killed or displaced and they are shunned by members of the community for the part they've played in the violence that continues to plague the country. Non-governmental organizations, like Amnesty International, are working with Burundi communities to help ease the transition for both community members and former child soldiers.



PETER CLARK

Since 2001, UNICEF has been active in negotiations with the Burundi government and the Burundi armed political organizations to disband child soldiers, though progress has been slow due to the continuation of the conflict.

The new episode of the Smurfs is a response to the waning effectiveness that traditional images of Third World war zones have on Belgian donors. By tapping into pleasant memories of Belgian adults through the use of the Smurfs, which first appeared as a comic strip in 1958, UNICEF hopes a stronger sense of empathy will be conveyed and more people will be spurred to help.

The initial concept of the Smurf campaign was to be much more graphic than it turned out. Originally, Smurfs were going to be shown hobbling around looking for blown off limbs, losing their heads and going through many other truths of war.

Because of their shared history, it seems fitting that the program will attempt to convince Belgians to donate money to a war torn country their ancestors were partially responsible for creating.

Peter Clark is the Spartan Daily opinion editor. "Jester Alone" appears every Tuesday.

SPARTA GUIDE

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TODAY

QTIP

There will be a Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Jason Fithian at 795-3804.

Listening Hour Concert Series

There will be an electric jazz guitar recital from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in room 150 of the Music building. For more information, contact Joan Stubbe at 924-4649.

School of Art and Design

There will be an exhibition of student art from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Science buildings. For more information, contact the gallery office at 924-4330.

School of Art and Design

There will be a lecture titled "Forms and Tradition in Contemporary Spain" from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room 133 of the Art building. For more information, contact Jo Farb Hernandez at 924-4328.

School of Art and Design

There will be a reception for the student artists from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Science buildings. For more information, contact the gallery phone at 924-4330.

Hip-Hop Congress

There will be a general meeting from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the Pacheco room of the Student Union.

For more information, contact Dave Manson at 386-5073.

SJSU Study Abroad Office

There will be an information meeting at 1 p.m. in room 104 of the Faculty Offices. For more information, visit www.sjsu.edu/studyabroad.

Career Center

Resume critiques will be given from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Career Center. For more information, contact Marisa Staker at 924-6171.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

Mass will be held at 12:10 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry Chapel. For more information, call Fr. Jose Rubio at 938-1610.

WEDNESDAY

Career Center

There will be a business career internship fair from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Loma Prieta room of the Student Union. For more information, call 924-6171.

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EDITORIAL

Students need to rely on each other, not just UPD

BY THE DAILY EDITORIAL BOARD

The University Police Department can't be everywhere on campus at once, despite its reorganized security with the opening of Campus Village in August.

According to a UPD press release on Sunday, two students living in Campus Village Building C were sexually assaulted by two or more males. This crime shows that students, especially residents on campus, must take active approaches to securing their safety.

Some students have reported in past Spartan Daily articles that many nonresidents are regularly let into the residence halls. This practice may be harmless in many instances, but only one uninvited visitor can potentially cause multiple problems for campus residents.

Residents do not have only themselves to think about as far as safety is concerned. Their neighbors in the halls also depend on them to keep unauthorized people from breaching the buildings' security.

Students should get to know each other and work together as a community to prevent problems and to watch each other's back. Residents need to know about what happens on their floors so that if anything happening does not seem right, they will know to call UPD or their floor advisers.

The security measures taken in Campus Village and in the brick halls were installed for a reason, and students who do not respect the locking doors and card keys jeopardize residents' safety. If students do

not use the security readily available to them, campus police will have a harder time keeping everyone safe.

These policies do not only apply to the residence halls. Students throughout the entire campus can also help each other. When students work in campus buildings late at night or on weekends, they are also obligated to keep the doors closed and locked.

University police also provide blue emergency phones throughout the campus, but in order for the phones to be effective in reducing incidents on campus, the students must be responsible enough to locate them and figure out how to use them.

If all students on campus work to look out for others, as well as themselves, the university community will be able to pull together and reduce problems.

