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Student drug measure faces scrutiny

BY CHRISTINA YOUNG
Daily Staff Writer

A law preventing drug offenders from receiving financial aid from the federal government is not benefiting society, according to a student advocacy group.

The group, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, was reacting to a study by the Government Accountability Office released Sept. 26.

The GAO study found that tens of thousands of Free Application for Federal Student Aid applicants were denied postsecondary education benefits in 2004 because of the drug provision, although that number only makes up 0.3 percent of all applicants that year.

"The reason why you haven't been able to get much of a reaction about someone supporting the drug provision is that there aren't many people supporting it," said

Erik Cooke, legislative director of Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

The drug law, enacted in 1998, says that if a student is convicted of a drug offense, he or she is ineligible to receive financial aid from one to an indefinite number of years unless the student completes a drug rehabilitation program.

Wiggys Sivertsen, director of counseling services at San Jose State University, said the amendment has done little to reduce

illegal drug activity on college campuses.

Sivertsen said a lot of students who get counseling through SJSU smoke marijuana fairly regularly.

"If you were able to take a pulse of the campus, you'd see meth use spike during finals time," Sivertsen said. "There's a lot more drug use on this campus than we see in this office, for sure."

According to the Students for Sensible Drug Policy release, the

drug provision also damages the American economy. Sivertsen said she agrees.

"If you deny education to individuals, and they do deny them education if they can't get loans," Sivertsen said, "then what you're doing is you're diminishing the productive output and intellectual understanding of tomorrow's citizen's."

Ha Luu, programmer analyst of the financial aid and scholar-

ship office at SJSU, said out of the 15,000 to 17,000 financial aid applicants at the university, very few students are affected by the drug provision.

"This question has been on the FAFSA for the last, maybe, three years, and I don't think we ever denied (anyone)," Luu said. "Maybe one student out of three years. One or two."

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KEVIN WHITE / DAILY STAFF

A thoughtful interruption ...

Tri Dao, right, a freshman at San Jose State University, converses with a friend at a meeting of Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice held Tuesday in the Costanoan room of the Student Union. The student group recently changed its name from Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Allies.

Colleges welcome social work programs

BY LAUREN BOSCH
Daily Senior Staff Writer

The College of Social Work has officially split, with each of its programs being dispersed to different areas and colleges within San Jose State University. As reported in August, the past dean of the college left, leaving way for questions regarding the future of the college and each of the programs it encompassed.

The college no longer exists, and the programs have been reorganized. Considered an "administration reorganization" by the provost's office, the change was considered effective Sept. 19, a move that is felt will help with the university's educational mission and all missions for each school said Alice Hines, director of social work.

"We have the mission of the school of social work and it fits within the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, the mission to enhance life," Hines said. "It's a very exciting time to reaffirm and strengthen our own historical mission as well."

The most prevalent change is the elevation of the social work program into a school, now housed within the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. Both the undergraduate and graduate programs will move and will see little if any change in the current classes, Hines said.

The department of urban and regional planning will now move to the College of Social Science, and during the current academic year, the depart-

ments of African American studies and Mexican American studies will join the College of Social Science as well.

"We feel confident that these changes will increase opportunities for faculty members to collaborate on scholarly and research activities," Carmen Sigler, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, said in a press release about the move. "Students will benefit from cross-disciplinary opportunities and be given exciting new ways to achieve academic excellence and success."

Hines said the school of social work is only going to see positive change from this move, as it elevates its importance within the university because of its title of "school" being added to the name.

"In the long term, it's a positive change," Hines said. "The new college is what all of our students are embedded in. Because social work is such an interdisciplinary discipline, we'll be able to integrate with other departments. Before we were just individual programs and now we're a school. It's a much higher status."

Inger Sagatun-Edwards, dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, said the school will see little change, except that faculty will have less responsibility than before, because many of them will not have to serve on so many university committees.

"For social work faculty they now have the opportunity to be part of the larger unit and more a part of the university that they have not had before," Sagatun-Edwards said. "Now there is not pressure

for a small group to sit on too many committees within the university. It takes off some of the pressure because now it's the whole CASA representation, not necessarily one from the school of social work."

Though the decision was made in August for the school of social work to join the College of Applied Sciences and Arts at the start of the semester, it was not decided until much later for the other departments. According to SJSU President Don Kassing, up until recently, there had been no decision as to the placement of the other programs within the College of Social Work.

