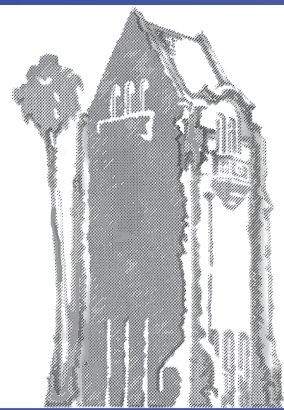


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VANINA MUTCHNIK // HILLEL OF SILICON VALLEY

A Sukkar, a ceremonial tent used for the Jewish holiday Sukkot, was found burnt Wednesday at the Hillel house of Silicon Valley.

## Ceremonial Jewish tent burned

By MEGAN WOOD  
Staff Writer

A ceremonial tent, called a Sukkar, used for the Jewish holiday Sukkot, was discovered burnt Wednesday morning outside the Hillel House on East William Street.

Michelle Salinsky, Jewish Student Union President and a junior political science major, was parking her car near the Hillel House for her 7:30 a.m. class when she discovered part of the tent had been burned.

"My initial reaction was shock," Salinsky said. "Someone tried to destroy something that we were very proud of. We raised the money to be able to have a nice Sukka this year."

Jennifer Tompkins, a senior nursing major, said, "I'm really disappointed because we really want to be celebrating Sukkot but we can't because we're having to worry about vandalism."

Tompkins said she was walking to class when she saw the damage done to the Sukkar and, at first, had hoped it was just an accident.

"I'm the eternal optimist, so my first thought was that it was an accident," Tompkins said. "But



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Before the fire, members of Hillel meet in a tent purchased solely for Sukkot, the Jewish holiday that marks the pilgrimage of Israelites from Egypt during the Exodus.

when I talked to more people, I found out that it was intentional. And then my heart sunk."

Sgt. John Laws, the public information officer for the University Police Department, said Wednesday afternoon that they were unable to determine whether it was an

accident or an act of vandalism.

"We have asked the state fire marshal to inspect the area to continue an investigation," Laws said. "And until there is a determination as to whether it was an accidental fire or arson, we can't really proceed any further."

Vanina Sandel Mutchnik, Assistant Director of the Hillel of Silicon Valley, said, "The tent is flame retardant, so to burn it down took effort. Whoever did it knew what they were doing."

Mutchnik added that the decorations the students had put up in celebration of the holiday had also been burned from the roof of the tent.

"They burned our paper chains," she said, "but they made sure the bamboo didn't catch because that would have set the house on fire."

The Sukka is the official name for the shelter the ancient Israelites used during their Exodus journey from Egypt, Mutchnik said.

"The rule is that the Sukka must have four walls, and for those who are very strict in observing Sukkot, all meals must be taken in the Sukka," Mutchnik said. "Today they will not be able to because of what has happened. It is really unfortunate."

She said that several students, after seeing the tent, were concerned as to what happened.

Laws said UPD is always very aware of Hillel and their con-

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## Carlos, Smith statue defaced; no suspect named

By JOVANNI COLISAO  
Staff Writer

Within a period of a few days, the John Carlos and Tommie Smith Statue was defaced with writing on Carlos' belt line that read an unknown word, "TRUANS," and, "ESST BEN-G," under the number nine on Carlos' chest.

It appeared that the statues were defaced with a colored marker, said University Police Department Sgt. John Laws.

On Smith's statue, the unknown word displayed on the box Smith holds in his hand can be read as "BEN G6."

"If we're able to match the tag that was used to any identifiable tagger, then we'll go ahead and prosecute," Laws said.

UPD, however, has taken note of the unknown tagger on file and will be keeping the incident on file for future references, he said.

"It's a real stupid thing to do," Laws said.

The Facilities, Development and Operations center will be taking immediate action to solve the problem, said Patricia Harris, media relations specialist for SJSU.

"Our FD & O crew will be here

as soon as they can, no later than the morning to clean it up," Harris said.

"The sculptures are definitely one of the things that we are all most proud of," she said. "It's a landmark."

Harris said they do not want to fence the statues off, and they would like to continue in keeping the statues open to everyone; but incidents like these require additional work from staff that is unnecessary.

One student could not understand why somebody would do such an inappropriate form of action on campus.

"It makes the statues lose their meaning," said Wilson Castro, a sophomore kinesiology major.

UPD does not understand why somebody would do such a thing, but it happens, Laws said.

"There's not much we can do to prevent stupidity," Laws said.

But UPD will do its best in trying to identify the tagger, he said.

Maintenance cleaned the majority of the defaced statue late Wednesday afternoon, but there are still forms of defacement on the Tommie Smith statue that will hopefully get taken care of by today at the latest, Harris said.



HANNA THRASHER // Spartan Daily

The Tommy Smith and John Carlos Statue was found defaced on Monday.

## Homecoming security in place for game

By EKENE IKEME  
Staff Writer

During the Homecoming football game, most of the crowd's attention will be drawn to the action on the field, but security personnel will be focused on the action in the crowd.

"I feel pretty safe at the game," said Jessica Yury, a junior business marketing major. "I notice all the officers, but I never really worry about stuff like that at the games."

UPD is not the only security or police service at the game.

San Jose Police Department and Contemporary Services Corporation

also help maintain the security of Spartan football games, said John Laws, UPD Public Information officer.

Contemporary Services Corporation is a hired security staff that offers security assistance to different sporting and music events.

"Usually they monitor people in the stands," Laws said. "Things like people on the guard rails or making sure no one is on the field during the game."

Laws said Contemporary Services Corporation, which is hired by the SJSU athletic department, assists UPD with handling game incidents.

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## Alcohol-related incidents account for the majority of violations at SJSU

By EKENE IKEME  
Staff Writer

Of all the incidents that broke the student conduct code at SJSU last year, the majority involved alcohol violations.

In some of those incidents, underage drinking was involved.

Alcohol-related violations accounted for 646 of the 1,122 incidents that broke the stu-

dent conduct code for the 2006-2007 school year at SJSU, according to Debra Griffith, the director of Student Conduct and Ethical Development at SJSU.

Of the 646 alcohol violations, 349 took place in Campus Village Building C, a majority freshmen dorm, according to the 2006-2007 monthly alcohol spreadsheet.

"I think the fact that they're freshmen has to do with it," Griffith said. "But I don't know

exactly what is going on in the dorms."

Housing services believes the high numbers are due to the high residency in Building C.

"Campus Village C is our largest residence hall, housing about 600 first-year students in a suite-style residence hall," wrote Kevina Brown, community relations director for University Housing Services in an e-mail. "Last

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TODAY

*Weekly Catholic Feminist Mass Begins*  
At 5:15 p.m., Spartan Chapel Weekly Catholic Masses will continue at this time throughout the semester. All are welcome at the table! Victoria Rue, professor of Women's Studies and Comparative Religious Studies, will preside. For more information, contact Rue at [victoriarue@cruzio.com](mailto:victoriarue@cruzio.com).

*Students with Disabilities – Weekly Discussion Group*  
From 11:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. in room 604 of the Student Services Center. A supportive environment to share, discuss and explore personal experiences. Bring your own lunches. Drop-ins welcome. For more information, contact Sybille Ulrike and Carolyn Rittenbach at 924-5910 or e-mail [georgette.gale@jsu.edu](mailto:georgette.gale@jsu.edu).

*Bible Study*  
Acts 2 Christian Fellowship has weekly Bible studies every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Guadalupe room. For more information, contact Justin at [jfooni1@yahoo.com](mailto:jfooni1@yahoo.com).

*The 186 Small Jazz Combo*  
The “live music” Listening Hour Concert Series is from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall featuring Professor John Shifflett. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact 924-4673.

**Oct. 5**

*Myanmar Student Association*  
“Peace for Burma” protest, march and prayer vigil will happen from 2 to 6 p.m. This event begins at the Chinese Consulate at 1450 Laguna St. in San Francisco. For more information, contact Wai Phyto at 314-402-1255 or Yan Linn at 408-476-8983.

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cerns as a religious group in the community.

“We’re very protective of that group and their building,” he said. “We know that it can draw more attention than other places on campus might, and we plan our patrol routes appropriately.”

Mutchnik agreed, saying, “I think everyone feels 100 percent the same. They are hurt; they are upset. This is something they did together. This shelter cost \$1,700 to build, and the students raised that money on their own.”