GOT PROBLEMS?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

More ways to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina

I just read your article on the student groups fundraising for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts (Oct. 5) and sincerely hope that the organizations listed are not the only ones that you are aware of. The National Pan-Hellenic Council, the umbrella council of the nine historically African American fraternities and sororities — seven of which are active on this campus — has hosted three events directed toward relief to the families devastated by these natural disasters. Our plan is to be matched by a corporate sponsor, as well as Associated Students, and donate the monies to the families living in Spartan Village.

So far, our efforts have raised more than \$750

toward our goal of more than \$1,000 and we are still receiving money, clothing and food on a regular basis. Also, Community Bible Study, Nigerian Student Association and Black Student Union have money set aside to donate or have donated money already. Although the article was good to see, it was a bit incomplete in recognizing the many other organizations that have reached out to this campus community to help those that are in need.

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Spartans ready to add more wins; will face La. Tech, Utah State



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Spartan forward Nicole Irwin prepares to kick the ball during San Jose State University's game against Cal Poly on Sept. 9. The Spartans will face Utah State University at 7 p.m. Friday at Spartan Stadium. The team travels to Ruston, La., to face Louisiana Tech University on Saturday.

BY ELIZABETH PERRY
Daily Staff Writer

With the first win of the season under its belt — a 2-1 victory over the University of Idaho on Sunday — the Spartan women's soccer team (1-1 WAC, 1-10-2 overall) will play against Utah State University (1-0 WAC, 4-6-3 overall) at 7 p.m. on Friday at Spartan Stadium.

WOMEN'S SOCCER NOTEBOOK

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Next home game:
Friday vs. Utah State at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, the team travels to Ruston, La., to play against Louisiana Tech University at noon.

Some of the team members said they are ready to take on Utah State and Louisiana Tech.

"We're very excited about playing Utah and La. Tech," said Jennifer Guadagnolo, a midfielder on the Spartan team.

Spartan head coach Dave Siracusa said he thinks some of the

players have mixed feelings about playing Louisiana Tech.

"The girls are excited about playing Utah State," Siracusa said. "We are a little unsure about La. Tech because we fly into one city and then have to (drive) an hour and a half to get there. Generally, we're excited and can't wait until practice (this week)."

Some of the team members agreed with the coach that flying out to Louisiana can be challenging.

"It's going to be good, but it will be tough again because we have to play here on Friday night and then we have to leave Saturday morning to fly to Louisiana," said Adrienne Herbst, team captain and goalie for the Spartan team. "It's going to be a rough road trip, but I think we're capable of anything and we can do it."

Some of the players say they don't mind going to Louisiana because it is not anywhere near where Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans.

"It's going to be interesting (to visit Louisiana) because it's far enough away from where the hurricane hit," said Herbst, who has a total of 56 saves on the season.

Some of the players said they have been working hard to advance in their soccer and team skills.

"We improve with every single game," Herbst said. "I think the conference should be scared of us."

Guadagnolo said the win is big boost to the team's confidence.

"I think our confidence level is higher and we're going to come out hard every game," Guadagnolo said.

Siracusa said the Spartan team received their first spark of luck in

the Idaho game.

"We had our first break of the year," Siracusa said. "The ball went off the post and stayed out — every time the ball had hit the post (before) it had gone in."

The Boise game, when the Spartan team fell 2-1 because of an own goal in the first overtime period, could have been a devastating blow to the teams' spirits, Siracusa said.

"But the girls came out (in Idaho's game on Sunday) and had a great game," Siracusa said.

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Swim team warms up in exhibition, set to make big splash in 2005

Spartans add 10 freshmen, 4 transfer students to squad

BY PRISCILLA WOO
Daily Staff Writer

Back in action this season, the San Jose State University women's swimming and diving team hosted its annual intrasquad meet on Friday at the Aquatic Center.

The meet tested the team's training with a 13-event format, beginning with cheers to get the team focused and ready.

"The girls have been working pretty hard and getting their endurance back up," said Brooke Wells, assistant coach for the swimmers. "I think they're ready. ... The girls look good in the water."

The swimming team's weekly practice schedule consists of two-hour swim workouts Monday through Saturday, morning and afternoon practices and three weight-training days, totaling to about 20 hours of training a week under the NCAA regulations, said Victor Wales, head coach of the women's swimming and diving team.

Wales said that the most exciting thing is "just the team itself."