The reason for the delay in announcement to the university of this shift came from the continued conversation with the Mexican American studies and African American studies departments and which colleges they preferred to be integrated into, Sagatun-Edwards said.

The decision for each of these shifts came from individual department discussions and votes, Sagatun-Edwards said. In the case of the school of social work, there was a vote in August, in which it was expressed they wished to join the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. Later, the college executive council for the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, a group made up of chairs for the various departments, voted in favor of accepting their request.

The only difference in how the school will now run

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Yom Kippur celebrated by Jewish community

BY FARIDEH DADA
Daily Staff Writer

Jewish students will have a "break-the-fast-meal" on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, to break their 25-hour fast at sundown on Thursday, said Vanina Sandel, program director at the Hillel of Silicon Valley.

The Hillel of Silicon Valley is working with Jewish student organizations at four different campuses — San Jose State University, Santa Clara University, Foothill College and De Anza College — which will hold this year's "break-the-fast-meal" at Santa Clara University.

Sandel said Yom Kippur is the most important holiday of the Jewish year.

"It is a day set aside to afflict the soul, to atone for the sins of the past year," Sandel said.

From the time that Yom Kippur starts until sunset the next day, one is not allowed to eat or drink anything, said Michael Avrukin, a treasurer for the Jewish Student Union and an SJSU senior majoring in computer science.

"Taking of showers is prohibited, washing of teeth is prohibited, no sexual relations are allowed, and in general, one must enter the deepest state of mourning that one can possibly be in," Avrukin said.

Yom Kippur is a Torah-ordained holiday that is celebrated 10 days after Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year for personal introspection, Avrukin said.

Sandel said that Jews rule their life according to the Gregorian calendar — a modern calendar that is based on the solar calendar. However, there is also a Jewish calendar, based on the lunar cycles.

"Yom Kippur always falls on the same day of the Jewish calendar — the 10th of Tishrei," said Sue Maltiel, the executive director at the Hillel of Silicon Valley.

The dates between the two calendars — Gregorian calendar and lunar calendar — don't always coincide, which is why it seems that Yom Kippur falls on different dates each year.

During the actual day of Yom Kippur, most Jews attend synagogue — a place for worship and religious instruction in the Jewish faith — for deep prayer and repentance, Avrukin said. Hitting themselves on the chest, in the area of the heart as a symbol of grieving, is another custom of the day.

"Although Yom Kippur only lasts for one day, it can be compared to the Muslim's Ramadan," said Jason Goldstein, an SJSU communication major and one of the student leaders with the Jewish Student Union.

Jews fast from sunset to sunset in order to practice self-denial and to increase spirituality, Goldstein said. "This can be compared to Ramadan's idea of fasting in order to gain sympathy for those who go hungry as well as growth in one's spiritual life," he said.

Sandel said Yom Kippur is a complete Sabbath. It means that no work can be performed on that day, along with no eating and drinking, though she said any of the restrictions can be lifted where a threat to life or health is involved.

Yom Kippur atones only for sins between man and God, not for sins against another person, Sandel said. To atone for sins against another person, reconciliation with that person must be done before Yom Kippur.

One has to come to terms with any misdeeds or any sins against another person in the previous year before Yom Kippur, Avrukin said. Yom Kippur is the Day of Judgment, when people present their case to God to be judged.

Avrukin said during the ceremonies on Yom Kippur, many parts of the Torah are read and prayers related to forgiveness are spoken.

Judaism, a 3,500-year-old religion, teaches one to be humble in front of God, Avrukin said.

"In many cases prohibiting the wearing of fancy

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SPARTAN SOLUTIONS

Having a 'W' on transcript not as bad as some may think

Dear Spartan Solutions,

I am a student at SJSU. I got the waiver of my prerequisite class on Sept. 7. When I tried to drop the course, the system didn't allow me, so I couldn't drop it that time. I got the late-drop form and got it signed by my professor and submitted it to Academic Services.

Now they have dropped me from the course but with a "W." I have paid nonresident fees for that course, approximately \$1,900. Please guide me and help me in this matter, so I can get the "W" removed and get the refund.

Meenakshi Mittal

Dropping a class after the drop date, even with a late-drop form, may give the student a "W" on his or her file. But before anyone stresses out about having a "W," students should realize that the "W" is painless.

