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Advising, blood discussed at forum

Grobsmith fields audience questions

By JESSE KIMBREL
Staff Writer

SJSU presidential candidate Elizabeth Grobsmith got a laugh out of the crowd in a full auditorium when she said she had never actually been to San Jose, but she had flown to the airport before.

Grobsmith spent about an hour in a public forum Tuesday at the Engineering Auditorium, answering questions from students, faculty and staff in regards to her plans if she becomes the university's next president.

Grobsmith highlighted the importance of on-campus advising.

"I see advising as one of the most important jobs of the university," Grobsmith said. "Without proper advising, students perhaps take too long to get through school and won't take exactly the right courses that will give them the pathway to their degrees."

As of March 19, SJSU had nine general education advisers, according to Cindy Kato, director of academic

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Elizabeth Grobsmith (right) speaks with Mike Gorman (left), associate professor of social work, about the training of doctorates in anthropology at the reception for Tuesday's university presidential candidates forum.

COMMENTARY

Grobsmith lacked focus on students

By LINDSAY BRYANT
Managing Editor

For the first time Elizabeth Grobsmith took in the San Jose air — her sunglasses guarded her from the California sunshine.

"I've never been here before, except once to fly into the airport," she said.

On campus Monday and Tuesday for a whirlwind of information and condensation of SJSU — from a meeting with Associated Students to Clark Hall to the King Library and around campus again — Grobsmith

liked what she saw.

And she said that she could see herself as the president of SJSU.

Grobsmith told me that her value system coincides with the vision at SJSU: commitment to students, to teaching, the community and our unique partnership with Downtown and the City of San Jose.

She said she is encouraged by the "stewardship of place" at SJSU: preparing students for being active citizens. Her time as provost at Northern Arizona and

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PRESIDENT SEARCH: DAY 2

Prez hunt brings Whitmore to SJSU

Former head of Texas Tech may have questions to answer

By JOHN HORNBERG
Staff Writer

Jon Whitmore is searching for a new job. He's currently one of three candidates to replace Don Kassing as president of the university, but SJSU isn't his only option.

He is also a candidate for the open chancellor position at Louisiana State University, according to the news release. He was a finalist for the presidency at Portland State University until mid-April, after resigning from the presidency at Texas Tech University in January, a position he held for the last five years.

Kent Wilkinson, a mass communications professor at Texas Tech, has known Whitmore since he was a graduate student at the University of Texas at Austin in 1993, when Whitmore was a dean of fine arts.

"He's kind of a quiet guy," Wilkinson said, "but he's a solid administrator."

Bill Dean, the executive vice president of the Texas Tech Alumni Association, spoke fondly of Whitmore.

"He's a first class gentleman ... he's well liked by the faculty," he said.

Dean also said Whitmore is the type of leader who delegates to other campus administrators and works well with others.

There are questions about the timing of Whitmore's resignation at Texas Tech. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools placed the university on accreditation probation for one year in mid-December, according to a Dec. 20 statement.

"The timing would suggest that there might have been some pressure," Wilkinson said.

Dean had a different view of Whitmore's resignation.

"Part of the reason is we have a new chancellor," he said, "and he wanted to raise enrollment [at

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Public forum with Jon Whitmore at the Engineering Auditorium today at 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Budgetary concerns incite Day of Action

Faxes sent to governor asking for bigger CSU budget

By HEIDI ROMSWINCKEL-GUISE
Staff Writer

Students outside of the Student Union were asked on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. to make phone calls and fill out forms to fax to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, telling him to not cut the California State University's budget.

Called the SJSU Day of Action, the event was arranged by members of the Alliance for the CSU, a group that formed this semester, said Persis Karim.

Karim, associate professor for the English department, said the \$386 million budget cut would be devastating for faculty, students, and other CSU campuses.

"We're concerned about these cuts because it will mean higher tuition for students and fewer choices in classes and probably larger class sizes," Karim said. "We're trying to get students and everybody who works on the campus, and all over the CSU system, to call and fax Schwarzenegger today."

According to the event's news release, students

and professors of 12 universities have already faxed and called the Governor's office.

The press kit also stated that San Diego State University would participate in the event today, and Cal State Chico, Cal State Northridge, San Francisco State University and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo would send faxes and make phone calls on Thursday.

Maureen Loughran, a California Faculty Association representative, said the faxes were being sent from the Career Center's Q-Building.

