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Albert Do, center, reaches to block a shot during muggle quidditch Friday on the A.S. lawn. The volleyball, called a quaffle, was shot by Julian Rosenberg, right, giving his team one point. The team placed fifth out of 19 teams at the Western Cup on March 10 at UCLA. Photo by Raphael Kluzniok / Spartan Daily

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# SJSU may axe localized admissions

by Samantha Clark  
Staff Writer

SJSU may change its admission guidelines to not guarantee admissions to local-area students who meet CSU minimum requirements.

William Nance, interim vice president for student affairs, said the changes base acceptance more on merit rather than locality.

SJSU is proposing to change admission guidelines for the 2013-2014 academic year because impaction is a major problem.

Nance said impaction is when a campus receives more qualified applicants beyond its capacity.

"The problem is that the demand for the campus is at unprecedented levels and coupling that with the budget cuts reduces the ability guarantee local students," said Mike Uhlenkamp, a CSU spokesman.

He said that the amount of funding campuses receive forces them to walk the fine line of being able to take all qualified students and give them a quality education.

Three changes are being proposed, including listing "undeclared" as an impacted major.

Nance said 43,000 potential students applied to SJSU for the fall 2012 semester, and that this is the fourth

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# CSU engineering alumni numbers skyrocketing

by Christian Gin  
Staff Writer

The number of engineering alumni produced by the California State University system has greatly increased since 2003.

According to the CSU website, 45 percent of engineering alumni who graduated from a university in California are from the CSU system.

"The hands-on experience is what has helped," said Nicole Okamoto, an associate professor of the mechanical and aerospace engineering department. "This helps students make a transition to the real world."

Okamoto said the location of SJSU in Silicon Valley has also made a difference for more engineers at the CSUs.

"San Jose State is right in the heart of Silicon Valley," Okamoto said. "Major companies like Google and Apple started here."

Some students said there are several opportunities for engineers in the workforce when graduating from SJSU.

"SJSU's proximity to Silicon Valley is what motivates students," said Nelson Wong, a junior computer engineering major. "There are several different internships that someone can pick up."

Wong said the engineering department at SJSU does a good job reaching out to companies to speak.

"Companies such as IBM and Intel have come out to speak," Wong said. "It's great that our school has a strong connection with several companies that can always use engineers."

The engineering department hosts a symposium every other Thursday afternoon, according to Wong.

Wong said these companies give advice for future engineers as well as the visions and goals of what they hope for in the future.

Senior civil engineer Mike Phan, a transfer student from UC Davis, said the classes provide a more realistic experience than others.

Phan said he was impressed with what the professors at SJSU had to offer in comparison to his previous experience at UC Davis.

"When I was at UC Davis, I felt the professors were more research oriented," Phan said. "At San Jose State, I feel that professors are more knowledgeable of the real world experience. Rather than being a professor, you can tell from lectures and labs that they

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# Various CSUs to halt Spring 2013 enrollment

McClatchy Tribune  
Wire Service

LOS ANGELES — Facing uncertain budget prospects, California State University officials announced plans to freeze enrollment next spring at most campuses and to wait-list all applicants the following fall pending the outcome of a proposed tax initiative on the November ballot.

The university is moving to reduce enrollment to deal with \$750 million in funding cuts already made in the 2011-12 fiscal year and position itself for at least an additional \$200 million cut next year if the tax proposal fails.

The move is a high-stakes gambit that could deny tens of thousands of students access to the state's largest public university system; it also pressures voters to support the tax increase. That proposal, backed by California Gov. Jerry Brown, is intended to avoid so-called trigger cuts that will dramatically affect the state's public colleges and universities.

**"Part of what we need to educate the board about is what cutting \$200 million entails."**

-Robert Turnage, Cal State assistant vice chancellor

The majority of Cal State's 23 campuses won't be accepting any new students under the plan. But eight campuses — Channel Islands, Chico, East Bay, Fullerton, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Bernardino and

Sonoma — will accept only a few hundred students transferring from community colleges for the Spring 2013 semester.

Typically, Cal State's campuses receive 70,000 applications in the spring and 16,000 students enroll.

In Fall 2012, none of the campuses will make early admissions decisions, and all applicants — including prospective freshmen — will be warned that admittance is contingent on the outcome of the tax measure. Enrollment at individual campuses for Fall 2013 will depend on funding and will probably be more restrictive.

Out-of-state students, who represent only about 3 percent to 4 percent of the system's total, will probably not be affected because their higher tuition covers the cost of instruction, officials said.

Fall applications typically number about 700,000, with 90,000 of those eventually enrolling.

The university aims to reduce overall enrollment by about 3 percent if trigger cuts are ordered, with 20,000 to 25,000 eligible students turned away in Fall 2013, Robert Turnage, Cal State assistant vice chancellor for budget, said during a telephone briefing with reporters Monday.

"We need to keep some balance between the number of students we're enrolling and serving and the resources we have," Turnage said. "If we let everyone in who is eligible, the quality of services that students get and the quality of programs for everyone plunges."

The plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees at a meeting in Long Beach on Tuesday. Chancellor Charles Reed has the authority to shrink enrollment without approval from the board.

The alternative to such steep measures would be to further increase tuition, a strategy for which Cal State has come under scathing criticism. Tuition has increased six years in a row, including a 9 percent hike this fall that will raise the annual rate for undergraduates to \$5,970, not including housing, campus-based fees, books and other costs that can top more than \$25,000.

"Nobody seems to like fee increases," Turnage said. "But it comes down to either increasing revenue or cutting spending. Part of what we need to educate the board about is what cutting \$200 million entails."

Education experts said the news from Cal State was disappointing but not unexpected.

"Based on the devastating cuts Cal State has had to take, this was only a matter of time in coming," said Michele Siqueiros, executive director of the nonprofit Campaign for College Opportunity. "It's unfortunate and it's unfair to students who are not going to have an equal shot at getting into and going to college at one of California's public universities. It's also backward for the state. We are on track to have a generation less educated than we are, and this action doesn't help the case."

Cal State's pre-emptive move is in contrast to the University of California, which has no specific plans to cut overall enrollment at its 10 campuses next year, said spokeswoman Dianne Klein. But if the tax measure fails in November and no other revenue sources emerge, reducing enrollment is among several options that might be considered for Fall 2013, she said.

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# FORUM: Budget may force changes

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year of impaction.

Nance said labeling the undeclared major as impacted would help the university manage the number of students admitted.

All majors at SJSU are currently impacted, except for undeclared, according to Nance.

Nance gave the example of students who aren't admitted to their choice of major because they did not meet the GPA requirement but are then admitted to the university as undeclared students.