Alice Ting, acting director of academic services,

said there are two types of "W" marks. The first is the regular "W," which simply means the student has gone through the process of withdrawing from a class.

The second is "WU," which means the student "unsatisfactorily" withdrew from the class by not showing up to the class and not completing the coursework. This is the mark students want to avoid, Ting said.

"WU" marks will affect students' GPAs and transcripts, Ting said. A "WU" is like getting an "F."

The normal "W" mark, however, does not pose a threat to a student's educational record.

"A late drop, if successful, wouldn't affect a student's GPA," Ting said. Linda Florez, an adviser with Academic Services, said a lot of students who successfully perform late drops receive "W" marks simply as a time

indicator.

"They get the 'W' just because it was after the drop deadline," Florez said. "But it doesn't affect their GPA or anything."

As far as a refund goes, university bursar Marlene Anderson said students can't get refunds for only dropping some of the classes on their schedules. Regulations from the California State University chancellor's office state that students can only get refunds if they "withdraw from the university" and drop all of their classes.

After a certain date, however, students will only get a portion of their fees refunded if they drop all of their classes, Anderson said.

"They get a percentage refund through (half) of the (semester)," she said. "The last day for a percentage is Nov. 1, and students (might) get 40 per-

cent of their fees back."

As the date looms closer to Nov. 1, students will receive less and less of their tuition back if they withdraw from the university.

Anderson guessed that around Oct. 3, the university was giving back about 70 percent of the fees. But she said the computer system figures it out automatically, so no figure is set in stone.

Students who withdraw from the university do not have to do anything to collect their remaining fees, Anderson said. The computer system automatically mails students their checks.

John Myers is the Spartan Daily executive editor. "Spartan Solutions" appears every other Wednesday in print and occasionally online.



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TODAY

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 Studies buildings. For more information, contact the gallery office at 924-4330.

Career Center

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

Orientation Student Recruitment

Pick up an application to be an orientation adviser this summer in the Student Life and Leadership building. For more information, contact Julie Salandanan at 924-5972.

Vietnamese Student Association

A meeting will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Pacifica room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Chinh Vu at 821-7444.

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

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

THURSDAY

SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry

The Alpha Omega Student Fellowship will hold a meeting at 8 p.m. in the SJSU Catholic Campus Ministry Chapel. For more information, contact Kay Polintan at 938-1610.

Asian Baptist Student Koinonia

There will be a Bible study at 7 p.m. in the Guadalupe room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Diane Kim at 499-7153.

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SJSU Women's Rugby Club

There will be practice from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on 10th and Alma streets. For more information, contact Melody Ocampo (530) 574-0575.

Career Center

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

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There will be an event titled "Homosexuality and the Bible — What the Bible really says about homosexuality" at 3 p.m. in the Montalvo room of the Student Union. For more information, contact Chaplain Roger at 605-1687.

Listening Hour Concert Series

There will jazz combo playing 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.

Counseling Services

There will be a general process group from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in room 201 of the Administration building. For more information, contact Ellen Lin or Rachel Kitazono at 924-5910.

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GOT ISSUES?

COLUMN STRIVES TO HELP STUDENTS WITH SJSU RELATED PROBLEMS

Got an SJSU related problem or question? Too busy to solve it yourself? Want someone else to help you? Well, worry no longer.

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Make sure to include your name, year, major and contact information.

GUEST COLUMN

Google's new technologies require thoughtful users

Google has been in the news so much the past couple of weeks that I'm beginning to think they are attempting to take over Silicon Valley, if not the world.

Google has recently partnered with NASA to collaborate on technology-focused research and development activities, partnered with Sun Microsystems to promote and distribute each other's software and introduced a Web-based feed reader called Google Reader, a program designed to automatically prioritize and categorize news on the Web. Google Reader also allows users to share blogs in a simple way.

That's a lot to have done in two weeks, and that's not the half of it.

In the seven years Google has been a company, it has gone from a small Internet start-up company to a technological powerhouse and household name.

Google was created by two college kids named Larry Page and Sergey Brin. The pair bought a terabyte of disk space (roughly enough space to store 300 feature films) and created a new way to search the Web ... from a friend's garage.

They named their company after a number with the value of a one followed by 100 zeros. According to their Web site, Google's name reflects the company's desire to organize and make accessible the immense almost infinite amount of information available on the Web.