"I think the chemistry on the team is better than it has ever been," Wales said. "The depth of each stroke is good if not better than we've had. We have a lot of opportunities to break a lot of school records this year."

Alli Adams, senior and team captain, said she is excited about the new freshmen.

"Our freshmen are awesome," she said.

"They bring a lot of positive energy to the team and are so happy to be here. It's refreshing to have that," she said.

Stephanie Carter, a first-year graduate student, chose to join the swim team this year.

"I came from a (Division-II) school, so this is a totally different

level and a step up," she said. "So far, the experience of being on the team has been very good."

The addition of 10 new swimmers, six freshmen and four transfer students, has made the individual stroke groups really step up their practices, said Wales.

"You can only have one person represent each (stroke) group — backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and freestyle — so when you have four in a group, and there's only one that's going to make the relay, then you have a lot of people who are vying for that one position for the end of the year," Wales said. "When the level of practice is raised like that, then you're going to have some great top-end swims."

Annette Halloran, senior swimmer on the blue team, said she is looking forward to this season because it is her last year.

"I expect to do better on every swim meet than every meet I did last year," she said.

While the swimmers raced in the water, the team's only two divers competed against each other on the 3-meter and 1-meter springboards.

Jennifer Gonzalez, a junior majoring in kinesiology, said the upcoming season seems promising.

"It's fun," she said. "Sometimes it's a lot (of work) because there's just the two of us, so it's like one dive after the other."

The divers practice everyday for two and a half hours, Gonzalez said.

"The girls are showing great consistency which is key, especially in this sport," said Ryan Wallace, assistant coach for the diving team. "As always, there are weaknesses in the mental aspects of the sport — not only for them, but for all divers. But that

is something that will progressively get better during the season."

Wales said that the way to start the season is by stepping up to the highest level.

"We're really getting at it with three meets in a row, starting with Stanford University, then UC Davis and (UC) Santa Cruz," Wales said.

"Davis and us have started a nice little rivalry, and they're looking for some revenge from last year."

The Spartans defeated UC Davis in last year's dual meet.

The team has set high goals for itself, Wales said.

"We have never finished higher than fifth in the (Western Athletic) Conference, and I think we'll achieve at least fourth place this year," he said.

The team will compete against Stanford University at 1 p.m. Friday at the Avery Aquatic Center.



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San Jose State University's Jilene Golez, completed the 200-Fly in 2:06 minutes on Friday during the team's time trials. The team will begin the season with a meet against Stanford University at 1 p.m. Friday at the Avery Aquatic Center in Stanford.

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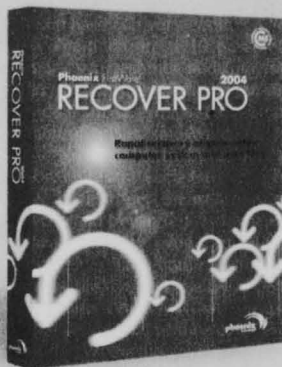
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MA - Book is metaphor for Chinese society*continued from page 1*

up against it."

Ma is not optimistic that his writing will bring change to China, he said.

"All a writer can do is to write, be it an essay, a poem or a novel," Ma said. "But when I, or others like me, have the courage to face the current situation in China and write about it, it makes the communist government nervous. Because writers who write about their thoughts, their judgments, everything as they see it, they are the ones the communist government are afraid of the most."

Ma's most recent book, "The Noodle Maker," is a post-Tiananmen novel and assigned reading for two creative writing classes taught by Mitch Berman, director of the Center for Literary Arts.

"I never assign them anything I don't love," he said. "But with the author coming to campus, I want them to understand his perspective."

"With an insider's knowledge and a contrarian's desire to tweak the noses of officialdom," Berman said, "Ma dishes up an interlocking series of nasty, sometimes macabre portraits of his countrymen in 'The Noodle Maker.' It's a gallery of grotesques that includes such characters as a man who gets rich donating blood, an actress who stages her own suicide, a man who runs a private crematorium and burns his own mother in it, and a three-legged dog who not only speaks, but might be called the moral voice of the novel."

SJSU students have good reason to take interest in China, Berman said.

"What happens in China will re-

shape the world — and that reshaping will take place in our students' own immediate futures," he said. "What happens to a country that contains one-sixth of the world's population is far more important than, say, a football game."