He added that having the undeclared major categorized as impacted sets appropriate expectations that are more realistic for admitted students.

"The impaction changes make sure students have the opportunities to be successful by not over enrolling," Nance said.

To maintain enrollment numbers, the second proposed change is to enforce campus-specific minimum requirements for admissions consideration that have higher standards than set by the CSU.

Currently, CSU applicants are required to meet the CSU minimum eligibility requirements, which state that freshmen must have at least a 2.0 GPA.

The proposed changes seek to establish campus-level minimum requirements, meaning that freshmen and transfer students who meet the CSU requirements may not meet SJSU's requirements and consequently may be denied admission.

"It is troubling because my major, business, is already impacted," said Alicia Graziani, a third-year student at West Valley College. "I would not really have any other place to go to."

The third proposal is for SJSU to establish a program called "Spartan Pathways."

Nance said the intent behind the program is to help students from possibly disadvantage backgrounds or who have done outstanding community work.

"Spartan Pathways" would serve both freshmen and transfer applicants who do not meet

major or campus minimum eligibility requirements but do meet CSU requirements.

The program gives them the opportunity to "explain beyond a quantified GPA of why would they be successful," Nance said.

The budget restrictions on the CSU limit the ability of the university to accept all qualified students.

Nance said that if any campus accepts more students than allowed in the CSU limitation "window," the CSU charges for those student fees.

The CSU mandated that student enrollment must be limited to 103 percent, and for every percent over that limit, the campus pays a \$1 million fine, according to Shawn Bibb, chief financial officer and vice president for administration and finance.

He reported in the Academic Senate meeting on March 12 that SJSU accepted 106 percent for fall's enrollment, so it has to pay \$3 million to the CSU.

Nance said at the Academic Senate meeting that SJSU would give preference — but not guarantee admission — to local students, and that the new admission changes are in response to impaction and the campus wanting to give priority to students while figuring out how to maintain student capacity.

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The enrollment changes will place even more of a burden on students, particularly those who plan to transfer from community colleges. Many of them have been unable to graduate or transfer because of course reductions, said Kevin Feliciano, a student at Ohlone College in Fremont who is president of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges.

"With the budget cuts at the community colleges resulting in the reduction of course sections, students who had to stay an extra semester or quarter who were hoping for spring 2013 admissions to a CSU will now need to wait an extra term," Feliciano said. "The students have nowhere to go."

Besides enrollment, Cal State trustees will grapple with another issue Tuesday as they consider awarding 10 percent pay hikes to incoming presidents at the Fullerton and East Bay campuses. The annual salary for incoming Fullerton President Mildred Garcia is recommended at \$324,500 — 10 percent more than her predecessor, Milton Gordon, who made \$295,000. Garcia also earned \$295,000 as president of Cal State Dominguez Hills.

President Leroy Morishita's recommended salary at Cal State East Bay is \$303,660 — 10 percent more than predecessor Mohammad Qayoumi — plus an additional \$60,000 for housing. Morishita had been earning \$276,055 as interim president at the campus.

Garcia and Morishita would also receive a \$12,000-per-year car allowance and other benefits.

The pay hikes are in line with a policy adopted in January to cap the pay of executives at 10 percent above that of their predecessor, with a limit of \$325,000 in public funds.

The move was designed to deflect scrutiny of presidential compensation after trustees approved an annual salary of \$400,000 — \$350,000 in general funds and \$50,000 from a campus foundation — for Elliot Hirshman, the new president of San Diego State, at the same meeting last July at which tuition was increased by 12 percent.

# ENGINEERS: San Jose a good location

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have worked as an engineer in the past."

Luke Dang, a junior civil engineering major, said he believes the increase in engineering graduates from CSUs stems from the lower cost of tuition compared to University of California system and private schools.

"The cost of being a student at SJSU is much more affordable than a UC," Dang said. "I feel that the CSUs are more technical, even if it isn't a name school in California."

On the contrary, Thuy Le, electrical engineering associate chair, felt that this statistic was misleading from what he has seen at SJSU.

The industry has rocketed and companies like Texas Instruments, Cisco, IBM, Intel and Hewlett-Packard are looking for engineers, according to Le.

Le said unfortunately the number of engineers have decreased mostly in the electrical engineering field in the past few years.

"Engineering students at SJSU have dropped," Le said. "The competition for engineers has been so fierce that students have moved away from engineering."

Okamoto said SJSU's engineering curriculum is what is unique for senior projects.

"The engineering school works on the process of building and critical thinking,"

Okamoto said.

"This prepares students as a transition to the real world." The goal for the engineering department is to be more disciplinary in practices and help students transition to

the workforce, according to Okamoto.

"The faculty's number one focus is to teach students," Okamoto said. "It isn't just research, but for students to experience what it's like to be an engineer."

# ON THIS DAY IN 1981 THE SPARTAN DAILY REPORTED...



**Above:** SJSU student Calvin Walker (right) stalks Andy Nance in the finals for the 139 pound senior crown at the '81 Golden Gloves. **Photo by Steve Relova / Spartan Daily**

**Walker fights through trail of tragedy:** On the first day of the San Francisco Examiner Golden Gloves tournament, Calvin Walker's father died from cancer of the liver and pancreas, and he considered pulling out of the tournament. Walker, 24, was favored to win the 139 pound senior crown at the tournament.

**County Transit may strike, drivers to vote on Sunday:** Santa Clara County transit employees were preparing to stop working immediately starting Sunday, March 22, if the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors rejected their final contract offer. Bronwen Britton, executive officer for Local 265 of the Amalgamated Transit Union and Transit Drivers, said she could not discuss the the terms for the contract voting on Sunday night.

**A.S. trio leaves meeting in attempt to prevent board vote on funding:** A.S. board member Diane Varouchakis said that she would challenge the legality of the \$3,512 allocation to Lesbian and Gay Awareness Week and the \$1,097 allotment to the Disabled Students Association. Varouchakis, and fellow directors Ed Asiano and Diane Scher left the meeting to prevent the vote from happening.



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# Apple Inc. sells three million new iPads in three days

McClatchy Tribune  
Wire Service

LOS ANGELES — Just three days after Apple Inc. launched the newest iPad in stores, the company announced it has sold 3 million units.

Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of global marketing, said it was the strongest iPad release yet.

Analysts had anticipated that the third-generation iPad would be a strong seller — Apple had described pre-orders for the device as “off the charts” — but the general consensus was that Apple would sell 2 million to 3 million units by the end of March.

The iPad, which was available for pre-order starting March 9, was launched in 10 markets Friday: the U.S. (including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands), Canada, Australia, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, Switzerland and Britain.