Loughran said she was happy that students were participating.

"There have actually been more people than I was expecting," Loughran said at about noon. "It's been great."

Annay Bains, a junior accounting major, said he filled out a form to fax to Schwarzenegger, but he's not sure if it will help.

"I don't think he's going to care very much, but it's always worth a try," said Bains, 20. "If it

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Maureen Loughran, a member of the California Faculty Association helps a student fill out a fax to send to the governor's office Tuesday morning in front of the Student Union.

Penalties on Athletics upheld by NCAA

SJSU players failed to meet academic eligibility standards

By MARK POWELL
Special to the Daily

The NCAA officially denied an appeal by SJSU intended to retract a 2007 decision to lay historical penalties on the athletic program for failing to meet certain academic standards, according to a university athletics news release Tuesday.

Scholarship reductions for football, men's soccer and women's basketball reported by the San Francisco Chronicle last May were upheld after the teams were unable to reach the minimum progress score, which is 925, according to the NCAA Division I 2005-2006 Academic Progress Rate Public Report.

SJSU President Don Kassing said the baseball team was also hit with

scholarship reductions.

An Associated Press story Tuesday named men's basketball as another SJSU team that failed to meet progress rate standards.

The release published on the SJSU Athletics Web site stated that the progress violations refer to players who were ruled ineligible for 2003-04 and 2004-05 stints — before current Athletic Director Tom Bowen and head football coach Dick Tomey arrived.

"I'm disappointed," Kassing said. "We needed to do more institutionally, in terms of an academic support system."

Kassing said the university had been "slow to figure that out," and that changes in personnel kept SJSU

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Former death row inmate leads capital punishment talk

By MICHAEL PASAOA
Senior Staff Writer

After five years on death row, Greg Wilhoit was exonerated.

"For some reason, if we cannot lethal inject you, we'll electrocute you. If the power goes out, we'll hang you, and if the rope breaks, my God, we'll take you out behind the jail and shoot you," a judge told him during his sentencing, he said.

Wilhoit was put on death row for the murder of his wife after being found guilty by a jury of his peers.

He was one of the speakers at the anti-death-penalty event Tuesday in the Student Union's Ohlone room.

Tim Cordell, a senior justice studies major, said he supports the death penalty.

"I think that death as an alternative punishment for certain criteria fits," Cordell said. "I think it's a valid punishment for valid crimes."

Other students couldn't decide.

"I don't really have an opinion on it," said Dave Panlilio, a senior pictorial arts major. "I'm in the middle."

Several students disagreed with the death penalty.

"Killing people is bad," said Trisha Vasquez, a sophomore hospitality management major, "especially when you don't know if they're guilty."

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IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE

San Jose fans were devastated by the Sharks' early playoff exit, but the grief should only last so long. See SPORTS, page 4

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College of Business hires new dean for Fall semester

By TOMMY WRIGHT
Staff Writer

A former executive at Chevron and business dean at Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey has been named the dean of the College of Business at SJSU.

David M. Steele said he was recruited by Chevron immediately after college. He attended University of Birmingham in England, where he received a bachelor's and doctoral degree in chemical engineering. He was the president of Chevron Latin America when he left the company.

"He is what we would consider a non-traditional candidate in that he has a lengthy career in the corporate world," said Tim Hill, chair of the Search Committee for Dean, College of Business. "He has both the real-world experience as well as experience as a dean."

Steele said one of the reasons he applied for the job at SJSU is that he sees this area as the world's center for technology, innovation and entrepreneurship.

He has lived in the Bay Area in the past and completed his graduate

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in education for 25-plus years have all been in preparation for what she referred to as "the next step" in moving up the rankings.

Grobsmith has the experience of a higher up at NAU as the vice president of academic affairs where her focus was on faculty well being more than students, but her 25 years as a professor alluded to her ability to lecture and interact with a large audience Tuesday morning.

At the Engineering Auditorium the only student presence were a few scattered backpack-wearers near the front. When asked by Grobsmith — no undergrads were present, or at least did not raise their hands in compliance.

The questions asked by the faculty were directed to the looming budget cuts and what her response would be at a university like SJSU that is losing money, gaining more students

each year and now in search of a new president to sit at Don Kassing's desk — a large desk at that.