The Sukkar was built Sept. 25, the day before Sukkot

began. Hillel held several events inside the Sukkar including a Sabbath dinner and an open house for the community to enjoy refreshments and learn about the holiday.

Tuesday night Hillel invited a Rabbi to come have dinner with Hillel, which ended around 8 p.m.

Salinsky discovered two of the burnt Sukkar walls at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday.

“This is my home away from home,” said Rachel Meis, the Jewish Student Union vice president. “And I feel like my home has been desecrated.

“Just because its been damaged doesn’t mean I’ll stop coming, if anything, it’s more reason for me to stay.”

DORM // Some students don’t know rules

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year, the other halls, with the exception of Campus Village B, which is predominantly upper-division students, housed about 200-250 residents, which is significantly smaller in population than traditional-style residence halls.”

Some students said the college atmosphere is the cause of the problem.

“I think it’s the whole party scene,” said Kimmy Minase, a freshman who lives in Building C. “I don’t think it’s a big problem, but I wouldn’t know.”

Though the statistics show Building C has the most underage alcohol incidents, other dorm halls also have incidents involving underage drinking.

For the 2006-2007 school year, Washburn, Hoover and Royce halls accounted for 43 alcohol-related violations, and Campus Village Building B and Joe West Hall accounted for 215 alcohol violations.

Brown said Housing Services officials are aware of the underage-drinking problem in the residence halls, and they do warn students of the problems underage drinking can cause them.

“Within the first few days that residents move in,” Brown said, “we hold community meetings cover the UHS policies and specifically address that underage drinking is not permitted.”

The alcohol violation is in the “unacceptable student behaviors” section in the student conduct code, which all CSU schools adhere to..

Griffith, who is in charge of enforcing the sanctions of all incidents that break the student conduct code, said the process of sanctioning a student is not easy.

She said that after the resident adviser writes up an incident report of any violation, she receives the report and the student is notified to make an appointment to meet with her.

Before the appointment, Griffith evaluates the report and decides how severe the incident was.

During the meeting the student is allowed to challenge the incident. If the student’s justification is not enough to overturn the violation, then Griffith en-

forces a punishment, of which there are many.

According to the CSU Executive Order 970 — a document that contains the student disciplinary procedures for CSUs — sanctions include loss of financial aid, educational and remedial sanctions, denial of access to campus, disciplinary probation, suspension and expulsion.

“It depends on the severity of the violation,” Griffith said. “I don’t have a set sanction for each case. I would say that if an underage student is caught with alcohol, the violation may include probation or alcohol-education session at the Health Center.”

Some students say one problem is students might not know the policies and consequences and that maybe why they break them.

“I don’t know the consequences,” Minase said. “I know it’s in the student handbook, but I don’t think anyone reads that.”

Lindsay Keil, a freshman psychology major, agreed. “I think it’s in the student handbook,” she said. “But that’s like 50 pages long, I’m not going to read that.”

Griffith believes she does enough to notify students of the consequences of getting caught drinking underage.

“I attend floor meetings,” Griffith said. “I go the student orientation and talk to parents and write brochures.”

But some students don’t think this would make a difference.


“I think students would still drink even if they knew what the consequences are,” Minase said.

In the end, Griffith believes it is up to the students to make the right decisions.

“Regardless to what the sanctions are, it is the student that breaks the rules,” Griffith said. “Students need to realize their behavior can cause a lot of damage to their academic lives.”

One student agrees with Griffith, but he believes students should be allowed more chances.


“I don’t think it’s right to be getting in trouble,” said James Ryan, a freshman living in Building C. “But I think you should be given a couple of chances before they do any serious actions against students who get written up.”






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# take the mic

Students use the spoken word as a performance art

By NICOLE LIEURANCE  
Staff Writer

Ask spoken-word artist Brandon Glover about his craft and his eyes take on a certain spark. He describes the poetry inside him as “a rotating rubber-band ball of ideas.”

Glover, a senior political science major, is a part of SJSU’s Hip Hop Congress, a group that frequently puts on events in the community to promote hip-hop, rap and spoken-word poetry.

Mark Miazga, an English professor at Michigan State University, describes spoken-word poetry in an article on the University’s Web site as a “visceral, in-your-face style of contemporary poetry.” According to Miazga, it is poetry meant to be spoken aloud, which has an element of performance.

In his article, “The spoken-word movement of the 1990s,” Miazga traces the roots of the spoken-word movement back to the Beat poets of the ’50s and ’60s who used poetry as a means of “railing against the academic world and society’s norms.”

Today, spoken word still has a serious following, said Nick Underwood, a spoken-word artist and president of Hip Hop Congress.

“People only know what they see on TV and the radio,” he said. “There’s a lot more to it, though. It’s a whole culture.”

Glover said many people associate spoken-word poetry with mainstream rap, but spoken word often has deeper themes than the materialistic mentality rap often portrays.

“I like to write about life, people around me and what I perceive as common threads we have,” he said. “For me it’s all about the connection we all share.”

Glover, who said he draws inspiration from Christ as a man, said that his poetry is constantly evolving as he enters new chapters of his life.

Fernando Marquez, a junior political science

major and member of Hip Hop Congress, said he considers some rap to be spoken word, but he feels spoken word gives him more creative freedom than rap typically allows.

“Spoken word can be animated and free, with no set structure,” he said, adding that the structure of rap usually confines a song to three verses with 16 lines each. Spoken word also doesn’t usually have music under it, said Underwood.

Spoken word can also take on a range of topics, Marquez said, explaining that his poems run the gamut “from my roommate not doing the dishes to policies of the government.”

Underwood agrees: “Whatever I’m feeling at the time, it’s a way to express and release it.”

Marquez said Hip Hop Congress is sponsoring a showcase that will include local spoken-word artists at noon Tuesday, Oct. 16, in the Student Union Amphitheater.

Besides Hip Hop Congress, the Black Student Union also hosts open mic events where spoken-word artists are invited to take the stage, said Barbara Powell, vice president of the union.

“We usually have a sort of talent showcase during the spring semester,” she said, adding that the showcase includes a variety of performance types besides spoken word.

One local venue for spoken word is Iguana’s Taqueria on Third Street in downtown San Jose, which welcomes spoken-word performers to its open mic nights on Mondays and Thursdays.

Though currently taking a break from poetry to focus on school, congress member Glover said he won’t stay away for too long. He said he started writing poetry when he was 17, when “in the back of the bus people started rhyming.”

Congress member Marquez also became interested in spoken word in high school and said he finds spoken-word poetry to be a powerful platform for expression.

“The microphone is the biggest weapon in your arsenal,” he said.



# blueberry bomb

• 1 shot blueberry vodka • half-glass of Red Bull •

By MEGAN WOOD  
Staff Writer

When I think of bombs, I usually think of weapons of mass destruction and devastation.

I don’t typically think of delicious drinks involving shots and chasers. Call me crazy.

Shots and chasers, however, were the first things on my mind while at Dive Bar on East Santa Clara Street. After admitting I’d never done a “bomb,” the bartender, Donald Austin, and two very friendly bar flies, identified only as Brent and Ashley, insisted I try one.

Austin asked what kind of drinks I normally like, and I dumbly said, “The good kind ... sweet ones.”

He insisted I try a Blueberry Bomb.

It sounded harmless. It actually sounded kind of fun and not at all like its destructive moniker.

As soon as I agreed to the “bomb,” a small shot glass of blueberry vodka followed by a tall glass half-full of Red Bull was placed on the bar in front of me.

I was instructed to pour the vodka into the glass of Red Bull, rather than drop the shot glass, as I had seen done countless times before.

“You pour the shot because if you drop the shot glass, it could break,” Austin said. “Plus, you don’t know who’s been touching it. I clean all my shot glasses, but still.”

With that, I poured the shot into the Red Bull, which began to bubble and foam instantly. I quickly knocked the “bomb” back, and I can honestly say the only thing explosive about it was the flavor.