On Friday, the newest iPad is set to launch in 25 additional markets: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg,

Macao, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

“We can't wait to get it into the hands of even more customers around the world Friday,” Schiller said in a statement released by Apple.

Separately, research firm IHS iSuppli said in its tear-down analysis that the new iPad costs more to make than the iPad 2.

The 32-gigabyte version of the new iPad with 4G LTE wireless costs \$375 to make. That's about 50 percent of the tablet's \$729 price tag. The comparable iPad 2 with 3G wireless, when launched last year, cost Apple about 9 percent less to build, according to IHS. That iteration carried a cost of about \$335 for materials and manufacturing.

A higher-resolution screen, battery with longer life and 4G LTE capability are adding to the higher cost, the firm found.

“For the third-generation new iPad, Apple has taken a significant step up in display capabilities and expense, at four times the resolution and 53 percent more cost,” Andrew Rassweiler,



Apple employees cheer as they prepare to open the store in The Mall at Millenia for the first day of sales of the new iPad 3, in Orlando, Florida, Friday. Photo by Joe Burbank / MCT

senior principal analyst for IHS' tear-down services, said in a news release.

The retina display, the most obvious enhancement on the

latest generation of the device — with resolution of 2,048 pixels by 1,536 pixels — is the most expensive single component, at \$87, IHS said. The display on

earlier iPad models cost Apple \$30 less.

And who is getting the bigger slice of the Apple pie? Samsung, again. Supplying the reti-

na display and the applications processor gives Samsung a 30.2 percent share of the parts for the 32-gigabyte LTE iPad, the largest of any supplier, IHS said.

## Judge rules to release details of pepper-spray incident

McClatchy Tribune  
Wire Service

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — An Oakland judge on Friday set the stage for the release of most of an investigation into the Nov. 18 pepper-spraying incident at the University of California, Davis, but he agreed to keep confidential some portions about individual police officers — at least for now.

The ruling by Alameda Superior Court Judge Evelio Grillo left both sides claiming partial victory in a dispute

over how much detail can be released about the actions of UC Davis police during a campus demonstration last fall over tuition hikes.

He also appeared to clear the way for release soon of a lengthy report on the incident by former state Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso, the first in a series of inquiries into how plans to remove the protesters turned into a nightmare for the university and its students.

The Reynoso report was coupled with an investigation by Kroll, a security consulting

company led by former Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton.

“Now the university can release virtually the entire report by Justice Reynoso and large portions of the Kroll report,” said Michael Risher, an attorney for the Northern California branch of the American Civil Liberties Union.

“It's a clear win for the university and a clear loss for the officers. For us, it's in-between.”

Risher, who is suing the university on behalf of students hit by pepper spray, fought to win

release of all the documents used in the investigation, which originally was requested by UC Davis Chancellor Linda P.B. Katehi.

The report was set to be unveiled March 6 at a campus meeting, but a legal challenge by the union representing campus police halted the release and led to Friday's court ruling in Oakland.

John Bakhit, an attorney for the Federated University Police Officers Association, filed a court challenge contending that the report could not be

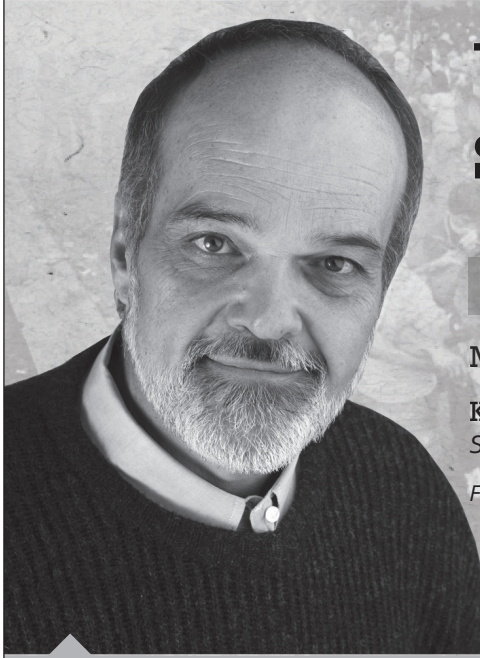
released with information about campus officers that could affect their jobs.

“We believe we accomplished our goal today,” Bakhit said in the courthouse hallway after the judge issued a preliminary injunction to protect the portions of the reports that named officers and criticized their actions.

The pepper-spray controversy erupted Nov. 18 after Occupy UC Davis students and supporters set up a tent encampment on campus to protest rising college costs.

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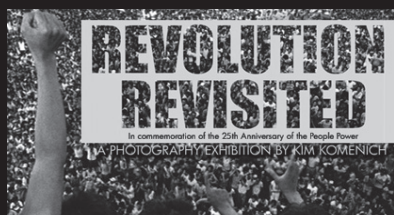
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# Student group KOH has a big heart for making its unique SoCal sound

by Eddie Fernandez  
Staff Writer

It's a Monday night and across the street from SJSU vocalists Shelby Spears and Jeff Judge gather in Judge's house around a Mac computer — blasting music, smoking a hookah and sampling music tracks.

Ranging from Rick Ross to The Beatles, the group uses these influences to create free-styling flows with and without paper which they hope will land on their potential CD.

Judge, an SJSU graduate, and Spears, a junior justice studies major, met through SJSU sorority Alpha Phi's annual philanthropy event called, King of Hearts, two years ago.

King of Hearts, known as "KOH," hopes their Southern California perception translates into a potential deal with a record company one day.

The group's laid-back attitude and passion for music invites listeners to its version of what should be the Hollywood lifestyle with humbleness and drive to do what they love — being on stage.

KOH's fun attitude toward

one another can be summed up with the phrases "Big dumb idiot" and "Hey guy," which is how they refer to each other at times.

"When listening to their music, it's clear that KOH has inspirations beyond the average musician," said Mathew Scates, an SJSU graduate and friend of the group. "(This) puts them ahead of the curve."

KOH's catchy club beats are combined with the chill California vibe — the group said it gets its sound and has influences from alternative and hip-hop music.

"KOH has a unique sound that is an amalgam of house music and pop," Owen Huang, another friend of the group and senior business marketing major, stated in an email. "They find all the best traits from different music groups — such as Schwayze, LM-FAO, Dev (and) Cataracs — and implement it in their own music to create an original sound."

Spears said the group's music is defined as "Hippy Pop."

"We decided to take that sub-urban sound of alternative (and) pop and mix it with the hip-hop," Spears said.