A tall order to fill, but it is one Google seems to be able to handle.

Take, for instance, the recently unveiled program "Google Earth," which delivers satellite images of the planet in such detail that one can actually see the roof tiles on their childhood homes.

Before you get too excited, though, the photos aren't current, so you won't be able to spy on your friends.

There's also Google Talk, an instant-messaging service that allows users to have conversations.

It seems every week Google launches another beta (a trial version of a program) and finds another frontier to explore.

Some might say Google has explored so much that the company is starting to step on some toes.

Think about it — eight years ago, you searched the Web — now, you "google" something or someone ... and a wealth of knowledge appears at your fingertips.

Google has provided e-mail, instant messaging, shopping, blogs, databases and news to its consumers.

With all the unedited news that popped up in Google searches about Hurricane Katrina from blogs around the globe, it's easy to see why the journalism community might be uneasy.

Anytime Joe Shmoe gets on his PC and updates his blog there are countless readers who might accept that unedited blog as truth.

A question arises: In all its information-providing glory, is Google really doing a service to the public

or rather allowing them to "personalize" their news to the extent that it no longer holds a shred of truth?

As any member of the press can tell you, the editing process is, and should be, long and arduous.

Printed news has been through many hands, all of which check facts in accordance with the journalistic ethics that form the backbone of the media.

Who is checking bloggers facts? No one.

Robin Sloan, a journalist from San Francisco, created a Flash video last November that deals with Google's involvement with this subject.

The video "Epic 2014" predicts that by the year 2014, newspapers will be relics of the past, replaced by a categorization system called EPIC (Evolved Personalized Information Construct) created by Google, which filters and delivers news in a highly individualized manner.

This may seem like science fiction, but Google Reader, which was just released at the Web 2.0 conference in San Francisco on Saturday, is eerily similar to the fictitious EPIC in personalization of blogs.

Is EPIC so far off?

Personalization is a big priority for Google. Every service they provide makes it easier for people to sort out the information they want to know.

It's amazing and frightening all at the same time. Google keeps moving at light speed and the media can barely keep up.

It's impossible to say how it will all turn out, but one can only hope that people will recognize the importance of checking facts with legitimate news organizations before they blindly believe anything they read on the Web.

In the end, it's up to the public. Google will go as far as their customers ask them to. We have a responsibility to demand that our information comes from reliable sources and not fall victim to the sensation and fluff that many untrained and unedited bloggers offer us.

Information is the product here, and Google provides.

It is when consumers allow their ignorance to be the filter for that information that problems arise.

Google claims part of their competitive edge is surprise and maybe that's partly because they don't even know what they'll come up with next.

One thing is certain — Google will keep trying to provide the most cutting-edge programs to its customers, as long as the demand is there.



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YOM KIPPUR - Jewish Student Union groups break 24-hour fast to commemorate 'holiest day of the year'

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clothing on Yom Kippur and specifically prohibiting the wearing of leather shoes — as those often symbolize wealth — good situation and sucking up which one should not do in front of the greatest judge of them all," Avrukin said.

There are very few Jewish students on campus, Sandel said, "but

we have a group of great students that are really active and always try to organize events for everybody, not just the Jewish students on campus."

The Jewish population at SJSU is assumed to be between 1 to 3 percent of the total student population, Maltiel said. The Jewish community in the Bay Area is estimated at 268,000, according to the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley.

The tradition of Yom Kippur is to spend as much time as possible in the synagogue, refrain from a lot of pleasures, and fast, Maltiel said.

Laura Rheinheimer, an SJSU journalism student, said Jewish students find it incredibly difficult to balance the holiday with schoolwork.

"The Jewish holiday season is in the middle of the semester," she said. "It lasts for almost two weeks

and this year it lands in the middle of midterms and paper deadlines. It is as if Christmas and New Year are landed in the middle of the term."

Rheinheimer said this is a time to spend with family, go to services and reflect on God and life, as well as the year to come.

The Jewish Student Union is an active club at SJSU, Avrukin said. It has monthly Israeli movie

nights, religious ceremonies and speaker panels with both student and faculty participation.

"We see ourselves as an integral part of the SJSU community and often strive to involve as many other on-campus clubs and organizations as we can in order to promote multicultural relations on the campus," Avrukin said.