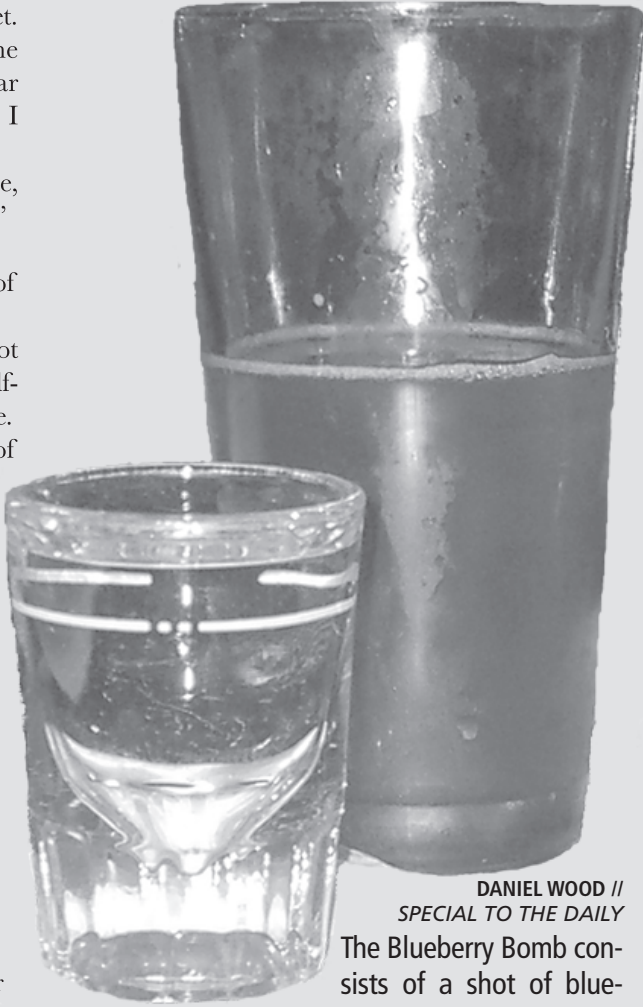
The blueberry vodka paired perfectly with the obnoxiously fruity taste of Red Bull, creating a Jolly-Rancherish intensity of juiciness.

Apparently, blueberry drinks hit the bar scene around the same time as pomegranate, but for whatever reason was overshadowed by its antioxidant sister.

(Don’t get excited, the antioxidants found in blueberries and pomegranates are not found in the flavored vodkas.)

However, I have yet to see a pomegranate bomb, and I doubt the flavor of pomegranate would mesh as well with Red Bull.

Blueberry Bomb, anyone?



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The Blueberry Bomb consists of a shot of blueberry vodka poured in a half-glass of Red Bull.



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# Letter-writing campaign aimed at helping children with cancer



HANNA THRASHER // Spartan Daily

A display on Wednesday near the Tommie Smith and John Carlos Statue represents children who have survived lymphoblastic cancer.

By NICOLE LIEURANCE  
*Staff Writer*

Students concerned with pediatric cancer treatment and research are scheduled to lead a letter-writing campaign today before the Homecoming pep rally.

Up 'Til Dawn, a "campaign to help victims of childhood cancer and other catastrophic diseases," is planned to start at 4 p.m. on the Tower Lawn, said Cortney Donato, executive director for the executive board of the event.

Up 'Til Dawn is sponsored by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., a nonprofit that treats pediatric patients for cancer and "other catastrophic diseases" free of charge, Donato said.

The campaign is a part of the festivities put on by Associated Students and homecoming, said Clifton Gold, marketing and events coordinator for A.S.

The event, now in its second year, will feature raffle prizes for participants — who may be students, fraternity or sorority members — who bring lists of home addresses for St. Jude to use in their solicitation campaign.

The lower-tier prizes are for those who provide one to 49 addresses, and the top-tier prizes for participants who provide 50 or more addresses, said Kelly McLaughlin, the event marketing representative for St. Jude.

Dominic Bruno, a member of the fraternity Kappa Sigma, who is

participating in the event, said he was amazed that companies such as Apple Inc. had been so supportive of the event.

"Can you believe they donated 15 laptops?" he asked.

One of the top-tier raffle prizes will be two JetBlue round-trip tickets to anywhere the airline flies. Other top prizes include the 15 Apple laptops, an iPod touch, nights at the Marriott and Hilton hotels, San Jose Sabercats tickets, Oakland Raiders memorabilia, passes to Six Flags and other gift certificates to various locations.

Lesser raffle prizes include small items and gift certificates donated by local businesses.

Bruno, a senior business finance major, said "probably not a lot of people know about (the event)"

since it was only in its second year.

"I hadn't heard of it," said junior economics major Richard Manglicmot, who said that although it sounded like something he would be interested in, he probably wouldn't be able to make it because of a class project.

"I have a class tomorrow night but I might stop by before or after that," said junior finance major Justin Thompson.

Students are encouraged to bring a list of at least 50 names and addresses of friends or family they think might be interested in the campaign.

St. Jude will then send personalized letters informing recipients of St. Jude's mission, and they will solicit donations, McLaughlin said.

"They're like the letters you get in the mail for different causes, only more personalized," Donato said.

McLaughlin said she is hoping to top last year's totals of 5,000 letters and \$8,700 raised. More than 500 students participated at the event, she said.

Donato, who said she has been a monthly donor ever since she found out about St. Jude from a TV program a couple years ago, agreed.

She said one of the things that makes St. Jude unique is its policy that "no child or patient family is ever asked to pay for treatment."

Donato also said that St. Jude pays for transportation, lodging and food for patients, and it freely shares its research findings and treatment protocols with the community.

Treatment is also not limited to patients in the Memphis area.

"They fly in children from all around the world," Donato said.

McLaughlin said she hopes the best for the event.

"We're going to write some letters, give away some prizes, and hopefully have some fun," she said.



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## Upcoming Events at The Event Center



**Nov. 2**  
**Brand New**  
& Thrice & mewithoutYou  
Friday, 7:30pm  
Tickets: G. A. \$23.50

**Nov. 10**  
**Kelly Clarkson**  
& Jon McLaughlin  
Saturday, 7:30pm  
Tickets: Reserved Seating \$39.50

**Nov. 14**  
**Evanescence**  
& Sick Puppies  
& Julien-K  
Wednesday, 7:30pm  
Tickets: G. A. \$35.50

**Nov. 24**  
**George Lopez**  
Saturday, 8:00pm  
Tickets: \$49.50 - \$54.50

**Nov. 29**  
**Fall Out Boy**  
& Plain White T's  
& GymClassHeroes  
& CUTE is What We Aim For  
Thursday, 7:00pm  
Tickets: G. A. \$30







HANNA THRASHER // Spartan Daily

The SJSU color guard and marching band left the field after preforming at the SJSU vs. UC Davis half-time show on Sept. 29.

# UPD // Attendance affects officer presence

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The number of the service’s staff at SJSU games is unknown.

“Because this game starts at one, UPD officers will arrive at 11:30 a.m.,” Laws said. “They usually don’t leave until there isn’t any more people to cause a problem.”

UPD makes sure there are enough officers around to have a strong presence at the game.

“The UPD handles security inside the game,” Laws said. “We have about 15 to 20 officers at the game.”

Not only does UPD patrol inside the stadium, they make sure things are safe outside the stadium at the tailgating festivities, Laws said.

In the parking lots and the streets surrounding Spartan Stadium, SJPD makes sure there are no incidents and that traffic is running smoothly.

“There’s about 10 to 12 officers at any San Jose State football game,” said press information officer for SJPD Jermaine Thomas. “We make sure traffic is running smoothly, but if something were to go down, we would assist UPD.”

Thomas said the officers are usually positioned along Seventh and 10th streets.

During the game, UPD and Contemporary Ser-

vices Corporation take a command post at box four next to the press boxes, Laws said.

Laws and Thomas said though there is an average number of officers working the game, it really depends on attendance.

“We staff officers accordingly, depending on the attendance and expected attendance we will staff more officers,” Laws said.

Thomas added, “We might add a couple officers if there is a big attendance.”

But both said no extra officers would be used for the homecoming game.

“From what I know, we are not having more officers for homecoming,” Thomas said.

Laws said for games against Fresno State University or the University of Hawaii they have more officers, but not for the University of Idaho, even if it is homecoming.

President Kassing agreed with Laws. “We usually don’t have any security problems when we face Idaho,” Kassing said.

Laws takes comfort knowing he has not had any criticism from fans about how UPD handles security at the games.

“I haven’t heard any complaints,” Laws said. “So I believe there is enough security at the games.”

# Students show school pride through pre-game activities

By CHRISSY RAMONEDA

Staff Writer

With a week packed full of blue-and-gold spirit, students have had plenty of activities to choose from while celebrating Homecoming.