With the help from music beat samples of mainstream artists and their producer, KOH freestyles to the beat with

Judge starting the track off like any other with his fast flow, similar to Eminem's energy and assertiveness.

"I like to just play the beat on repeat and freestyle to it to get an idea of how my flow will be for my verse," Judge said. "Once I have the rhythm of my flow down I will start writing."

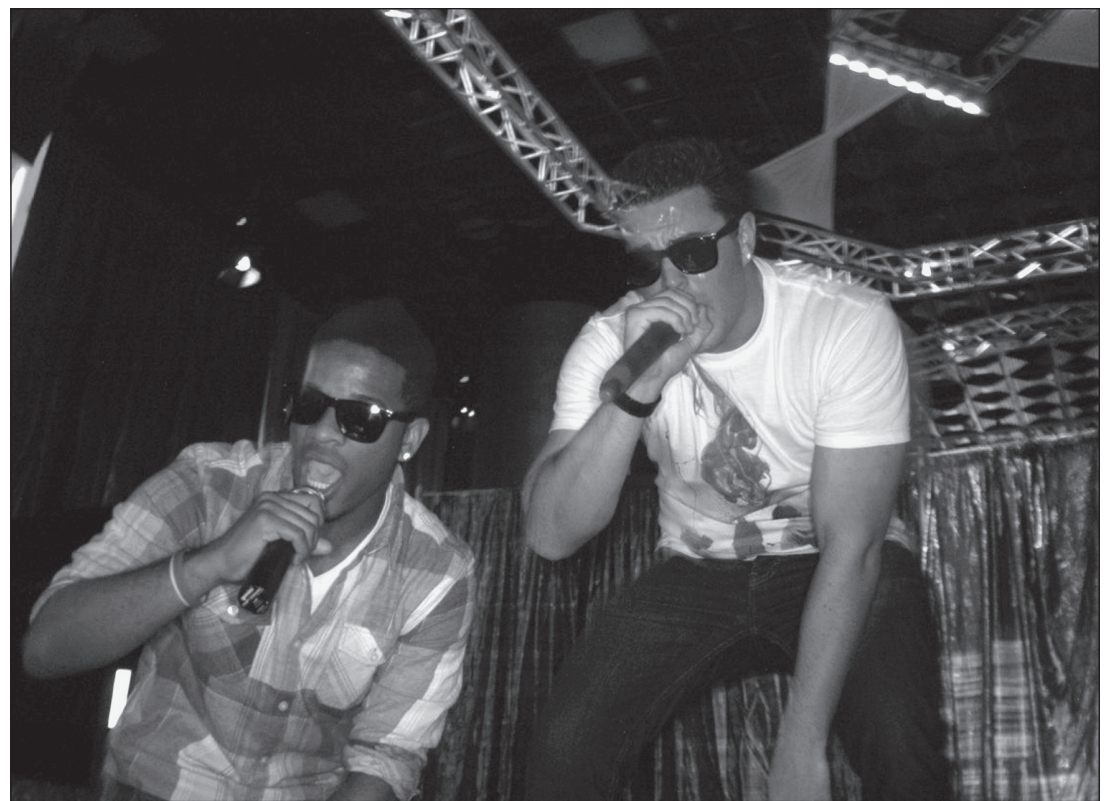
The group said that they do their music mainly for them — they're not really trying to go out and impress a lot of people.

In the past, they said they got down on themselves because they wanted to impress a lot of people and wanted to put out songs people wanted to hear.

Producer and DJ Chris Webb met with the group later and is the other half of music, laying the beats down for the group with instrumentals similar to Timberland and trying to give listeners a fresh mixture of past music fused with present club bangers beats.

"Music has always been a passion for me ever since I was introduced to it in the fourth grade, during that required — and what seemed to be boring — music class," Webb said.

Webb said he met both Judge and Spears stumbling across their Facebook pages and then



Singers Shelby 'Shelcity' Spears, a junior justice studies major, left, and SJSU alumnus Jeff Judge, right, perform at Studio 8 in downtown San Jose as the hip hop group King of Hearts, a.k.a. KOH on March 8. Photo by Sierra Duren / Spartan Daily

messaged them for possible collaboration.

Spears, who goes by Shelcity, comes in on the track with his distinctive smooth and ladies man tone of voice on the chorus, reinforcing Judge's view of three men solely wanting good company, the joy of performing and hopeful success from music.

"My thought process before singing is pretty much thinking how I'm going to rip this hook up," Spears said. "I try my best to sound as clean as I possibly can."

He said he gets into the character of Shelcity before killing a track.

KOH's music emulates the small things in a Hollywood atmosphere — driving down the beaches with a woman, drinking champagne in clubs and not losing track of who they are.

"Our ultimate thing is to have a show where you can just put the mic to the crowd and let them sing the song," Judge said. "Thousands of people singing what you wrote —

there's no better feeling."

Judge added that the group performs a special ritual before getting on stage, but mentioned that it should not be revealed.

KOH has opened for artists such as Bay Area rappers Andre Nickatina and Bobby Brackins and non-local artists Audio Push and Mickey Avalon.

KOH will continue to showcase their talent this Thursday at Studio 8 Nightclub on South First Street.

## REVIEW

# '21 Jump Street' has high laughs with TV redo



Channing Tatum, left, and Jonah Hill play undercover cops who return to high school to make a drug bust in '21 Jump Street.' Photo courtesy of allmoviephoto.com

by Rebecca Duran  
Staff Writer



While most remakes stay similar to the original, "21 Jump Street" is a clever, funny version of the old TV series that starred a young Johnny Depp.

This remake takes the premise of the original show — two cops going undercover in a high school — and gives it a comedic spin without becoming a ridiculous spoof.

I had low expectations for the film for the exact reason I came out loving it — the fact that it is so different from what I've seen of the show.

I found the movie hilarious and creative for not staying too true to the show.

I knew I was going to enjoy the movie as soon as Eminem's "Real Slim Shady" played over the opening scene, showing Jonah Hill as a bleach-blond high school student in 2005.

Hill plays Schmidt, a nerd who can't get his dream date for prom.

Channing Tatum plays Jenko, a popular jock who picks on Schmidt.

They find themselves reunited at a police academy, calling a truce and becoming friends only to end up as measly park cops.

They hilariously help each other out through each of their strengths — Schmidt the brains and Jenko the brawn.

When they fail to make an arrest, they are assigned to 21 Jump Street, an abandoned Korean church that is now a secret headquarters.

This is when they meet the hilariously deadpan Captain Dickson, played by Ice Cube.

He assigns them to investigate a high school, hoping to make a major bust for the drug "HFS," which killed one student.