Kate Evans, lecturer in creative writing for the department of English and comparative literature, agrees with Berman.

"I recently read that China has more people than the United States and Europe combined and doubled," Evans said. "That's a stunning statistic."

During this tour, Ma is speaking at major universities across the country, including Yale, Harvard, Berkeley and Rutgers.

"I want to let people know throughout my tour that China is still a totalitarian country," he said. "The government still controls peoples' thoughts and the right to exchange ideas. I also want American readers to know and understand my novel, 'The Noodle Maker.' It is a political parable. Chinese politicians are the noodle makers. Chinese people are merely dough in their hands to be kneaded and pulled."

With China becoming an economic giant, American students will sooner or later, directly or indirectly, be working with the Chinese government and people, Ma said. As they understand Chinese politics, they will be able to make their own judgments about what is right, he said.

"Hopefully, my book and other Chinese literature will help them to understand humanity, have sympathy and empathy towards others," Ma said, "at least for them to realize how fortunate they are not to have to

COMING OUT - Many campus organizations helping with events*continued from page 1*

tant for SJSU to provide a safe campus environment for all students of diversity.

"There is a lack of visibility of the LGBT community here at SJSU," Perales said. "Mosaic Cross Cultural Center is a safe place on campus that provides support and resources for not only the LGBT community, but for under-represented communities here at SJSU."

The Mosaic Cross Cultural Center and Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice, with the help of University Housing Services and SJSpirit, are putting on the week's events for queer awareness.

Last year, Mosaic was able to sponsor 25 students to attend a Western Regional LGBT Conference at the University of California at Davis.

"With the help of Mosaic, hopefully the LGBT community at SJSU will be able to grow not only in visibility," Perales said, "but will also feel safe to be who we are on a campus that has pride in our diversity."

Fithian said events like these help challenge the thinking of others and try to help people understand that being gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender is not a choice.

"Why would someone choose to live a life where they are marginalized and not treated as

equal?" Fithian said.

In a recent KPIX interview, San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom compared the opposition of same-sex marriage that is currently taking place to the opposition of mixed-race marriage that was an issue just a few decades ago.

"In 1967, the year of my birth, we were having a debate about whether or not blacks should be able to marry whites," Newsom said in the interview. "And the vast majority of Americans, 70 percent at the time, opposed interracial marriage."

Newsom said we look back on that issue now and think how utterly absurd and obscene that this country would even have that

debate.

"I am absolutely confident 10 to 20 years from now we'll be looking back at this debate with the same kind of curiosity (and think) 'What was the big deal?'"

Fithian agrees that over time, some people's perspective's change, and he has seen that first hand.

"It is not as taboo to talk about same-sex couples anymore, nor read about in the newspapers," Fithian said. "Although there is still hatred, others are beginning to accept the community as just another group of people who have the same wants and desires as they do."

San Jose man arrested after family's murder

SAN JOSE (AP) — A man was arrested Monday on homicide charges for allegedly stabbing his two daughters and his pregnant girlfriend before setting their house on fire, authorities said.

Rodrigo Ortiz Paniagua, 28, of San Jose, was booked on three counts of homicide, San Jose police spokesman Enrique Garcia said. Paniagua is being held in a Santa Clara County jail.

"Why would a father want

to kill his daughters and his pregnant girlfriend?" Garcia said. "It's a horrible incident and we don't know what precipitated it."

Prosecutors will review the case and determine whether to file additional charges, including a possible homicide count in the death of his girlfriend's fetus.

Firefighters responded to a routine call early Monday and alerted police when they found an injured girl in the front

yard. The 6-year-old girl was suffering from burns and stab wounds.

Police said Paniagua was standing in the front yard while police checked on the victims.

"They (firefighters) didn't even know he was a suspect in this case but pretty soon they realized something's not right," Garcia said.

Authorities found a 3-year-old girl and the 26-year-old woman dead inside the house.

The 6-year-old girl and a 15-year-old female relative who also lives in the house were taken to a hospital. The younger girl later died.

Police said the coroners office will examine the bodies and determine the cause of death. Police do not know if Paniagua fathered the child the victim was carrying.