“I want to see how it’s different from high school,” said Arthur Cheng, a freshman electrical engineering major.

Even students who have been here for years have yet to enjoy a Homecoming game.

“I’m looking forward to tailgating before the big game,” said Rachelle Gietzen, a senior accounting major. “I graduate in May, so this is my last chance to go to Homecoming.”

SJSU students involved in the Greek system have had a full calendar for Homecoming week, including a Greek Olympics competition and house-decorating contests.

“We’re excited about house decorating,” said Dominic Breno, a senior finance major and member of the fraternity Kappa Sigma. “It’s a good way to show school spirit. I’m also the Greek teams chairperson for Up ‘til Dawn. Not only are Greeks participating in Homecoming events, but we’re giving back to an important organization.”

Up ‘til Dawn is a letter-writing campaign for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital to raise money for childhood diseases, Breno said.

“We’re going to Up ‘til Dawn,”

said Ashleigh Stelman, a junior child development major and member of the sorority Delta Gamma. “We’ve already started to collect addresses for the event.”

Charles Watson, a senior accounting major and member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, said “Our fraternity is getting ready for Greek week. We’re participating in Up ‘til Dawn.”

Homecoming can also be a time for students to show off their creative side. Dave Elston, a junior advertising major and member of Theta Chi fraternity, decided to take it upon himself to make T-shirts for his entire fraternity.

“It shows a little more pride if you have a shirt to wear at the events,” Elston said. “It represents who we are and where we came from. We’re from San Jose State, and we’re here to stay.”

The bookstore offers discounts every Friday and Saturday before home games.

“I read on the Web site that there was a sale in the bookstore for sweatshirts. So on Friday I’m going to buy a sweatshirt,” said Ashley Scarlett, a junior advertising major.

Tonight, a bonfire event called, “Fire on the Fountain,” is scheduled to be held on Tower Lawn.

Homecoming is also a great time for alumni to return to their Spartan stadium.

“Everyone’s excited for the game. All the alumni show up,”

said Ashley Baxter, a sophomore advertising major and member of the sorority Delta Zeta. “It’s so nice to see old sisters that have moved out of the house.”

Rachel Greathouse, a SJSU alumna and former Associated Students president, will also be volunteering at the game.

“Mostly what I’ll be participating in is promoting the ‘Young Alumni’ tailgate,” Greathouse said. “It’s an area where young alumni can talk about their careers and network.”

Greathouse can also be found on the field with other alumni during halftime to hold up the 150th year celebration banner.

“It’s my favorite time of year,” said Greathouse, also the 2003 SJSU Homecoming queen. “It’s better than Christmas and my birthday.”



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Henry Ott, a junior organization and management major, and team members play tug-o-war near the Paseo de Cesar Chavez barbecue pits on Wednesday.

## THE 2007 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

### Thursday, October 4

#### Emeriti and Retired Faculty Luncheon, College of Applied Sciences and Arts

Noon - 2 p.m. University Room, Paseo de Cesar Chavez  
College of Social Sciences - Dean’s Symposium

#### Social Scientists on Technology

3 p.m. ENG 189  
Speakers:  
Kevin Jordan, professor of psychology, Social Science Research at NASA-AMES  
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Chuck Darrah, professor of anthropology, Research on Workplace Silicon Valley  
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#### Festival on the Fountain

Tower Lawn 4 - 10 p.m.  
Live music, food, free prizes, carnival games and a pep rally featuring SJSU coaches and players.

#### Up ‘Til Dawn

4 - 10 p.m. Tower Lawn  
Help raise money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital through a letter-writing campaign.

#### Fall 2007 Don Edwards Lecture

7 p.m. Morris Dailey Auditorium  
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### Friday, October 5

#### Campus Historical Tour

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Campus Tour Office, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library Lobby at Fourth and San Fernando streets

#### Campus MovieFest

7 -10 p.m. Event Center

Second Annual Campus MovieFest Grand Finale at the Event Center. The top 16 student films will be previewed, and prizes will be awarded in categories such as Best Picture, Best Comedy and Audience Choice. This is a free event.

#### Golden Grad Reunion - Class of 1957 Cocktail Reception

5 - 7 p.m. Hotel Montgomery

### Saturday, October 6

#### Emeritus Faculty Breakfast, College of Social Sciences

8 a.m. Pomegranate Restaurant (on San Fernando Street, across from Dudley Moorehead Hall)

#### Fourth Annual Alumni College

9 a.m. – Noon Main Campus  
These “classes without quizzes” will include topics such as Wine Appreciation, Business Aspects of Climate Change and Dinosaurs in the 21st Century led by the Dean Michael Parrish. This free event is open to SJSU alumni, students and the community.

#### Annual Family Brunch

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Joe West Dining Commons  
Private, pre-registered event for current residents, their families and SJSU alumni. Hosted by University Housing.

#### Tours of Campus Village

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Meet tour guides at main entries to Buildings A, B and C. Private, pre-registered event for current residents and families, and SJSU alumni.

#### Golden Grad Reunion Tailgate

10 a.m - 12:30 p.m. North Practice Field, South Campus  
Prices: Weekend, \$115; Friday only, \$65; Saturday only, \$65.  
150th Anniversary Tailgate

#### Party “Celebrating Community — A Day to Remember”

10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. North Practice Field, South Campus  
San Jose State celebrates Homecoming and its 150th Anniversary with a tailgate party on the Football Practice Field, featuring themed areas (décor, food and entertainment) representing different periods in SJSU history. Admission is free.

#### Young Alumni Tailgate

10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. North Practice Field, South Campus (look for the Young Alumni tent)  
Live music, barbecue and a chance to watch the Spartans take on Idaho! Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$10 day of.

#### Order Of Sparta Reunion and Tailgate

11 a.m - 12:30 p.m. Practice field next to the Koret Training Center

#### Humanities Honors Program Alumni Celebration

11:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Clark Hall room 412

#### Homecoming Football Game Spartans vs. Idaho

1 p.m. Spartan Stadium

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Opposing sports views: Will the Spartans go to a bowl this year?

NO: The Stanford loss will haunt Spartans as they search for sixth win

Stack wins. Add them up. Go on winning streaks. In order for the SJSU football team to go bowling for the second consecutive year, a feat that has occurred just once in the history of Spartan athletics, the team needs to win four more games.

And it won't be easy. Granted, the Spartans are rolling through a two-game win streak, but the loss to Stanford University puts the Spartans behind the 8-ball.

To go bowling, SJSU needs six wins just to be eligible. That means the Spartans will need to win four of their next seven games, and that ultimately calls for a victory against one of the teams the Spartans lost to last season.

Because of the non-conference loss to Stanford, SJSU needs to defeat one of the following teams: the University of Hawaii, the University of Nevada – Reno, Boise State University or Fresno State University.

The Spartans were 2-3 on the road last season, with victories against New Mexico State and the University of Idaho — cupcake teams.

And SJSU lost to both Hawaii and Nevada on the road — upper-echelon Western Athletic Conference teams.

Now, the Spartans are scheduled to face both Nevada and 16th ranked Hawaii in Spartan Stadium, but SJSU hasn't defeated Nevada since 2001 and Hawaii since 1998.

Nevada's offense is always strong, and WAC defensive player of the year Ezra Butler leads their defense.

Quarterback and Heisman Trophy candidate Colt Brennan



KRIS ANDERSON Sports Editor

leads the undefeated Hawaii Warriors, whose unstated goal all season has been to break into a Bowl Championship Series game.

Despite SJSU's consistently strong play on its home field, Hawaii will win next Friday, leaving Nevada as a must-win game.

Catching up, that means assuming the Spartans beat the University of Idaho on Saturday and bring

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their record to 3-3, they'll still need three more wins to reach eligibility. SJSU should beat New Mexico State at home, giving the team four wins. It should also beat Louisiana Tech University, but that contest is away, a setting in which the Spartans typically don't perform well (especially with SJSU's 0-3 road record this year).