This film proceeds to smartly blend humor and the theme of not changing who you are or turning your back on your true friends.

They use the aliases Doug and Brad McQuaid, posing as brothers even though they look nothing alike.

Schmidt becomes friends with Eric, a popular student played by Dave Franco.

He becomes a part of the popular crowd because it is now cool to be smart and care about things like the environment.

He falls for Molly, a girl in the popular crowd, played by Brie Larson.

Jenko ends up becoming friends with the science nerds, a far cry from how he was in high school.

It is in this reversal of roles that both characters get to see the other side, with Jenko learning that being a nerd can be fun, and Schmidt learning that being popular isn't everything.

While Tatum may not be the best in dramatic roles, he is great in comedy.

He and Hill make an unlike-

ly funny duo, while not making the movie too ridiculous or over-the-top.

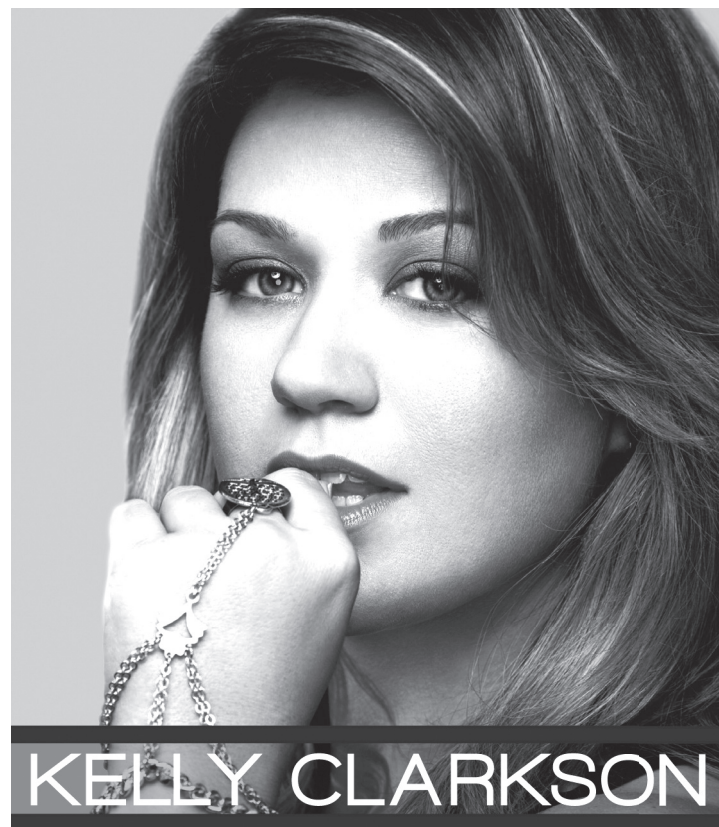
As funny as Hill was, I felt that the one thing that bugged me is his signature acting method-getting exasperated or flustered with everything.

The movie has great comedic scenes, the funniest being when they take HFS and the

shenaigans they get into when it takes effect.

After all the comedy, the action accumulates at the end of the movie with a bust for HFS, where a couple surprises take place.

In the end, the partners realize they will always be best friends, no matter what happened during their undercover operation.



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Jonah Hill, left, and Channing Tatum in Columbia Picture's '21 Jump Street.' Photo courtesy of allmoviephoto.com

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SEATTLE — For nearly a week, the military kept a lid of secrecy over the Army soldier from Joint Base Lewis-McChord suspected of killing 16 Afghan villagers.

At the base south of Tacoma, Wash., officials advised Army families in his unit to stay quiet and admonished the press to respect their privacy.

At the Pentagon, senior officials leaked out selected details of the soldier's background even as they removed links to public-affairs articles that detailed some of his experiences in Iraq and his involvement in a training exercise in Afghanistan.

But as the week wore on, the Defense Department began to lose control of the flow of information about the suspect, and the portrait that emerged was of a soldier who earlier had performed with honor on the battlefield yet struggled on the homefront.

This narrative has intensified debate about how long U.S. troops should stay in Afghanistan. It also turns some of the scrutiny back onto the Army, and on whether enough is being done to support combat troops as they face the physical and emotional tolls of lives split, often over the course of multiple tours, between combat zones and families.

John Henry Browne, a media-savvy Seattle attorney, announced Thursday that he had spoken with the suspect and would represent him. Browne then promptly held a news conference, describing his client as a dedicated but war-weary soldier who, after injuries and three tours of duty in Iraq, had not wanted to make a fourth trip to the front lines.

In the days that followed, after 38-year-old Staff Sgt. Robert Bales was identified as the suspect, two Army officers who had served with him decided to speak publicly, describing him not as a rogue individual but as a man whom — up until the alleged killings — they knew as an exemplary front-line soldier. Bales' prior record of service included more than a decade with his Lewis-McChord brigade, and he was part of the cadre of seasoned soldiers that has helped sustain more than a decade of warfare overseas.

"Please keep SSG Robert Bales in your prayers. I know his alleged crime is terrible, but he is not terrible," wrote Capt. Chris Alexander in a Facebook posting. "He is one of the best guys I've ever served with."

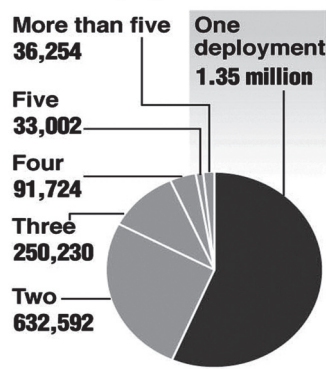
"Robert Bales was a positive person who always had a smile on his face," Maj. Brent Clemmer told the Public Radio Northwest News Network.

Clemmer provided the network a copy of a citation he had submitted recommending

## U.S. military deployments

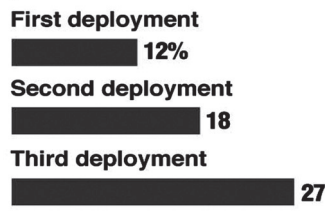
Many of the service members ever deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan have made more than one tour.

• Total deployed 2.4 million\*



### Deployments, combat stress

Percent of troops screening positive for any mental health problems



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an award for Bales. It praised Bales for heroics in deploying his soldiers under intense enemy fire during the 2007 Battle of Zarqa and cited Bales' efforts to assist in medical evacuations of critically wounded Iraqi civilians and insurgent fighters.

"These actions are in the finest traditions of military hero-

ism," Clemmer wrote in the citation, which he said did result in Bales receiving the award.