While NAU's student population is not of the same diverse cloth as SJSU, Grobsmith

said her acclamation to the student diversity would come easy. She said while the percentages are different between NAU — 23 percent minority — from SJSU — with no set ethnic majority — it is not a quantum leap from her life experiences and upbringing. One that she said was accepting of diversity and a 20-year study of American Indians. Her tenure as an anthropology professor

provides a canvas for Grobsmith.

At the public forum Grobsmith said she hoped to build and increase staffing in advising for undergraduates — SJSU has nine advisers for 24,390 undergrads. NAU has 27. If Grobsmith commits to restructuring undergrad advising at SJSU, she will be on the fast track to pleasing students.

And Grobsmith seemed to be realistic about the financial crisis which will hit the CSUs soon.

"It's not a one year quick fix," she explained. She said she would begin planning how to deal with less money from the state and bringing in external funding for SJSU.

The fiscal train wreck, Grobsmith said, could be controlled by limiting the amount of damage, and "maintain(ing) the quality and maintain the investment."

Grobsmith, admittedly, doesn't know much about our university's athletic program or the politics that go with that entity, so this could be a foreseeable issue — especially with the Alumni Association and Tower Foundation.

Football coach Dick Tomey has until 2010 before his contract ends and Athletic Director Tom Bowen was offered a job at Louisiana State University that he turned down — the turnaround for SJSU athletics, football in particular, has been 180-degrees. Grobsmith may not have the experience, or knowledge, that some are looking for to keep the momentum going in the Athletic Department.

If Grobsmith wins the SJSU bid, she would be the second woman president in 151 years to serve the university. It is too soon to assert who is the frontrunner in the three-way race, but Grobsmith's charisma and experience impressed even a skeptic.

But students should be just as much the conversation at the Public Forum as faculty — and the same for the next president of SJSU.

"I think that I have a value system that appears to be very much in line with the value system here."

ELIZABETH GROBSMITH
Candidate for the SJSU presidency

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NCAA | 58 ineligible football players left university

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from being prepared for the Academic Progress Rate.

Kassing said, among other aspects, the Academic Progress Rate denotes student-athletes who face academic problems as either "0-for-1" or "0-for-2."

Student-athletes designated as "0-for-1" are ineligible to play but have not left the university. Those

designated as "0-for-2" are ineligible to play and have also left the university.

According to the release, 58 football players, including 49 recruited prior to Tomey's hiring, were labeled "0-for-2" during the period in question. The release states Tomey honored the scholarships of those players, contributing to NCAA sanctions.

Ryan Simone, who played football for SJSU under Tomey and

former coach Fitz Hill from 2003 to 2006, said the SJSU Athletics administration facilitates ways for student-athletes to be assisted in their academics.

"Football players have something every morning called 'O.G.' or 'Operation Graduation,'" Simone said. "Whenever players are enrolled in classes they have to show their notes. They have to show what they are learning."

ACTION | Financial aid cut

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does go through, I want to be able to tell my kids I was a part of it."

Stacy Spence, a senior history major, said she went to the March for Higher Education in Sacramento on April 21 because she does not want the budget to be cut.

"I was a student that was able to come here because I got financial aid and that's basically what they're going to be cutting," said Spence, 22. "I really appreciated it and I think that other people should have the same opportunity that I did."

Karim said she and the group believe there are better ways to address California's budget problems.

"There are many ways of raising revenue, including taxing oil companies in California and bringing together industry to find a solution," Karim said.

"Education is always the first to be sacrificed and ... we oppose the idea that education should be one of the first places where money is taken away."

The Alliance for the CSU is planning to do a similar event around mid-May to try and get parents to speak out against the budget cuts, Karim said.

JON | Portland not a good fit

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Texas Tech] to 40,000. I think Dr. Whitmore didn't feel comfortable with that goal."

"I don't think it had anything to do with performance," Dean added.

One of Whitmore's goals, Wilkinson said, was to work toward increasing Texas Tech's research capacity.

"He developed an arts and performance program that has had a positive impact on the university," Wilkinson said.

Whitmore also sought to expand research funding, Wilkinson said, adding that the number of endowed chairs and professors increased, along with research funding at Texas Tech.

Shortly before the announcement of his candidacy for the SJSU presidency, Whitmore withdrew his name for the job at Portland State, according to a news release from the university.

One reason he may have dropped his name from consideration from the job at Portland State involves the university's resources, said Di Saunders, director of communications for the Oregon University system.