With the prospective Louisiana Tech win, the Spartans should have five wins, needing only one more victory to become bowl eligible. That win will need to come out of the Boise-Nevada-Hawaii-

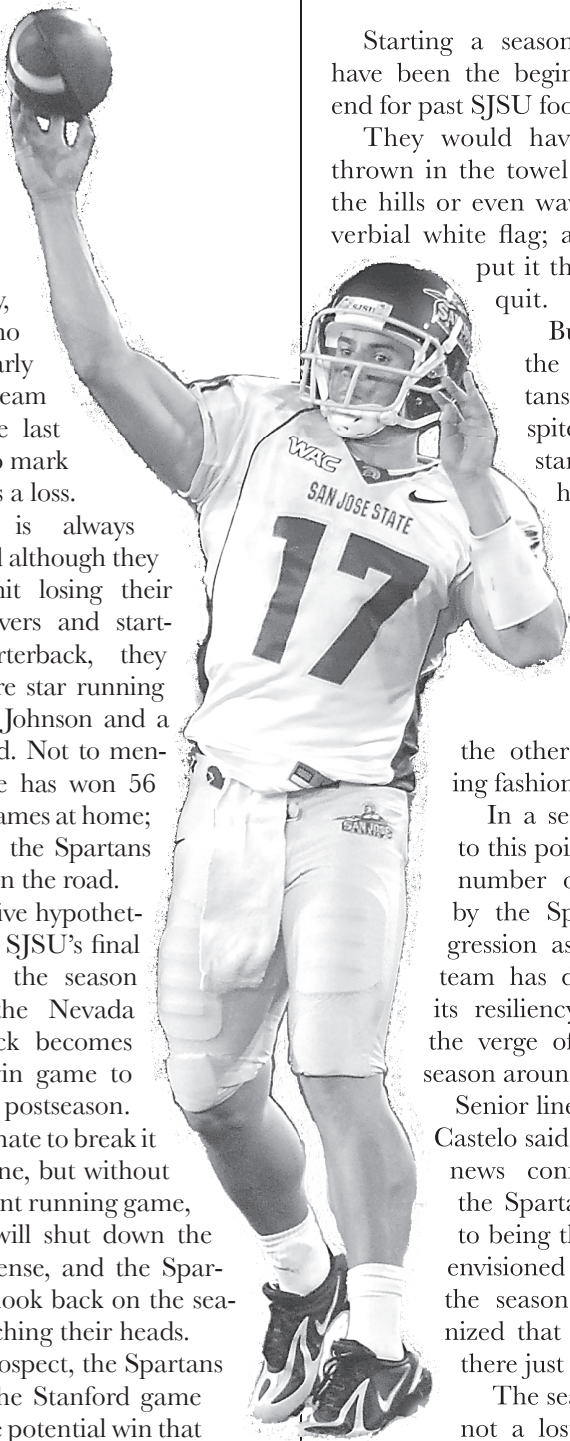
Fresno pool. But both the Boise and Fresno games are away, and Fresno is not nearly the poor team they were last season, so mark that up as a loss. Boise is always good, and although they took a hit losing their top receivers and starting quarterback, they still feature star running back Ian Johnson and a 3-1 record. Not to mention Boise has won 56 straight games at home; so, again, the Spartans will lose on the road.

With five hypothetical wins, SJSU's final game of the season against the Nevada Wolf Pack becomes a must-win game to reach the postseason. And I hate to break it to everyone, but without a consistent running game, Nevada will shut down the SJSU offense, and the Spartans will look back on the season scratching their heads. In retrospect, the Spartans will see the Stanford game as the one potential win that would have vaulted them into their second straight postseason.

Starting a season 0-3 would have been the beginning of the end for past SJSU football teams. They would have given up, thrown in the towel, headed for the hills or even waved the proverbial white flag; any way you put it, they would've quit.

But these are the 2007 Spartans, and despite the rocky start, the team has battled back, winning its last two games, one on a last-minute touchdown and the other in convincing fashion. In a season defined to this point not by the number of wins, but by the Spartans' progression as a unit, the team has demonstrated its resiliency and is on the verge of turning its season around.

Senior linebacker Matt Castelo said at Monday's news conference that the Spartans are close to being the team they envisioned going into the season, but recognized that they weren't there just yet. The season is by far not a lost cause, and there is hope for a second straight bowl



JOE PROUDMAN // SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SJSU QB Adam Tafalis

YES: The Spartan offense is too strong, running game will turn around



JOSH WEAVER Football beat writer

game. Although it's early in the season and there are still seven games remaining, I don't think I'm jumping the gun in saying the Spartans will make it to the postseason. Their record now stands at 2-3, and they have a chance this weekend versus the University of Idaho

Ignore the stats and what critics might say, the running game will come around and could prove to be key in a future victory.

The Spartans have faced more setbacks through their first five games than most teams go through in an entire season.

Marred by injuries on the offensive line and to their top two running backs, the Spartans have patched together a rushing attack that hasn't yet produced and will continue to be a work in progress.

Ignore the stats and what critics might say, the running game will come around and could prove to be key in a future victory.

Luckily for the Spartans, senior quarterback Adam Tafalis is off to a stellar start, throwing for

1,059 yards and eight touchdowns through five games.

If Tafalis can maintain his early season form and if whoever is in the backfield doesn't turn the ball over, then the Spartans can make some noise in the Western Athletic Conference.

Their first test will be this Saturday against the Vandals (1-4), a team the Spartans shouldn't overlook but should definitely beat.

Looking ahead to some big matchups, the Spartans will host the University of Hawaii on Oct. 12, a game that will be featured on ESPN.

The defense, which has held opponents to less than 300 yards of offense the past two weeks, must pressure quarterback and Heisman Trophy hopeful Colt Brennan.

If they can get him out of his rhythm and force him to throw wildly into a secondary that has forced nine interceptions this season, Spartan fans will find themselves rushing the field in celebration.

The schedule doesn't get any easier the second half of the season. The Spartans have two tough conference road games against Fresno State University and Boise State University, two teams the Spartans had success against last season, beating the Bulldogs and nearly upsetting Boise.

Winning at the Div. 1 level is not easy — an obvious understatement — but with all of the weapons on offense and defense falling into place for the Spartans, a six-plus win season and bowl-game birth are real possibilities.

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The good ol’ times

By HEATHER NACHT  
Staff Writer

It’s amazing how fast time flies. Three years ago I was participating in my first Greek Week, and now I’m participating in my last. There was a familiar, early autumn chill in the air then and an excited buzz around the A.S. lawn. We were decorating haunted

houses because Halloween was just days away. Being an anxious freshman, I was awed at how welcoming everyone was. We decorated the quirkiest haunted house with spider webs, skeletons and endless amounts of laughter. Even the fake blood that stained my favorite SJSU sweat-shirt couldn’t mar my first fantastic memory at State.

By BRIANA HERNANDEZ  
Staff Writer

My favorite memory at SJSU is the first cigarette I had on campus after my first class. I don’t smoke anymore, but I remember that being the first moment I truly felt like a college kid.

I strutted out of class, found a shady spot outside Sweeny Hall that was ideal for people-watching, lit one up and took a puff. I felt so adult and important even though I was a 17-year-old punk with a neon-green backpack. It didn’t matter. I had arrived. Smoking was just a symbol of how grown-up I was.

By MEGAN WOOD  
Staff Writer

My favorite memory happened in a parking garage late one night in September. My roommate Shannon and I were cruising around downtown, bored out of our skulls. As we drove in circles, we

talked about how we couldn’t wait until we were 21 and could go to the nightclubs. We had the windows rolled down and were dancing in our seats to the newest Black Eyed Peas CD. Hyper and with nothing better to do, we parked in the 10th Street garage, which was empty at the time, cranked the music up and turned it into our own private dance club.

Technology: At the mercy of our machines



NICK VERONIN  
The Realm of Ideas

Johannes Gutenberg is rolling in his grave. And while it would have been hard for the German inventor of the moveable-type printing press to imagine at the time, his mid-15th century innovation has played no small part in hastening its own demise. I’m talking about modern technology, and the roll it is currently playing in undermining the institutions and conventions from whence it came. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library suffered a crippling blow Sunday, Sept. 30, which inconvenienced any student or library patron trying to access any one item in the body of information stored within its hallowed halls.