Bales allegedly left his small base in Kandahar province a week ago Sunday and, in the predawn hours, killed 16 people in two villages. Defense Department officials and military commanders have described the shooter's actions as an aberration in stark contrast to the conduct of the vast majority of U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

"This deeply appalling incident in no way represents the values of coalition troops or the abiding respect we feel for the Afghan people," Gen. John Allen, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, said in a written statement. "Nor does it impugn or diminish the spirit of cooperation and partnership we have worked so hard to foster with the Afghan National Security Forces."

Allen's comments echo remarks made by other U.S. officials after photos became public of earlier war crimes involving five Lewis-McChord soldiers charged in the killings of three unarmed civilians in January, February and May of 2010. Four of the five were eventually convicted.

But so far, the case against Bales is unfolding in markedly different fashion than that earlier case, in which the Army was able to keep control of the

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# Three years probation for S.F. Sheriff, says he is 'fully responsible' for acts

McClatchy Tribune  
Wire Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi, sentenced for falsely imprisoning his wife during a New Year's Eve argument, apologized Monday and said, "I accept full responsibility."

In a plea agreement reached as the case was about to go to trial, the district attorney's office dropped misdemeanor charges of domestic violence battery, child endangerment and dissuading a witness. Mirkarimi was sentenced to three years of probation. He must perform 100 hours of community service, take 52 weeks of domestic violence classes and pay \$590 in fines and fees.

Mirkarimi talked about the "shame and the ordeal that I caused," choking up outside Department 23 after being sentenced. He rued "not being able to see my wife, to only see my son on an average of two hours a day and the very public reminder that I am not the person that I thought I was."

It all, he said, "provides for a dark world, where my flaws stand bright" for all to see. The sheriff, who has been in office for less than three months, said that he already has started counseling "to address my arrogance and anger issues."

But Mirkarimi's sentencing has not ended the much-watched family drama.

Mayor Edwin M. Lee, who is under pressure to remove Mirkarimi from his post, met with the sheriff at City Hall after the sentencing. He plans to announce his decision Tuesday, spokesman Francis Tsang said.

Staying in office could be a complicated matter for the sheriff: He was sentenced in a courtroom secured by bailiffs who report to him. In January, he was booked into the jail he runs.

Mirkarimi also will spend the next 52 weeks in a batterer's intervention program like the one he oversees in the San Francisco County Jail — and which



San Francisco Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi encounters media outside the courtroom at the San Francisco Hall of Justice after being sentenced to one day in jail, 100 hours of community service, 52 weeks of domestic violence training, court fees and parenting classes resulting from a New Year's Eve argument in which he grabbed and bruised his wife. Mirkarimi said he is sorry about the pain he caused his family and the department. Photo by Gina Ferazzi / MCT

is attended by more than 100 of his inmates. His deputies serve domestic violence suspects with stay-away orders like the one that keeps him from contacting his wife, Eliana Lopez, for the foreseeable future.

Political strategist Dan Newman said Mirkarimi is "essentially a zombie sheriff now, with no respect from his department or the voters" and questioned how he can do "any part of his job at this point." Whether the sheriff's saga "ends in his resignation, removal or a recall," Newman said, "is almost a mere technicality."

Anti-domestic-violence activists, who appeared with District Attorney George Gascon after the sentencing Monday, called loudly for Mirkarimi's ouster, arguing that he has broken trust with the city and cannot be depended on to fulfill his duties.

"I think the mayor has a very good heart, and I think he should gather his courage," said Beverly Upton, executive director of the San Francisco Domestic Violence Consortium. "He should start the ball rolling in removing Ross from office. A recall would cost millions of dollars. Courage costs nothing."

Hamish Sinclair is executive director and founder of the domestic violence intervention program Manalive, which treats batterers at the San Francisco County Jail.

On Monday, Sinclair said he was worried about how much

good domestic violence counseling would do Mirkarimi, because "he has not taken responsibility for being violent."

Just what Mirkarimi was taking responsibility for was a major question in and after court.

The sheriffs aid Monday that "what happened shouldn't have happened, and I am internally, deeply sorry." He said that he was "ashamed and deeply sorry for my behavior." But he neither described nor characterized it.

Gascon was concerned enough about the sincerity of Mirkarimi's guilty plea last week that he had threatened to rescind it and send the sheriff to trial. Mirkarimi had been quoted in the local media, Gascon said Monday, sounding like he was trying to "minimize or to somehow walk away from responsibility in this case."

"That gave me a great deal of concern, particularly because we're talking about someone who is a top law enforcement official," Gascon said. "We, as law enforcement officials, should not only take responsibility for our acts, but we have to make sure that we communicate our belief in the system."

After the sentencing, Gascon said that he was comfortable that Mirkarimi was now "assuming responsibility for his acts." But Gascon had to be pressed repeatedly before he would describe what happened on Dec. 31.



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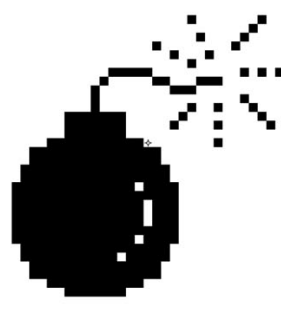






# BAUMS AWAY

BY MARGARET BAUM



## Enjoying the little things during midterms



This column appears every other Tuesday

The usual response to impending midterms for most students is to study, to spend hours at the library reviewing material or to find sources for the term paper that is due before you know it.

It's not that I don't do these things — it's just that in order to do these things I need to be in the right mindset. For some reason, what seems to put me in this mindset aren't the traditional things one might think of.

I'm sure that most students do various things to comfort themselves and get ready for the hours of cramming or, hopefully, studying in the weeks before their test. It could be comfort through food, through

spending time with a good friend or even through relaxing and watching television.

Personally, I have always ended up turning to things that remind me of my childhood to get me through times like these.

Last week, I was sick for a few days and spent my time at home trying to get myself better.

After heading back to school at the end of the week, I was still feeling out of it so I decided to take a mental day off on Friday since I didn't have any classes.

I found myself driving around near my mom's house, trying to find something to distract myself.

I somehow thought that if I spent a bit of time doing something else, it would be easier to get into study mode.

As I drove around, I found myself feeling drawn to a particular antique store.

I pulled up and walked inside.

As I walked through the maze of booths belonging to different vendors, I kept stopping every few steps to check out some of the items that sparked my interest.

**“Personally, I have always ended up turning to things that remind me of my childhood to get me through times like these.”**

This whole experience instantly took me back to my childhood.

I saw a young girl with long, brown hair sitting in a corner with a small teddy bear she found in the store.

I saw myself in that little girl.

My father collected antiques and would always bring my mother and I along on his trips to various antique stores.