In the Jewish Student Union, Avrukin said, there are atheist

Jews, reform Jews, and conservative Jews, who all have differing opinions on various issues and prescribe themselves in various laws and customs.

"Yet we are all Jewish," Avrukin said. "With various opinions, experiences, and beliefs, Jews are yet all united in the undividable belief in the existence of one all-powerful, all-creating, all-knowing God."

SOCIAL WORK - Shift may result in new opportunities

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is that it now works with the dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, and finances will run differently.

"The only exception is that their finances will be handled independently and then next year they will be fully integrated into our system," Sagatun-Edwards said. "We are working with them to train them on how we run the budget in our college. However, they are working as an independent unit in that regard."

Overall, the shift seems to be a

good one, Hines said. A professor in the school as well, she feels the move gives students and faculty more opportunities to explore new endeavors.

"I think it would be exciting to look at a way we can collaborate with other departments within CASA and work across the board, both on school, work and educational programs that we give to our students," Hines said.

Sagatun-Edwards agrees and said many students and faculty members are generally positive about the shift because there are opportunities that weren't there before.

"I don't think it will hurt the school of social work and might bring more people into it and since it's under CASA it will probably get more students to know more about it," said John Kuhlen, a senior majoring in justice studies and minoring in social work.

The move is allowing the school to hire three new tenure track faculty within the academic school year. The positions will focus on finding faculty to teach in the research and practice sequences for the master's programs and the policy sequence in undergraduate studies.

News in brief from around the Bay Area

REDWOOD CITY (AP) — A man who escaped from a hospital was arrested after stealing a pregnant woman's car, speeding off in her stolen vehicle and causing several collisions, authorities said.

Michael McKay, 30, was arrested on suspicion of carjacking, assault with a deadly weapon and felony hit-and-run. Security guards attempted to stop McKay as he fled the facility Saturday, said Sgt. Ed Hernandez of the Redwood City Police Department. Authorities would not say why McKay had been admitted to the hospital.

Robina Dutt-Singh said she was sitting in her car near Kaiser Medical Center when the man approached her screaming. He lunged for Singh's keys as she fled.

"I felt like I had lost the baby," said Singh, who is eight months pregnant.

Police said McKay lost control of the car and collided with three vehicles at a nearby intersection.

AID - Rep. Lofgren cosponsoring bill to repeal drug law

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The question on the application asks students whether or not they have been convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs. If they answer yes, they are sent a worksheet and, depending on when they were convicted, are either denied aid or their applications go through further processing.

Students that have been convicted could probably get away with lying on the form, Luu said.

"They can just say no and we can't really cross-check with the database," Luu said. "But most of the time I think the students are pretty honest about it."

The FAFA application reads the penalty for lying on the form

might be a \$20,000 fine, time in prison or both.

The Removing Impediments to Student Education Act a bill currently in the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, aims to repeal the drug provision of the Higher Education Act. Cooke said a similar bill was presented to 108th Congress, but did not pass.

He said it's likely the current bill will not pass either.

"It's just one lone, well-positioned congressman who's able to keep it on the books," Cooke said.

"The tide is definitely against the drug provision. It's only a matter of time before reason prevails in congress."

The bill is endorsed by 69 cosponsors, all representing the Democratic Party, including Rep. Zoe Lofgren of the 16th District of California, which includes San Jose.