You see, on Sunday, SJSU’s library lost power, which caused the server to crash and subsequently inhibited access to the online-only catalog of books. And lo, the flow of electrical energy was disrupted, and the people were scattered to the four winds. Helpless and wandering, they were unable to locate the bound histories, tragedies and comedies they so desperately yearned for which they so desperately yearned. They were lost. All because they were unable to access a Web site — an imaginary place in an imaginary land made of light that we like to call the Internet. Gutenberg continues to turn. If the printing press had never been invented we would surely not have found ourselves in this predicament. If humanity had not devised such an efficient system, which allows for the rapid, worldwide dispersal of information to all literate peoples, we would not have the technologies we have today. There would be no planes, trains or automobiles. There would be no telephones,

radios or video cameras. And there surely wouldn’t be any network servers that might crash in the event of a power failure. Perhaps this is a moot point, for if the printing press had never been created, I wouldn’t have been frustrated at all on Monday. I wouldn’t have had any books to look up. There wouldn’t be an SJSU, and all the keepers of knowledge — the scribes of antiquity — would likely still be cloistered in some hermetic monastery tucked away in some misty mountain range. That is certainly not a world I would want to live in. At least not knowing what

kind of world I’m living in now. I’m not going to sit here behind this word processor, in this highly digitized newsroom and tell you things were better in ancient Mesopotamia. All I’m saying is this: Whatever happened to the printed word? Remember flipping through those little cards that pulled out of deep, thin drawers at your community library? Those were made of ink and paper, two materials not dependent upon electricity. Whatever happened to the tangible? Sure, computers are great. So are cell phones and BlackBerrys. But allowing these digital systems to completely replace their mechanical and analog predecessors, without in at least some way maintaining them, is foolish and shortsighted. When I visited the library on Sunday, I talked to a librarian who told me there was no physical card catalog I might use to look up the book for which I was searching. Instead he gave me several broad sections of shelves to peruse at my leisure. I was unable to locate my book, and until

I find the time to go back to the library — once it is again fully operational — I can’t even be certain that I was looking in the right section. Alas, this is the world into which we are forging with reckless speed and fervor. Bound by ambition and idyllic visions of progress, we look with hungry eyes over the mighty Pacific. Onward! Forward! March! How quick we are to forget the ways of old — the cloud of settling dust leaving a thin, dulling film on the memories, like sepia photographs, long forgotten in the attic. This electrical paradigm shift will set them ablaze with bright, fluorescent light, like so many charred volumes. Burn bright, lost letters! It is your last chance to cut the darkness. Nick Veronin is a Spartan Daily copy editor. “The Realm of Ideas” appears twice a month.

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# Hockey club hopes success leads to accreditation

By EKENE IKEME

Staff Writer

As the SJSU men's club ice hockey team starts the 2007 season, opponents will not be the only challenges they face.

Even though the men's hockey team is a club sport and not NCAA accredited, it is still one of the most successful and popular sports at SJSU among students.

"I love going to the hockey games," said Jeremy Goines, a junior chemical engineering major. "The games are exciting, and I think they're really good."

Over the past several years, players have noticed an increase in the popularity their sport has received from students.

"I think the sport in general has gotten more popular on the West Coast, and because of the San Jose Sharks," said Andy Dickerson, a senior center for the Spartans and vice president of the team. "Our games are always packed, and we have a loud crowd cheering for us every game."

The men's hockey team has gone to the national champion-



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Freshman defenseman Daniel McCarthy celebrates with teammates after a goal Sept. 28 against USC.

ships two years in a row and is 47-8-2 in those two years. The players believe they will continue their success this season.

"I'm excited about this season," said Dickerson, a radio, television and film major. "We have 10 more games on our

schedule than last year, and we hope to get to the national tournament three years in a row."

Alex Redmond, a forward and defenseman for the Spartans, believes the team will be good, but it will be a tough season.

"This season came on us pretty quick," said Redmond, a business major and president of the team. "Practice has gone pretty well, and we think that we can have a pretty good team this year," he said. "We have a lot of freshmen, but they are coming along great at practice."

Redmond said, as a club sport, the students run the team — they have a student governing body including a president, vice president, treasurer and public relations coordinator — so they do all the administration work, including hiring the coach, making

fliers and programs and more.

Redmond also said because they are a club sport the university does not pay for all hockey expenses, and, as a result, each player has to find a way to manufacture money to play on the team.

"Every year each player is responsible for their dues," Redmond said. "They must pay \$3,000 just to join the team. Then another \$500 to \$600 if we make it to regionals and another \$500 to \$600 if we make it to nationals."

The initial \$3,000 each player pays is for equipment, ice time for practice and the games, referees and more. And this is not all the money each player pays, Redmond said.

"After that, each player has to pay for travel, accommodations and food," Redmond said. "I would say each player has to

pay a total of about \$6,000 to \$8,000."

There are several different ways players come up with the money to play on the team.

"Some players are fortunate enough that their parents can pay their dues," Dickerson said. "Others have sponsorships from different local corporations, and some players have to work two to three jobs just to pay their dues."

Dickerson said some of the sponsors that help players with funding are Royal Coach Tours, Stanley's Sports Bar & Grill and the Garcia Pass It On Foundation.

As a club-sport team, the men's ice hockey team does receive funds from SJSU's Club Sports, which is part of Student Involvement at SJSU.

The hockey team wishes they could get full support from the university, but for that to happen, they would need to get NCAA accreditation.

Currently, the team is in Div. 2 of the American Collegiate Hockey Association, but their goal is to move up to NCAA and be the first school on the West Coast to give a player a hockey scholarship.

"First we would need to step up to Division 1," Redmond said. "Then we would need to create a women's hockey team. We need to play in a facility that holds at least 5,000 people and do some more stuff."

Though Redmond feels taking the team into the NCAA is possible, he and his teammates feel it will not happen soon.

"We're trying really hard," Redmond said. "Even though it won't happen when I'm here, hopefully, students later on will play in the NCAA division."

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Members of the SJSU cheerleading squad run across the football field during the SJSU game against UC Davis on Sept. 29.

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Dear students, alumni and SJSU community,



Thank you for taking the time to read our special section dedicated to fall sports at San Jose State University. We hope you enjoy looking into some of what we think makes the athletics department at SJSU special: the people involved in the programs.

From Athletic Director Tom Bowen, who holds the program together, to South Korean student Seungwon Nam who raises school spirit as the new Sammy the Spartan, to the athletes that dedicate their lives to Spartan Pride — it's the people that make it all work.

The Spartan Daily might not have covered the breadth of every sport at SJSU, but we attempted to provide a range of stories that capture the spirit of the program.

If you'd like to see more of the Spartan Daily's SJSU sports program content take a look at the Spartan Daily's Web site, [www.thespartandaily.com](http://www.thespartandaily.com).

Our sports division has been working hard all semester to bring fresh content to the Web site with the addition of sports podcasts and a weekly videocast program called "The Huddle," where Sports Editor Kris Anderson and Assistant Editor Josh Weaver examine the football games and give their game day predictions.

I would like to say a special thank you to the writers who contributed stories: Briana Hernandez, Samantha Salas, Ekene Ikeme, Mark Powell, Mandie Mohsenzadegan, Kristin Furtado and Lindsay Bryant.

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Sincerely,

Sara Spivey  
Executive editor

# Bowen brings 'culture of champions' to SJSU

By BRIANA HERNANDEZ

Staff Writer

Whether he is meeting with President Don W. Kassing or flying to Dallas for the Western Athletic Conference meetings, SJSU Athletic Director Tom Bowen is always working toward one goal: to build a "culture of champions" at SJSU.

Bowen has been SJSU's athletic director since December 2004. In that time, the accomplishment that he is most proud of is the relationships he has fostered in getting people to believe in SJSU's athletic program. He said, however, that the credit is not all his.

"I'm the most unimportant person by myself," Bowen said. "It's really not about me.

It's about this team of people that are here. I think I get far too much credit for things when they go well and far too much blame when things go bad."

In growing SJSU's athletic program, Bowen's daily schedule is hardly routine.

"No two days are alike for an athletics director," said Lawrence Fan, SJSU sports information officer.

"The job of an athletics director at a Division I school is very challenging," Fan said, "because you're in charge of a large budget, arguably the most visible budget of the university."

Bowen said that a large part of his day is spent talking to coaches, student athletes



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**SJSU Athletic Director Tom Bowen** says that working in the SJSU athletics department is similar to working in the entertainment business.

**"I think I get far too much credit for things when they go well and far too much blame when things go bad."**

TOM BOWEN

and investors.

"I try to meet with all my student athletes," he said. "I pride myself on knowing them by first name, going to their contests and being seen around them."

On particular days, Bowen may even do television and radio interviews.

"In some sense, I am in the entertainment business," Bowen said, "in that I am attracting the public to come to a venue and support our product."

The product, in this case, is Spartan athletics.