For most of my childhood and some of my young adult life, I spent more time than I would have liked sitting in the corner of big barns on the East Coast filled with antiques.

As a young girl, I couldn't stand antique stores.

Whenever my parents would wake me up to tell me we were going “antiquing,” I would beg them to let me stay at home.

It's funny how something that I couldn't stand growing

up could now be such a comfort to me.

Seeing that little girl sitting in the corner, just like I used to, made me really think about how I ended up in that antique store in the first place. It made me open my eyes and see all of the history that was all around me.

As I continued to wander through the store, I kept stopping to look at an old glass here and there, a sweater or a book that struck me for some reason or another.

I felt a strange connection with these objects — they made me smile and feel right at home.

I think it was the combination of pretty much growing up wandering through antique stores with my parents and the fact that these objects reminded me of my grandmother, who passed away last semester.

As I picked up a dish or a glass, I could almost see her standing in front of me, asking me what I wanted for lunch. I could see her speaking Polish while talking on the phone to her mother. I always sat and watched her, even though I could never understand what she was saying.

It's a strange kind of comfort, but it's one that somehow gives me the motivation to sit down and do what I need to do — in this case, study for my midterms.

# Monta Ellis will always have the heart of a ‘Warrior’



by Nina Tabios  
Staff Writer

Last week, a friend of mine found out that he was moving to Milwaukee.

In his long search for a new beginning, there were speculations that our seven-year friendship might become long-distance — I just didn't think it would happen so suddenly.

On March 13, the Golden State Warriors announced a trade sending seven-year veteran Monta Ellis, along with big men Ekpe Udoh and Kwame Brown, to the Milwaukee Bucks in exchange for center Andrew Bogut and guard Stephen Jackson.

Jackson was then sent to the San Antonio Spurs for guard Richard Jefferson and a first-round draft pick.

No, I do not know Ellis personally, but that's what this trade felt like to me — like I lost a friend.

Trading Ellis not only meant trading a player who played a high-flying, hair-wrenching style of basketball, but also

losing the player that was the silver lining among a long list of fluke draft picks, lop-sided trades and questionable free agencies associated with it.

As a die-hard fan, I am no stranger to the curse that plagues Warriors fans as to why former Warriors players seem to succeed once they leave the organization — case in point, Jeremy Lin, Jason Richardson and Gilbert Arenas.

I can only hope that the curse stays true for Ellis.

From the Warriors' last playoff run in 2007 up until his release last week, not one player has shouldered the monstrosity of a franchise that is the Warriors like Ellis has.

A guy of unstoppable speed and hang time, Ellis glides through defenses and can pop up a mid-range shot. These skills made him the central scoring machine for Golden State.

Under Don Nelson, Ellis thrived under his fast-paced, score-large-amounts-of-points-in-a-small-amount-of-time gameplay, but suffered because of Nelson's lack of a defensive mindset.

He was awarded NBA's

Most Improved Player in 2007 and ranked as one of the top scorers along with LeBron James and Kobe Bryant, but those individual achievements weren't enough to bring him to the postseason because, after all, basketball is a team sport.

Much like the troubles of pre-Miami Heat James, Ellis lacked the support to help win games even with the addition of guard Stephen Curry and forward David Lee. Golden State remains a losing franchise.

In 2011, Joe Lacob and Peter Guber bought the Warriors and thus began the process of making a better team, starting at the root — the front office.

Golden State used to be notorious for its lack of an effective front office, but with the additions of general manager Larry Riley, Jerry West on the executive board and Mark Jackson as head coach, Warrior fans have high hopes to bring all-star players to Oracle Arena.

But the reality is that in order to make big changes, you have to make big moves.

And in this case, the Warriors traded their star player for a true center, a position

that they have struggled to fill.

Looking at the trade in its potential, I couldn't argue with it. For a long time, the reality was that the Warriors needed a quality center.

The truth of the matter was that the Warriors were going to have to trade Ellis eventually because he was the only Warrior that other teams were willing to trade quality players for.

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But I wasn't ready to see him don a jersey that wasn't blue and gold.

On Friday, Ellis made his Bucks debut against none other than his former team and he couldn't look more weird wearing green while running on the Oracle hardwood. But if I was at that game, I would have cheered my heart out for Ellis.

He dedicated seven years to a team that saw very sporadic progress and played through those years without complaint — James could've taken a leaf out of Ellis' book.

My hat goes off to Ellis for his time and dedication with the Warriors and to the fans, but with Ellis no longer a Warrior, the remnants of Nelson's era is now officially over.

For a loyal Warrior fan of 10 years and counting, I'm tired of settling for mediocre draft picks, D-League signings and ending the season beneath the number eight seed.

The responsibility now rests in the hands of Lacob, Gruber, West and Jackson and hopefully this new front office arsenal will continue to make the moves necessary to bring the gold back to Golden State.



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# 'Muggle' students use high-flying imagination to play quidditch

by Megan Mills  
Staff Writer

Students running on brooms tackling each other for possession of volleyballs might have caught your eye as you walked past the A.S. House on a Friday afternoon.

It's the SJSU Quidditch Team holding its weekly practice, utilizing its "muggle" skills and getting a workout in and making friendships along the way.

"The club has done a lot for me in the last year," said Rocky Nguyen, a sophomore electrical engineering major. "I've made my core friend group through quidditch and I'm even roommates with the former captain now."

Nguyen says it's just nice to have something to look forward to at the end of the week.

Quidditch, born from the Harry Potter series of novels, is a hybrid between rugby and dodgeball, with the objective of getting the quaffle through one of the three hoops on the opposing team, said Theodore Reid, a senior film major who's in his second semester of playing for the team.

A team is composed of six members on the field at a time, which includes chasers, who can score with the quaffle; beaters, who can use bludgers to tag opposing members out; one keeper who protects the hoops and a seeker, who seeks the snitch.

"The snitch is usually played by someone who's quick and agile," Reid said.

If a player gets hit by a bludger, they're out of play and have to get off their broom and touch their own hoops before they can start playing again, said Julian Rosenberg, a senior mechanical engineering major.

The SJSU Quidditch Team was started by Emily Knight in February of 2010 after learning from her friend that Occidental College had its own team, Nguyen said.

She then started the team here on campus, rounding up a group of friends and sticking with it, Nguyen said.

The International Quidditch Association (IQA) maintains an updated set of the rules and keeps track of all the teams in existence in muggle quidditch.

"They've split the U.S. into specific regions and so our team is a part of the western region," Nguyen said. "Each region has their own representative that communicates with each team in the IQA database and informs about upcoming tournaments."