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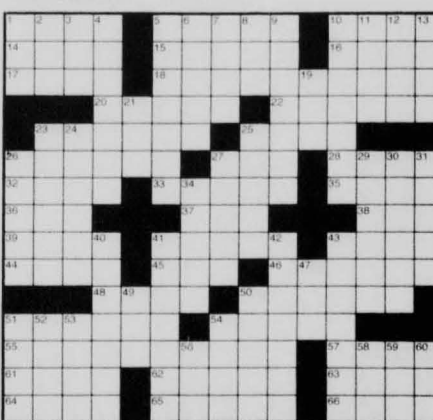
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Everybody has a song ...

Lisa Lefevre, a junior majoring in music, sits outside the Music building on Tuesday, preparing a musical piece before she goes to class.

Colorado fraternity suspended for violations

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — The national office of a fraternity involved in a "date rape" drug investigation at the University of Colorado shut down the Boulder chapter Monday, but said the action stemmed from other violations.

The 80-member Phi Kappa Tau chapter was suspended indefinitely and the house was closed for the rest of the school year, said Steve

Hartman, CEO of the Oxford, Ohio-based fraternity.

Hartman said the suspension was set before police announced an investigation into allegations that two women were given a drug called gamma hydroxybutyrate, or GHB, at parties at the Sigma Pi and Phi Kappa Tau fraternity houses on Sept. 24.

Hartman said the Boulder chap-

ter violated various policies and failed to meet expectations that were established a year ago when the fraternity was placed on probation for breaking party rules.

"We didn't feel like we were making the progress that we would have expected from this chapter," he said. "The GHB issue is really completely separate from what we were working with."

The suspension was more trouble for Colorado fraternities that have been under scrutiny since a freshman died after a night of heavy drinking during a Chi Psi event in Boulder last year. Less than two weeks earlier, a 19-year-old woman had died at a Colorado State University fraternity after a night of drinking. More than a dozen Greek houses banned alcohol.

U.N. begins relief effort in Pakistan

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — The U.N. World Food Program began a major airlift of emergency supplies to earthquake-stricken parts of Pakistan, where survivors remain desperately short of food and shelter. The United States, meanwhile, shifted military aircraft from neighboring Afghanistan to the worsening humanitarian crisis.

Japan responded on Tuesday to Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's appeal for more international aid with a pledge of \$20 million, Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda said.

Hosoda said Japan was ready to provide more help upon request. Defense Agency chief Yoshinori Ono said Tokyo was considering dispatching helicopters for disaster relief.

The Singapore government on Tuesday promised \$200,000 in humanitarian relief for Pakistan.

The U.N. airlift of supplies began Monday night, and more planes were to arrive Tuesday with medical supplies, generators and high-energy biscuits, the United Nations said.

"It is vital to get to the survivors as soon as possible," WFP chief of operations Jean-Jacques Graisie said in a statement.

Desperate Pakistanis huddled against the cold and some looted food stores Monday because aid still had not reached remote areas of Kashmir, the center of Saturday's 7.6-magnitude earthquake, which flattened villages, cut off power and water, and killed between 20,000 and 30,000.

Musharraf said his government was doing its best to respond to the crisis. He appealed for international help, particularly for

cargo helicopters to reach remote areas cut off by landslides.

"We are doing whatever is humanly possible," Musharraf said. "There should not be any blame game. We are trying to reach all those areas where people need our help."

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies planned to meet the immediate needs of 120,000 vulnerable people in affected areas, the Australian Red Cross said.

Eight U.S. helicopters — five Chinook transport choppers and three Black Hawks for heavy lifting — were diverted from the war in neighboring Afghanistan. They carried supplies, tarpaulins and equipment, including high-tech cameras for finding buried survivors.


Three U.S. military cargo planes arrived in Islamabad on Monday with blankets, tents, prepared meals, plastic sheeting and water. Four more flights were expected, including one carrying a disaster response team.

U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Monday he has no concerns that the shift of some supplies to earthquake relief in Pakistan would interfere with military operations in neighboring Afghanistan.

During a visit to the Pakistani Embassy in Washington, Rumsfeld called the earthquake "a tragedy of enormous proportions."

India and Pakistan set aside their often-bitter rivalry, with Pakistan saying it would accept India's offer of aid for victims in the Pakistan-controlled portion of disputed Kashmir.

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