Assistant Athletic Director Tom Hastings said that there is "never a dull moment" while working for Bowen.

"He's

definitely on the move quite a bit," Hastings said. "The phone rings at odd hours, and it actually adds to the fun and enjoyment of working for a guy like Tom."

Bowen said that the difficulties of his position have to do with getting people on board with SJSU athletics.

"I think the hardest part of my job is getting people to understand a vision and getting them to invest and believe in us," he said.

The investments that Bowen works for are not only in time, but in money as well.

"The university reduced its state funding to us, so it is now up to the community to be a part of us and support us," he said. "To me, there are so many friends and family and community of SJSU. We need them to be engaged with us."



# Retired Spartan coaches remember Homecoming

By MARK POWELL

Senior Staff Writer

When former SJSU football coach Claude Gilbert reflects on 40 years of coaching, he says it's one unbelievable Homecoming victory for the Spartans that stands out above all other moments.

Trailing 41-31 with one minute and 10 seconds remaining, Gilbert's Spartans scored two touchdowns to defeat rival Fresno State University 45-41 in the 1986 Homecoming contest.

"That was truly a great college football game," Gilbert said.

Sports Illustrated agreed, declaring the contest, "Game of the Year" for 1986.

Making the game even more memorable, Gilbert and SJSU alum Ed Mosher both said they remember many SJSU fans leaving Spartan Stadium while the team trailed late in the game.

People began listening to the rest of the game on their car radios as they started to leave the stadium parking lot, and heard as the comeback materialized, Mosher said.

When the Spartans scored to pull within three points, Mosher said people rushed back into



ANDREW VILLA // SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Members of the SJSU football team celebrate during a game against the UC Davis Aggies on Sept. 29.

the stadium, some even leaving their car engines running in the parking lot.

"I looked at my friends and said, 'Oh, you decided to come back?'" Mosher said.

Gilbert said he knows that some people left the stadium early, but added that no one has admitted it to him personally.

The former coach tallied a 5-1 record on Homecoming games in his six-year tenure as head of SJSU football, including two wins over rival Fresno State.

"If I had known that, I would have asked to have more Homecomings," Gilbert said.

If the 1986 victory was a bright spot for SJSU, then per-

haps the dimmest Homecoming memory for the school occurred before its contest against Southern Methodist University in 1999.

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## FOOTBALL // Won last year's game 21-14

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Spartan Stadium suffered an explosion, said Lawrence Fan, sports information director for SJSU Athletics.

The stadium lights went out and the game was canceled after power could not be restored, Fan said.

"The environment was ruled to be unsafe for both spectators and players," Fan said.

He said SJSU made an effort to reschedule the game, but the contest was never made up.

**"If you won, you took a deep breath on the sideline and said, 'Well, we got out of there with that one.'"**

JOHN RALSTON

*SJSU football head coach from 1993-1996*

The effects of the power outage are still being felt today, Mosher said.

Mosher said that some SJSU football fans "have never come back" to a game after the would-be Homecoming fiasco in 1999.

John Ralston, however, who coached the Spartans from 1993 to 1996, said the SJSU fans are some of the most passionate he's been around. "For Spartan fans, it doesn't matter what game it is. They will be there," Ralston said. "The nice part about Homecoming is that there are a lot

of wonderful alumni that come out to the game if they can't normally make it to one."

Ralston added that he always wanted his teams to do well on Homecoming.

"If you won, you took a deep breath on the sideline and said, 'Well, we got out of here with that one,'" Ralston said. "If you lost, you were down in the dumps. When you lose, it haunts you. Those losses haunted me."

The Spartans have won more than they have lost on Homecoming, however, registering a 46-26-2 record since 1933, according to SJSU Athletics.

SJSU plays Western Athletic Conference opponent the University of Idaho in this year's Homecoming contest.

The Spartans defeated the Utah State University Aggies 21-14 in last year's game and have not played a traditional rival since losing to Fresno State 53-12 in 1997.

"It seems like Homecoming ought to be against your rivals," Gilbert said. "You know you'll get a really good crowd for that."

### SJSU FOOTBALL HOMECOMING NOTES:

— SJSU is 46-26-2 all time in Homecoming games since 1933

— Last Homecoming win: 21-14 over Utah State in 2006

— Last Homecoming loss: 45-38 against University of Hawaii in 2005

### OPINION COLUMN:

## Living the dream: At home as Sammy Spartan

He sits alone in the Spartan Gym, near the top of the arena in the back.

He takes in the volleyball game. It's just another Thursday night in his life as a dedicated Spartan fan.

He never thought he would one day get the courage to sit with the Spartan Squad and cheer with his peers. But soon



LINDSAY BRYANT

*Opinion Editor*

enough, he donned the yellow T-shirt and yelled alongside the student crowd.

Now, Seungwon Nam sits alone again, his face hidden behind the Sammy Spartan mascot head. He tells me he would never have imagined going from sitting at games to being the man behind the mascot.

"It's a dream come true," Nam says.

We sit in the athletic office at South Campus, where Nam divides his time as a marketing intern, studying for his master's degree in recreation and leisure studies and playing Sammy the Spartan. His Korean accent doesn't stifle the excitement in his voice as we talk about his transformation from a junior college student learning English to earning his bachelor's

and now, his graduate work at SJSU.

Five years ago, Nam moved to the United States. He says he first planned to go to Long Beach State, but he wanted to live near his sister and extended family in San Jose.

He moves his hands as he tells me about being shy and not knowing anyone at SJSU. As I remember watching Sammy dance at the football games and high-fiving everyone who would let him, it's hard to imagine Nam as Sammy.

"I was attending lots of sports games," Nam says. "Every single football game. I love the games."

He smiles and lets out a laugh, "I just feel like I love the school and this sport."

For anyone who went to a Spartan athletic event last school year, Sammy was nowhere to be found. His former occupant graduated and moved away for a job.

One day at a basketball

game last winter, an attentive Nam overheard Athletic Director Tom Bowen ask, "Hey, where is Sammy?"

"People were saying 'Sammy, come back!'" Nam said. "Students were waiting for Sammy."

And now Nam fills those cartoon-like, felt-cloth tennis shoes.

As an intern in the athletic department, Nam said he went to Associate Athletic Director Tom Hastings and asked what else he could do to fill his 40-hour week requirement.

"How'd you like to be Sammy?" he asked me," Nam says.

He was hired on as an unpaid intern for the athletic department and now devotes his time as Sammy to football, basketball and volleyball games and fundraising events as the semester continues.

Since Sammy's big comeback at the Stanford football

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# Cross country athletes explain their passion

## *Why do you run for SJSU's cross country team?*

Whether it's because it takes away stress, keeps them in shape, or fulfills a family tradition, these SJSU cross country teammates share why they run.

"Well, I run because my older brother ran when he was in high school, so I followed in his footsteps. I have always liked running because it takes a lot of hard work and dedication. And you get to stay in shape. And with running on a team, you get to meet new people."

**Chris Hart**  
senior  
justice studies

"I run because I enjoy doing it. It's a way of relieving some stress and it's a great way of getting involved in school. I honestly do not know what I would do if I did not run cross country at the school."

**Suzanne Hancock**  
sophomore  
nursing



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Members of SJSU women's cross country team cool down after a 7 a.m. practice at San Jose City College Wednesday morning. The team practices six days a week.

"I run because I enjoy it, and it keeps me in shape. This is my way of relaxing, and taking my mind off my problems."

**David Blausey**  
freshman  
computer science

"I choose cross country because it is an individual sport. When the team does badly, you can still run fast and be successful. I love running and I'm good at it."

**Sam Wambugu**  
senior  
health science

"Because there is so much more to running than just running. The psychological, physical and emotion aspects of running are so intense and diverse that it is hard to pinpoint a reason as to 'why.' I sometimes find that running can be cathartic, however, frustrating at other times; relaxing, however, physically taxing; liberating, but sometimes constraining. It's like life. I run because I can; so why not run?"

**Marlene Elizalde**  
senior

behavioral science and sociology

"When I run, I just think about running; nothing else. When I have really bad days, I run and just feel better after the run. And I like being part of the team to get better and have time to run."

**Arely Marquez**  
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*Q-and-A compiled by Samanta Salas*

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# After 19 years track and field returns as a club sport

By KRISTIN FURTADO

Staff Writer

For former SJSU track-and-field runner Robert Griffin, there is one memory that will forever stay with him. It was a moment he would never forget one day out on the track in the late 1960s.