The state of Oregon has not al-

ways been kind with resources for its universities, she said, a factor that may have led to his choice.

"The only thing that we heard was that Oregon wasn't a good fit for him," Saunders said about Whitmore's removal from contention. "I don't think Jon Whitmore wanted to take a job where there wasn't enough resources."

The official reason for his choice, she said, involved the university's location.

Although there are still nine candidates for LSU chancellorship, Whitmore was one of two candidates selected for a background check by the university's search committee, said Charles Zewe, vice president for communications and external affairs for the LSU system.

Information beyond that, he said, could not be released.

"It's not like a horse race we are watching here," Zewe said of the search.

He added that the university is not expected to name its chancellor until early summer. The CSU Board of Trustees is expected to name Kassing's replacement next week after interviewing all three candidates, according to a press release.

SPARTA GUIDE

EVENT CALENDAR

Today

Center for Comparative Philosophy Lecture Series

Manuel Vargas, associate professor of philosophy at the University of San Francisco discusses "Culture and the Value of philosophy: The Latin American Case."
4:30 p.m. in the King Library, conference room 255
Contact: Bo Mou, (408) 924-4513

Catholic & Feminist Mass

Presided by Victoria Rue, Roman Catholic woman priest. All are welcome, especially those marginalized by the church — women, LGBT, divorced/re-married, those using birth control and those who've had abortions.
5:15 p.m. at Spartan Chapel
Contact: Victoria Rue, victoria@victoriarue.com

Wednesday Evening Religion Course

Come join us at the San Jose Institute of Religion sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS).
7 to 8 p.m. at 66 S. Seventh St. Every Wednesday.
Contact: bohndm@ldsces.org, www.ldsces.org/sanjose

Tomorrow

Free lunch every Thursday for San Jose Students

The San Jose Institute of Religion sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) invites you to lunch every Thursday.
12 p.m. at 66 S. 7th Street.
Contact: sanjoseca@ldsces.org, 286-3313, www.ldsces.org/sanjose

Vocal Recital "Student Showcase"

Spanish songs of Spain, Mexico and Latin America. Vocal studio of Professor Joseph Frank.
12:30 to 1:15 p.m. at the Music Building Concert Hall
Contact: Joan Stubbe, 924-4649, jstubbe@email.sjsu.edu

Chef Ramon's Talking Blues

Presented by 90.5 FM KSJS and The Associated Students of SJSU. Featuring live musical performances by Rene Solis, drummer Michael L. Jiggits, keyboardist Dave Gorges and bassist Paul Logan. Special guests include J.C. Smoth, Lara Price, Laura Chavez, Gary Smith, Jake Mackey, Maxx Cabello Jr., Willie Roland and more! Tickets are \$15
5:30 p.m. at the San Jose Improv
Contact: (408) 280-7475, (408) 924-4531

SJSU Student Film Festival

Hosted by the Film Production Society, the festival will showcase all types of short films produced by students.
7 p.m. at the University Theatre at 5th and San Fernando.
Contact: Andrew Hellesen, hellesen7@yahoo.com

Bible Study

Acts 2 Christian Fellowship has weekly Bible studies on Thursdays.
Contact: Justin Foon, 415-786-9873, jfoon1@yahoo.com
7 p.m. at Student Union Costanoan room.

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PLAY REVIEW

Tabard Theatre Company causes 'Pandemonium'

By NICOLE LIEURANCE
Senior Staff Writer

Armed with cuteness and wit, Tabard Theatre Company's production of "Pandemonium" is likely the best "G-rated" show in town. Aimed at kids, but with plenty of humor for adults, this play is a constant and pleasant surprise.

Written and directed by Susannah Greenwood, "Pandemonium" is a hodgepodge of world mythology centered loosely around the story of Pandora's Box. In the Greek myth, the gods give a box to Pandora and her husband, Epimetheus,

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and instruct them not to open it. Pandora's curiosity gets the best of her, however, and she opens it, releasing all the evils of mankind into the world.

"Pandemonium" follows Epimetheus as he travels the world to recapture the evils (personified by child actors) after accidentally unleashing them, aided along the way by the character Hope, the only good to come from the box.

In their travels, Epimetheus and Hope encounter characters from other myths, such as the Norse god Odin, and Anansi, the West African spider god. In total, "Pandemonium" explores eight world locations, including Australia, Norway, Japan and Africa.