Recently, the team chased, beat and snatched its way to fifth out of 19 teams at the Western Cup on March 10 at UCLA.

"It was intense to see what the best schools in the region are like," said Christina Sturken, a senior theater arts major. "Our most memorable moment would have to be against USC and seeing how better the best are is a learning experience."

Nguyen was among the players that traveled to UCLA for the tournament.

"We practiced two months prior to the tournament and it was scary going in and wondering if our hard work would really pay off," Nguyen said. "The jitters were definitely going for every game, but we learned a lot throughout the tournament and understand how our team works much more now as a result."

The quidditch community around the country, not just at SJSU, is close-knit, Rosenberg said.

"This past weekend I met so many people because quidditch is such a tight community," he said. "Every person on the UCLA team volunteered their apartments for people to stay in to make sure everyone didn't have to pay for housing."

Senior geology major Ian Newman, who started playing when quidditch first began at SJSU about two years ago, said his favorite parts of the sport are the camaraderie, the teamwork and cooperation between teams.

"We are very family oriented," Newman said. "As teams we compete on the field but once the game ends it's all family again."

The team is constantly looking for more female players, said Darlene Mapanao, a sophomore animation illustration major who joined the team her first semester at SJSU.

"We're trying to recruit some female chasers due to the new rule called 'Title 9 3/4' that will state that the six players on the field must be made of three females and three males," Mapanao said.



Intercollegiate quidditch is a marriage of athleticism and creativity. Edward Dennis Mar awaits the start of play during muggle quidditch Friday on the A.S. lawn. Photo by Raphael Kluzniok / Spartan Daily

Practicing and playing with the team is open to any student wishing to join, said Maia Werronen, a senior comparative religious studies major, who experienced her first practice with the quidditch team during its Friday practice.

"I've seen them playing a couple of times and thought it would be a fun afternoon," Werronen said. "It's so much fun. I've had a really good time."

Next the team will travel to Stanford for a Cinco De Mayo tournament on May 5, battling against other Bay Area quidditch teams such as Cal, Stanford and the Silicon Valley Skrewts.

"We are playing quidditch, which is pretty amazing," Reid said. "The point is you're having fun and playing a sport that is so compelling and aggressive and at the same time is a great unity for making friendships."



Alvin Tran, right, ends the match and scores 30 points by snatching the snitch from snitch runner, Robert Carreira, during muggle quidditch Friday, on the A.S. lawn. Photo by Raphael Kluzniok / Spartan Daily

## Four shot dead at Jewish school in France, gunman still at large

McClatchy Tribune  
Wire Service

PARIS — France was in mourning Monday after four people, including a father and his two sons, were gunned down at a Jewish school in the southern city of Toulouse, bringing to seven the number of people killed by a gunman or gunmen in the area within a week.

The killer struck shortly after 8 a.m., as children were arriving at Ozar Hatorah secondary school, which is situated next to a synagogue.

Alighting from his scooter, he opened fire on children and parents assembled outside the school, pursuing one child into the schoolyard, where he continued firing with a second weapon after his revolver jammed, before fleeing on the scooter.

"He fired on everything in front of him, whether parents or children," Toulouse prosecutor Michel Valet said.

A 30-year-old religion teacher, his two sons ages 6 and 3, and the 8-year-old daughter of the school principal were killed. A 17-year-old boy was taken to hospital in a critical condition.

One parent who witnessed the attack said the man was "shooting at point-blank range, not even a meter away (from his victims)."

French President Nicolas Sarkozy called the attack a "national tragedy" and announced a minute of mourning in all schools on Tuesday.

"We don't know the motivations of this criminal," he said. But in "attacking Jewish children and a teacher, the anti-Semitic motivation seems clear," Sarkozy said.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a statement that, while it was "too early" to draw conclusions, he suspected "a strong murderous anti-Semitic motive."

Sarkozy and Interior Minister Claude Gueant both said they suspected the killer of also being behind two attacks last week on soldiers in Toulouse and the nearby town of Montauban.

On March 11, a gunman — also traveling by scooter — shot to death a soldier in Toulouse whom he had arranged to meet under a false pretext.

Four days later, a man on a scooter opened fire on three soldiers on the street near a military base in Montauban, about 30 miles from Toulouse, killing two and seriously injuring a third. Two of the dead soldiers were of North African origin; the third was of Caribbean origin.



French President Nicolas Sarkozy speaks in front of the Ozar Hatorah Jewish school in Toulouse, France, yesterday, following a shooting by a motorcycle gunman that killed a rabbi, his two small sons and one other child. Photo by Fred Lancelot / MCT

Police said the same pistol was used in all three attacks and that the registration plate of the scooter, as picked up by surveillance cameras at the school, matched that of the scooter seen speeding away from the scene of the Montauban attack.

Faced with the threat of further attacks, Sarkozy announced he was increasing the terrorist threat level in

the Midi-Pyrenees region, which includes Toulouse, to scarlet — the country's highest level.

Gueant would lead the investigation, Sarkozy said, assuring gravely: "We will find him."

Monday's shootings comprise the worst attack on the Jewish community in France since 1982, when six people were killed in a grenade and

shooting attack on a Jewish delicatessen in Paris.

"We were all very shocked," a young schoolgirl told BFM TV, describing how parents and children huddled together in prayer after the attack.

On Monday evening, more than 1,000 people packed a synagogue in central Paris for a memorial service that was attended by Sarkozy and his wife, Carla Bruni-Sarkozy.



Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, left, is shown during an exercise at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California, August 23, 2011. Bales is suspected of shooting, stabbing and burning sleeping villagers in a horrific attack that has sparked fury across Afghanistan. Photo by U.S. Army / MCT

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information flow for a much longer period.

While Bales was able to contact a civilian attorney within days after his detention in Afghanistan, the five soldiers in the 2010 case were held for most of May that year for questioning at Kandahar Air Field. Only in June, as they were charged, did the Army release their names, and only in August — months after the killings occurred — did civilian attorneys begin speaking to the media.

"In these cases, we have seen again and again, the De-

fense Department had moved to isolate and vilify the people accused of crimes," said Daniel Conway, a civilian military attorney who represented one of the five charged in the 2010 killings. "It's important for the (defense) attorneys to get out front, and change the dynamic."

As the prosecution of the 2010 war crimes unfolded, the soldiers' family members made sympathetic statements. But officers in the soldiers' brigade did not make public statements.

Press reports brought out repugnant details of their conduct — that the soldiers had plotted to make murder look like legitimate combat deaths, took body parts as trophies and posed for photos next to corpses in crimes committed over a five-month period.

Bales is alleged to have killed all his victims in a single unauthorized foray outside his base.

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