Griffin hadn't been feeling well that day, and he said it showed when he ran the first leg of a relay race. But when fellow teammate and future Olympian Tommie Smith took the baton and started to run, Griffin could only stare in awe.

"He was just so fast," Griffin said. "He made up that yard. He ended up winning that event. It was incredible to me in terms of the caliber of that athlete."

For Griffin, watching Smith run was like watching a "work of art" in motion, he said. This was the era of Speed City, a term synonymous with the names John Carlos and Tommie Smith — two athletes, whose historic protest during the 1968 Olym-

pic games is memorialized with a statue on campus.

But Smith and Carlos were only two people at a time when the SJSU track-and-field team produced a number of successful athletes, all of whom brought national, as well as international, attention to the university.

**"... San Jose State was as good as anyone in the world."**

BOB POYNTER

*SJSU athlete recruited by Bob Winter*

"I accepted by coming here that I was never going to be the fastest on the team," Griffin said.

From the moment he watched Smith on the track that day, Griffin understood that he was surrounded by an extremely talented group of athletes.

While track is often looked at as an individual sport, it was the team spirit and the camaraderie of his teammates that motivated Griffin on the track.

"Track was really big at that time," Griffin said. He had been recruited to the track-and-field team in 1966 by then-coach Bud Winter, after setting a national community college record for the 100- and 200-meter dashes during the California state championships as a student at Contra Costa College.

During his long career as the track-and-field coach, Winter recruited dozens of athletes who collectively came to be known as Speed City, said URLA Hill, guest curator of Speed City: From Civil Rights to Black Power, an exhibit on the history of track and field team at SJSU during 1956-1959.

"He put them on top of the world," Hill said of Winter. "In World War II, he had trained pilots to remain calm when they were going into battle," Hill said, adding that Winter utilized this technique in his coaching.

"At that time, San Jose State

was as good as anyone in the world," said Bob Poynter, an athlete who was recruited by Winter in 1958.

Poynter, who currently coaches track and field at West Valley College, served as assistant coach of SJSU's track-and-field team from 1980-1988, the last year track and field was offered as an NCAA sport at SJSU. It's not a fond memory for Poynter, whose team first heard the news on the bus on their way to the Western Athletic Conference championships.

"That was the very last meet for San Jose State," Poynter said, citing budget concerns as the main reason for its elimination.

"It all boils down to San Jose State's lack of money," said Poynter, adding that students come to West Valley because they can't run at the SJSU.

Griffin, who is currently the vice president of student services and institutional research at De Anza College, believes there should have been more of an effort to keep the sport

alive, given its rich history.

But that doesn't mean students haven't found other ways to bring the sport back to campus. William Brown, a senior kinesiology major, helped form a club team in 2006 with another student.

"It was very difficult to get started," said Brown, adding that at first they made attempts

**"It boils down to San Jose State's lack of money."**

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to get the team athletically recognized because it would have been easier to have more meets.

Although the club team was started in 2006, it wasn't really up and running until this year, Brown said.

"This is our first year actually doing it," Brown said.

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# Spartan athletics fall highlights

## FOOTBALL:

Head Coach: Dick Tomey  
Record: 2-3  
Key Player: Quarterback  
Adam Tafralis, 1,059  
yards, 8 TDs and 5 INTs.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER:

Head Coach:  
Dave Siracusa  
Record: 1-7-2  
Key Player: Kristin Krale,  
2 goals and 1 assist.

## MEN'S SOCCER:

Head Coach:  
Gary St. Clair  
Record: 5-4-1  
Key Player: Ismael Ibarra,  
4 goals and 2 assists.



## WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING:

Head Coach:  
Sage Hopkins  
Best Finish: 4th last  
season at the Western  
Athletic Conference  
championships.  
Key Player: Brie  
Marhenke, freestyle  
specialist and two-time  
individual WAC champion.

## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY:

Head Coach:  
Augie Argabright  
Best 2007 team finish:  
3rd out of 5 at the USF  
Invitational.  
Key Player: Sam  
Wambugu, 2006 Second-  
team All-WAC.

## MEN'S GOLF:

Head Coach:  
John Kennaday  
Best finish of 2007 season:  
5th out of 17 at the Las  
Vegas Shootout.

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL:

Head Coach: Oscar Crespo  
Record: 6-9  
Key Player: Jennifer  
Senftleben, 55 games  
played and 208 kills.

## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY:

Head Coach:  
Augie Argabright  
Best 2007 team finish:  
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Key Player: Erica Sahli,  
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# Senior spikes to success

By **MANDIE MOHSENZADEGAN**

Staff Writer

"Go Jen!" SJSU Volleyball player Jennifer Senfleben's teammates cheer her on during a practice as she aggressively leaps toward the ball and hits it across the net. She smiles triumphantly as the ball hits the ground and wipes her brow.

Senfleben has been on the women's volleyball team since she first came to SJSU as a freshman and is finishing her fourth and final year this season as a record-breaking player.

"She's a very solid part of our team," said teammate Kristal Tsukano.

Among her many recognitions throughout her time on the team, Senfleben has been ranked as one of only 10 SJSU students in the history of the university to record over 1000 in "kills," points scored for any hitter when they have put the ball on the floor on the other side, according to the San Jose State University athletics Web site.

Senfleben said that despite her acclamations, she was "pretty bad" when she first started playing volleyball during her freshman year in high school.

"My mom made me play a sport, so I picked up volleyball," she said. "I liked it, but I didn't really want to play. But she made me keep going, and eventually I ended up liking it."

Senfleben cherishes the many memories she has had on the team and said, "It's kind of sad that it's winding down. Getting to know all the girls on the team, they become like your family."

Originally a middle-blocker, Senfleben's coach changed her position on the team to outside hitter during her sophomore year at SJSU, which she said was a difficult transition at first, but one she learned to adapt to.

"Being an outside hitter now, I don't think I could go back to being a middle-blocker."

She also said that it allowed her to grow as a player.

"Each position is so different," she said. "Now I block and read, instead of just going to the player and jumping."

Head coach Oscar Crespo, who has been coaching the team since March, shared his thoughts on Senfleben.

"I think she is a really fantastic and hard-working kid," he said. "She doesn't put herself first, she believes in the team

and wants it to be successful, and I respect that very much."

Teammate Keri Anglin said, "She's always there when you need somebody, on and off the court. She comes in and works hard every day."

The team participates in the Western Athletic Conference, known as WAC, every season.

Crespo said, "We set the highest standard possible, and it is to win our conference and be a WAC champion, to put the best team out there and to return the program to the NCAA tournament."

Crespo said that he would love to have Senfleben back on

the team next season but understands the restrictions. He looks forward to bringing in new players and believes that they will bring their own individuality to the team, but said, "Jen is a person and a player, so it will be difficult to replace her."

Although her time on the team is coming to an end, Senfleben plans on coaching a volleyball club of young teenage girls. As for her academic endeavors, she is majoring in kinesiology with an emphasis in physical activity and said, "I want to work with disabled people in sports."

Senfleben said, "I am going to be here for a while so I'll continue to come to the games and watch."



COURTESY OF SJSU ATHLETICS

Jennifer Senfleben is one of only 10 SJSU players of all time to record more than 1,000 kills.

# SAMMY- SJSU spirit

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game, Nam has been watching film much like the SJSU football team, but perhaps with more success.

Nam says he has been watching old DVDs of former Sammy performances and films of other school mascots for ideas.

"My parents don't exactly understand it," Nam said of his role as Sammy. "They are just proud I'm working in America." His parents still live in South Korea.

Nam moves his arm across his body as he pretends to write on an imaginary pad of paper, explaining that he creates a script before each game, which he says helps him to have a specific plan "so I have an idea of what to do."

As I spoke with Nam, my mind drifted to the Stanford football game, where I actually had my photo taken with Sammy.

Nam's passion and dedication to his education and for Spartan athletics overshadows his timid nature.

"I hope to get a job here,"

Nam said. "Being Sammy's been beneficial and precious experience in my college life."

From sitting alone at the top of the stadium to the bottom, where Nam says he always wanted to be — the SJSU football field — he is truly proud and grateful to wear the Sammy uniform.

"It's my favorite job," Nam said.

And it's our pleasure, Sammy, to enjoy your enthusiasm for Spartan athletics — wherever you may sit in the stadium.



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