The talented cast includes Carolyn DiLoreto, 11, and Alex-

andra Vigil, 9, as Hugin and Muninn, a pair of impish ravens who help Epimetheus and Hope along the way. They are a constant source of comic relief, and have a chemistry not unlike quarreling sisters.

Nathan Zobel as Epimetheus is a bit over the top in his hysteria, but this serves as a foil for Hope (Feline Clever, 11), whose lines get funnier when said with a straight face.

The humor of "Pandemonium" consists mainly of groaner wordplay, like when Epimetheus protests the gift of Thor's hammer, saying, "I wouldn't want to steal your thunder."

Yet the cast also pulls off quite a few laughs with physical comedy, the child actors as skillfully as any of the adults. Ten-year-old Alyssa Teixeira is wonderful as Wrath, transforming from a storming temper tantrum to meek and resigned in one cleverly written scene.

Bezachin Jifar, a first-time actor originally from Ethiopia, is a perfect fit for Anansi, a crafty West African deity who plays the drum. His comic delivery and talented drumming make his scene one of the most memorable.

The costuming of "Pandemonium," done by Marilyn Watts, is creative and authentic. She interprets each of the evils in a unique way while still incorporating the cultural dress of the region in which they are hiding. Writer/director Greenwood has also interpreted cultural dance into the many set changes of "Pandemonium," creating a flow from one scene to another.

"Pandemonium" is a delightful play that will entertain an adult mind as well as one's inner child. The many elements and layers of this show make it one not to be missed.



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LEFT: Alexandra Vigil, Feline Clever and Carolyn DiLoreto (left to right) ponder what perils may lurk in Pandora's Box in the Tabard Theatre Company's production of "Pandemonium" at Theatre on San Pedro Square.

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Students turn walkway into cricket pitch

By HEIDI ROMSWINCKEL-GUISE
Staff Writer

Cricket may be one sport that has not made its mark in the United States, but 20 men from India find time to play it on campus at SJSU.

Gobinder Kamboj, a freshman computer science major, said it was not hard to find students to play cricket. Kamboj said he plays the sport with 19 other SJSU students from the engineering department.

He said they usually play matches on Fridays and Saturdays on the walkway next to the Seventh Street area barbecue pits.

"We met on campus, but through the Internet actually," Kamboj said. "We have an online community called Orkut, and it's just like MySpace."

In India, cricket is the country's most popular sporting event, Kamboj said.

Though the sport is one of India's favorites, it did not derive from there.

According to a 2005 article in the American Sociological Review called "Cross-National Cultural Diffusion: The Global Spread of Cricket," written by Harvard sociology professors Jason Kaufman and Orlando Patterson, the sport of cricket originated in England.

Kaufman and Patterson wrote that the sport started off as a rural game, but "quickly emerged into a highly competitive sport."

As the sport increased in popularity between the 17th and 18th centuries in England, British

soldiers introduced it to other parts of the world when they played the sport within the colonies of the British Empire.

According to the article, cricket has become a mainstay in Australia, England, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, New Zealand, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and countries in the West Indies.

Cricket was played in Canada and the United States in the mid-19th century, according to the article, but it didn't receive as much attention once sports such as baseball became more admired.



ARTHUR MARKMAN / SPARTAN DAILY

Surender Kumar awaits a pitch from Bimal Gadhavi during a Saturday cricket match.

"Think of your football over here in America," Kamboj said. "That's how big cricket is in India."

Surender Kumar, a graduate electrical engineering major, said people in India will do anything to watch cricket.

"In India, this game is so popular," Kumar said. "Whenever there is a match, people leave their important work to go and watch a live match."

The area the students play in is not as big as a normal cricket pitch, and since an official cricket game is played with 22 players and there are only 20 students, they said they make up their own rules.

Saurabh Tyagi, a graduate electrical engineering major, said they try to pick teams in an organized yet simple way.

Team captains are first chosen at random. Then, each captain alternates turns and picks one person at a time to be on their team, he said.

"Sometimes we'll have the captains do a coin toss," Tyagi said, "to determine whether his team will bat or bowl first."

If a team chooses to bat, it has a chance to hit the ball. The term "bowl" is similar to the baseball term "pitch," except in cricket, the ball may bounce on the ground once.

Though SJSU does not have the perfect cricket pitch measurements, Tyagi said that it's better than most places.