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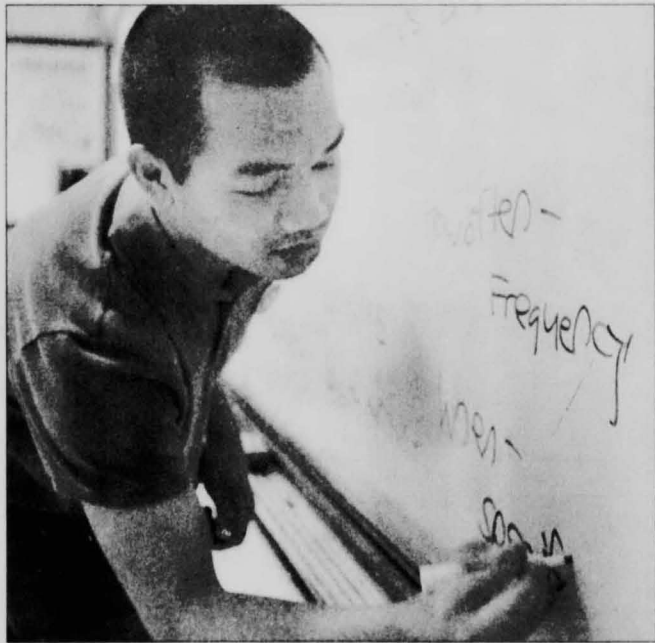
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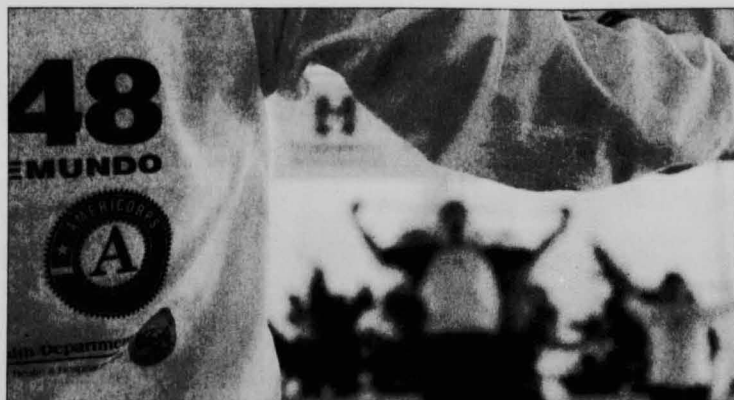
Curtis Chung, a senior majoring in kinesiology at San Jose State University, helps Salvador with his homework at the Smythe Clubhouse on Monday. Chung, who has been volunteering for the AmeriCorps Bridging Borders program since late August, spends 10 hours every week helping minority students, grades first through high school, develop their leadership and communication skills.

RIGHT: Gabriel, 7, receives tutoring twice a week from AmeriCorps volunteer Quincy Young, a theatre arts graduate student at SJSU. Young tutors second-grade students through Yes Reading, a nonprofit literacy organization located at Horace Mann Elementary.



ABOVE: Monyrith King, a senior majoring in hospitality management at SJSU, focuses Monday night's lesson on commas.

RIGHT: In partnership with Health Trust, AmeriCorps volunteers demonstrate health awareness to the immigrant community through stretching exercises at the bi-annual Health Fair located at the San Jose Flea Market on Saturday.



Committed to change

Photos and story
by Diana Diroy / Daily Staff

Many San Jose State University students may not know about an on-campus program that not only gives students a chance to give back to their community, but also, in return, let's them receive a \$2,750 living stipend and a \$1,250 education award.

The program is called AmeriCorps Bridging Borders.

From helping minority children build communication and leadership skills to teaching English to a class of immigrant adult students, AmeriCorps strives to better involve the immigrant communities in San Jose.

Currently, there are about 40 students who are members in this program.

Quincy Young, a theatre arts graduate student, works at Horace Mann Elementary, one of the several sites that AmeriCorps is in partnership with. He tutors students and helps them with their assigned homework.

"I think it's a blessing to have

this opportunity to work with children and teach," Young said. "It's a great way to give back and get some income at the same time."

Although some income is involved, Sadie Seraaj, the AmeriCorps recruiter and past volunteer, said the students who stick to the program solely for the money usually drop out.

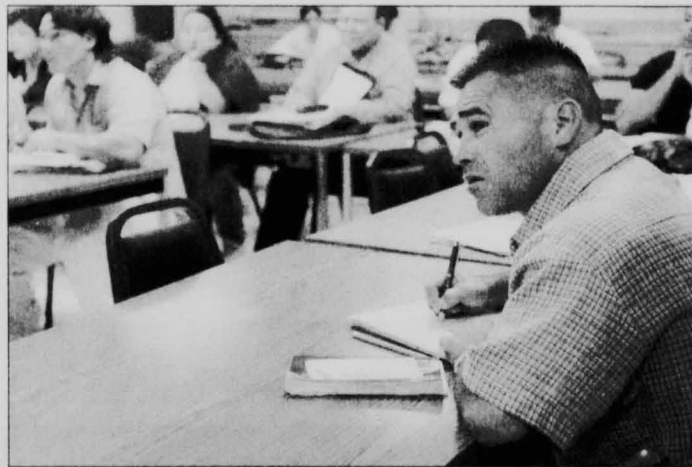
"It's all about the service," Seraaj said.