"Even in India, I sometimes used to play cricket on the street," Tyagi said. "I find our campus much better than that."

Kumar said that once the semester ends, he and the rest of the group are planning to continue playing nearby.

"One of my friends told me that there is a cricket club in Sunnyvale," Kumar said. "Hopefully, we can join that club and continue our game."

Sharks' playoff exit shouldn't tarnish season for fans

By CHRIS BAUSINGER
Staff Writer

San Jose Sharks fans, you have the next three seconds to sulk about the loss to the Dallas Stars on Sunday night. Three ... two ... one ... OK. Time's up. Now let's talk about the positive.

In Game 6 the Sharks managed to do what all their fans were hoping they would do: Force a Game 7. They officially only finished Game 6, but the teams played enough minutes to have completed a full Game 7. The result? Most fans know what happened, but the Sharks lost on a power-play goal by Stars captain Brenden Morrow, 9:03 into the fourth overtime.

The first thing that my brother said to me was, "Stupid Campbell."

I thought to myself, "Yeah!" Upon further examination, I realized that I had seen Sharks' defenseman Brian Campbell on the ice more than any other Shark.

In the event summary on the Sharks' Web site, my observation was confirmed, as I found that Campbell had 56:23 of ice time, leading all players other than the goalies.

Yes, my brother was just in being upset, because Campbell made the fatal tripping penalty that put Dallas on the final power play.

Yes, he was twiddling his thumbs in the penalty box when the last goal was scored.

But, since most of us have never played a full game of hockey, let alone two full games in a row, we can't imagine how tired Campbell and the rest of the Sharks were.

In the four overtime periods, two penalties were called. The Sharks failed to score a goal during

the third overtime after Patrick Marleau was hooked by Stars defenseman Nicklas Grossman.

But the fans can't complain. Evgeni Nabokov allowed only two pucks into the net behind him out of the 55 shot at him. Stars goalie Marty Turco was also impressive, allowing only one of the Sharks' 62 shots past him.

When I look back over the previous series against the Calgary Flames, I remember saying to myself, "We barely escaped with that one." And going into the series with Dallas, I was thinking the same thing would happen.

Three games into the series the Sharks were trailing 3-0, and I was doing all my superstitious rituals to keep them afloat.

My efforts alone were not enough to toss the Stars into shark-infested waters, but it felt good to be energized by the playoff spirit.

Minutes after I turned off the television in disgust, I stretched out on my bed, staring at my ceiling and only gave myself three seconds to be upset.

Sure, I was pouting and couldn't look at the Sharks paraphernalia on my bedroom wall, but I didn't allow myself to be disturbed.

The future for the Sharks is uncertain.

It has only been two days since they lost, but it's hard to think about what might happen to the collection of players.

I look at the Sharks and get frightened by the idea of next year, much like their jerseys this year; the team might be completely different.

While we have the chance, and before people get traded, Sharks fans should take a moment to appreciate the great season their team had: 49 wins, 23 losses and 10 overtime losses do not add up to a bad season.

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The road to recovery starts here



DAVID ZUGNONI

Beginnings of Marathons

This song goes out to my friend. Drug addiction has an ability to disillusion a person about the passage of time, according to writer Ann Marlowe.

"When I turned to heroin I wanted to halt the flow of time, not so much out of a desire to remain young, but out of a fear of the injuries time might bring: more painful relationships, more loneliness, an incurable disease like the one that devoured my father's nervous system," Marlowe wrote in her book, "How to Stop Time: Heroin A to Z."

Marlowe used the drug to temporarily avoid problems — problems that needed to be addressed all along.

But, predictably, using a drug as a temporary solution for any problem

results in a greater dependency on the drug.

Temporary relief hampers the ability to attack problems head-on because of a feeling of relief, an alternative to the painful realization of problems, and users don't recognize the problems' severity.

The problems get worse, and the amount of stimulation the person needs from the drug rises. That intensifying need paralyzes the ability to sort priorities, as nothing is as important as feeding the addiction.

For someone who is addicted, there is less time, less energy and less motivation to change the situation.

And for this reason, quitting requires an extreme amount of strength — the strength to admit there is a problem and to resist temporary relief, no matter how tempting such relief would be.

Unless the addicted person makes life changes, the addiction will continue.

I don't think drugs are an absolute evil. I've seen plenty of people use drugs with beneficial results. I've known people who are probably better people now for having spent a little bit of time out of the sober world.