With a 10-month commitment, volunteers spend 450 hours in the program — 360 hours of service and 90 hours of professional development. Professional development includes bi-monthly seminars and community events

like the Health Trust Fair which reaches out to the immigrant community and makes immigrants aware of health benefits that are available to them.

Curtis Chung, a senior majoring in kinesiology, also helps students at another after school program located at the Smythe Clubhouse. Chung said, "It's a good experience to go out to the community and do service. You meet new people and get experience at the same time."

AmeriCorps information tables will be out on campus this week. Interested students are encouraged to apply by the Oct. 21 application deadline.



ABOVE: In the Immigration and Citizenship Program at the Center for Employment Training, a class of about 15 immigrant students are taught English and grammar. This "beginning high" level class teaches students to speak and write basic sentences.

Volleyball team hoping to stay perfect at home

BY CHEETO BARRERA
Daily Staff Writer

Coming off a weekend series on the road, the San Jose State University volleyball team will try to continue its perfect home record when Louisiana Tech University and New Mexico State University come to town.

VOLLEYBALL NOTEBOOK

The Spartans, 7-9 overall and 2-2 in Western Athletic Conference play, lost to the University of Nevada in three games on Thursday then traveled to Utah State University on Saturday and lost in four games.

While the Spartans are a tropical storm on the road, they become a hurricane at home.

SJSU is a perfect 2-0 at Spartan Gym since the home opener

Sept. 22 against the University of Idaho.

Middle blocker Dyana Thompson said the team is always excited to play at home and has the capability to always win.

"I can't wait," said Thompson, who is second on the team in blocks with 45. "It's good to play in front of a home crowd."

"When we lose on the road we always say we will come home and beat them."

Colleen Burke said being at home will help the team recover from last week.

"It will be nice to come home and play in front of our fans," she said.

Libero Jessie Shull said the traveling took a lot out of the team.

"We had a tough time especially traveling the same day, like we did with Nevada," Shull said.

"It's going to be nice to be on our home court, back playing at an elevation we are used to and balls we are used to," she said.

Shull also noted playing in Reno was very cold and it will be nice playing in Spartan Gym where she doesn't have to worry about it.

Louisiana Tech and New Mexico State, which is new to the WAC this year.

SJSU will first face Louisiana Tech, 13-7 overall and 1-5 in WAC, at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Before beginning WAC play, Louisiana Tech only lost two matches — going 12-2 in nonconference play.

But since beginning conference play, the Lady Techsters have begun to slide, winning one match in their last six.

The Spartans faced the Lady Techsters last year when they

played a full five games before SJSU came through with the victory.

But some of the players said last year is completely different.

"La. Tech, historically, has been an easy win, but we don't know this year," Shull said.

"It is kind of exciting to play a whole new team."

Thompson said the Spartans are going to come and play, adding that they have no idea what they will face when they play Louisiana Tech and New Mexico State.

"We don't always know what to expect," Thompson said. "We are going to go hard and play hard."

"You can expect a good match."

New Mexico State, 12-4 overall and 2-3 in conference play, will play the Spartans at 7 p.m. on Saturday in Spartan Gym.

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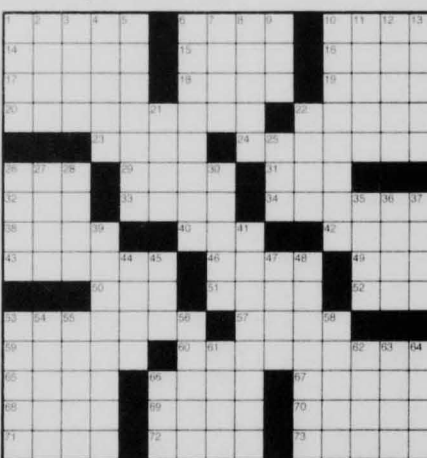
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Film chronicles fall of Commie witch hunter

George Clooney directs black-and-white feature 'Good Night, and Good Luck'

BY ERIN CABALLERO
Daily Senior Staff Writer

For every two hundred pointless vapid movies, there is only one movie that inspires the average Joe and Jane the courage to voice an unpopular opinion. For every two

MOVIE REVIEW

hundred mindless comedies, there is about one tour de force, mind-altering cinematic revolutionary: *Good Night, and Good Luck*.