I've known people who don't suffer from any serious psychological or emotional problems and continue to live with an addiction.

But, come on and be realistic. Drugs do have a potent ability to hurt the person who uses them, particularly when the person is already vulnerable to personal problems.

I've never known anyone who used a drug with consistently beneficial results.

Those who use drugs are hindered by the drug, just not always so much so that the habits cause serious problems.

For those who have hit the bottom, kicking an addiction can be such a breakthrough that they gain a

better ability to solve their problems. It is the choice to change that spearheads a series of actual changes.

But, before any such breakthrough, they must be completely committed to the goal of quitting.

And to become dedicated, a person must make a firm decision while in the midst of an addiction.

The goal must remain the same, for most life goals cannot be met until more pressing problems are addressed.

It is exclusively the decision of the person in question, especially when the person distrusts the opinions of others, who may seem harsh, threatening and judgmental.

Some people swear by the 12-step program. Some people have gone to rehabilitation centers. Some people use therapy. And some people quit by simply making the decision to quit.

But for some, quitting can be a complex, treacherous, painful, fatiguing marathon.

If that's what it takes, then that's what must be done.

Begin the marathon.

David Zugnoni is the Spartan Daily opinion editor.

For someone who is addicted, there is less time, less energy and less motivation to change the situation.

Four years and I'm ready to graduate — after one more class



SARAH KYO

The Kyo Protocol

Around this time of year, across the country, numerous students will be moving the tassels that are part of their cap-and-gown ensembles from right to left.

Some people may be feeling sentimental about the good ol' days, while others can't wait to leave their educational institutions.

There might even be a mixture of all of these feelings and more. Perhaps you are one of these individuals.

If that's the case, there are different things you could be doing with your remaining time. Getting arrested probably isn't on that list.

Seventy-five San Diego State University students have been arrested as part of a drug investigation, according to the Associated Press. Cocaine, Ecstasy pills, methamphetamine, marijuana and psychedelic mushrooms were among the drugs obtained, in addition to guns and at least \$60,000 cash.

Among those who were arrested was a student who was to receive a criminal justice degree and another who would be earning his master's degree in homeland security.

"A sad commentary is that when one of these individuals was arrested, they inquired as to whether or not his arrest and incarceration would have an effect on him becoming a federal law enforcement officer," said Ralph Partridge, special agent in charge of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in San Diego.

Seriously?

Personally, I haven't done anything quite as bad, not to mention to the same degree of illegality, as dealing drugs.

I wouldn't dream of sending a mass text message advertising cocaine, which an arrested student is accused of doing.

I do, however, have a certain potentially dangerous and life-impacting weakness for speed — as in doing things quickly at the very last minute.

I even had a late start in life, being born a couple weeks later than my predicted, calculated due date.

I went from being in-between a Leo and a Virgo to a solid Virgo that supposedly should have my act together, if you believe in that stuff.

But let's look at the evidence, shall we?

Exhibit A: I applied for graduation early December. I really should have done this paperwork many months ago, but for whatever reason, I turned it in during the remaining days of last semester.

You know how life is: Something pops up, other things are then placed on the backburner and before you know it, you are trying to make a complete meal without burning everything in the process.

I can make excuses for myself (or make up metaphors) like that — or not.

Spring forward a few months later and my parents receive a piece of mail from the university, mentioning which classes I still needed to complete before I could become a graduate of San Jose State University.

Some of those need-to-be-taken classes are in the process of being completed. Another is a misun-

derstanding that needs to be corrected. The last one is essentially a political science class — a lower division political science — a lower division political science class that I should have taken centuries, or, more precisely, a couple of years ago.

I thought I had gotten that requirement out of the way, thanks to a U.S. history advanced placement exam I had taken eons — five years — ago.

I had talked to a community college counselor about this and got it signed off.

Instead, I'll be spending this summer learning about the U.S. government. This leads to ...

Exhibit B: I recently found out that I can still take part in the pomp and circumstance, since I had applied for Spring 2008 graduation. While I may don the cap and gown and walk the walk, I still would have to re-apply so I could really be a graduate.

These are just a couple of examples of my level of procrastination. Many people probably do things at the last minute, such as pulling all-nighters to complete assignments (been there, done that). There's just something about that extra pressure and sense of immediacy; there are techniques for doing it with style.