"*Good Night, and Good Luck*," starring George Clooney, Jeff Daniels and Robert Downey Jr., tells a true tale far more frightening than any run-of-the-mill slash-flick or campfire ghost story.

It paints a picture of liberties lost at the hands of Commie-hunter Senator Joseph McCarthy, as well as those too timid to speak out. In the 1950's the Cold War was in full swing and McCarthy was making American citizens afraid that its capitalist way of life would be overrun by "Godless Communists" hiding within the populace. To protect America from these Communists, McCarthy bullies many innocent people into false confessions of being Communists or Soviet sympathizers.

Actor David Strathairn plays

"*Good Night, and Good Luck*" is a horrifying reminder of what happens when fear and ignorance, as opposed to basic reason and human rights, control our God-given free will.

television anchor Edward R. Murrow, a courageous journalist who, along with his equally brave colleagues, placed apolitical social and legal justice over appeasement.

The film is shot entirely in black and white and the reporters plan a course of action for exposing McCarthy in billowing clouds of cigarette smoke and comradery.

Murrow blatantly questions Senator McCarthy in his evening news program, risking his career and the careers of many others in the process. It doesn't take very long for McCarthy to start accusing the people of the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), where Murrow and his people work, of being subversives.

This is a must-see movie, one that every thinking American needs to see. In today's social and political climate, where critical thinking and questioning authority seems to have become an act of treason, "*Good Night,*

and *Good Luck*" is a horrifying reminder of what happens when fear and ignorance, as opposed to basic reason and human rights, control our God-given free will.

"*Good Night, and Good Luck*" is the reason movies are made. Forget the blockbuster flick, scrap the plan to go see the usual production and spend your precious dollars on this perfect piece of independent filmmaking.

It's also a great opportunity to see George Clooney with an extra 20 pounds or so — it's nice to see him play a different character other than himself, with the stubble and the Caesar-style haircut that all the women seem to swoon for. He really gets into the character, along with a temporarily sober Robert Downey

Jr. Perhaps this could be the beginning of something beautiful — actual acting for Clooney and sobriety for the talented-but-tortured Downey.

Please see this movie — we cannot let it fall to the wayside for a want of an audience. Its message is too precious and in too much peril, to be relegated to the obscure theaters of San Francisco. We are what we watch, and to extend that line of reasoning: are we blockbuster sheep or independent wolves?

"*Good Night, and Good Luck*" was released on October 7 in Los Angeles, New York and San

Francisco, but is scheduled for wider release on Friday.

'Good Night, and Good Luck'

Rated: PG

Runtime: 93 minutes

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Written by George Clooney,

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In this challenging entry level manager trainee position, you will learn what it takes to manage and grow a multi-million dollar business successfully! You will be responsible for varied daily management decisions in many areas including sales/marketing, customer service, fleet distribution, business development, and cost control responsibilities. You will gain valuable experience through dealings with customers and interactions with local businesses. A vital component in the Hertz service network, Management Trainees use their management skills daily to make certain that people and equipment are in the right place at the right time. With your entrepreneurial spirit, you will gain a working, on-site knowledge of growing the business that can propel you into higher management positions within 6-18 months!

This is a ground floor position with tremendous opportunities for growth, training, and performance advancement. We offer competitive pay and incentive program with opportunities for increased pay along with quarterly bonuses and a company car upon future promotions!

Please email your resume to: mschneider@hertz.com if you are interested in Peninsula, Silicon Valley, and South Bay areas.

Want to be an Integral Part of a Winning Team?

Success breeds success at OmniVision, the leader in single-chip CMOS camera solutions. A HOT company, OmniVision is #1 in revenue of Fortune 100's fastest-growing companies for the last three years combined.

What's more, we're the market leader in design and development of CMOS-based image processing solutions, and we're looking for motivated team players to help us realize our vision.

We currently have full time positions available for Masters and PhD graduates in variety of engineering functions, plus intern opportunities in Engineering and Technical Marketing. Our employees have the opportunity to impact the company's bottom line and future growth. We offer great career advancement opportunities, excellent compensation, benefits, recognition and rewards, and the opportunity to work in the heart of Silicon Valley.

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See you at the Technical Career Fair at the Student Union Ballroom on October 13th.

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