It's still a bad habit of mine, though, that can hurt me. Maybe it's not as serious as anything drug-related and maybe it's not something I could go on trial for, but it's not exactly healthy.

It is something that I need to work on and improve about myself. There's no time like the present to come clean.

Sarah Kyo is a Spartan Daily student culture editor.

Letter to the editor

Banning bikes is not the right idea

As a member of the SJSU faculty and a daily commuting cyclist, I vehemently oppose enacting a ban on bicycling on campus for two reasons: (1) It would discourage cycling at a time when other campuses in California, the U.S. and cities nationwide are promoting cycling as environmentally-friendly alternative transit; (2) It would probably create an even larger enforcement problem and a more acrimonious campus climate, as it is unlikely students and others will simply stop riding bikes on campus.

Increased numbers of cyclists interacting with pedestrians increases the potential for accidents, and so the concerns of the few faculty who are seeking this action are not wholly without merit.

Concerned faculty and the CSU Employees Union should work with UPD on figuring out how to better enforce the existing bike policy.

More importantly, they should work with UPD, risk management and Associated Students to figure out ways for cyclists and pedestrians to coexist and transit campus safely. For example, well-marked and well-connected bike lanes could easily be placed on existing campus corridors. Bike lanes would allow for much safer transit of bikes and pedestrians through campus.

Putting in bike lanes would be a win-win situation for pedestrians and cyclists and would fit with the overall mission of the university to move towards a more environmentally sustainable campus climate.

-Jonathan Miller, associate professor of geology

A verbose pontification on the art of communication



KRIS ANDERSON

The Decline of Mojo

To have survived in college this long is the result of many things. Mostly, however, academic survival has resulted in the doctorate-level mastery in the art of cow dung and levity.

Or, as most of us know it, bullsh**.

You see, bullsh**, in its most fundamental form, is a student's primary cynosure.

The ability to pool together a panoply of adjective and adverb phrases is second nature to nearly all upper division students.

Ever been in a situation like this: Your professor assigned a five-page expository paper in which you must fully analyze a specific something.

The professor gave you three weeks to work on the essay. That's 21 days for you math majors.

And with 21 days, you worked for at least 12, and really, you worked on papers after a 10-hour shift serving coffee or busing tables?

Then you had some friends who begged you to go out Friday night.

"I've got this paper I need to get started on," you said. The friends just laughed at you openly, maybe even pointed their index fingers at you and hugged their bellies, as if

their insides would fall out if they didn't keep their stomachs covered.

"Bullsh**," they said.

It's a very versatile tool, bullsh** is. In fact, chances are, you spent two hours the night before the paper is due composing garrulous paragraphs generally formed on the foundation of bullsh**.

"Hey, how'd that paper go?" your alcoholic reveler friend asked.

"Oh it was all good. I just bullsh**ed it."

The term bullsh** is apt for aggrandizement.

The connoisseurs and enjoyers of bombastic phrases are the gatekeepers to the heavenly land of bullsh**.

Academic survival has resulted in the doctorate-level mastery in the art of cow dung and levity.

They are the kinds of people who sit in the back of class, eyes buried in their laps, texting, never paying attention and always passing the class.

They could bullsh** their way out of jail — or into public office if your last name is Bush and your middle initial is W.

They are raconteurs of circular logic — polymaths, if you will.

The idea behind bullsh**, as those previously mentioned have been so aware of, is communication.

Bullsh** is an incredible tool. It has a proclivity for the versatile. It can be a small lie. It could be a specious lecture or a 1,400-word expository analysis.

Now, you could argue that bullsh** is the trophy of the autodidact. The one who, rather easily, maintains the ability to assimilate anything with the bat of an eyelash.

For all you know, the previous 400 words are a long-winded exercise in verbosity.

Well, it was. I flexed my gnomic ability, if you will.

Although you may have been expecting to read another bi-annual column on graduation and the love of all that I've learned, it seems it all comes back to bullsh**.

My education wasn't bullsh**, but it certainly gave me a larger quiver.

I also exercised the nearly useless frame of vocabulary words that allow me to thoroughly confuse and bore readers.

So often people get wrapped up in the idea that because they are in near possession of baccalaureate, they need to shovel gregarious combinations of syllables in front of another.

Too often people try to sound too smart by using big words and nothing important gets said.

You see, the best part of communication isn't the inculcate manner in which some blowhards attempt to deliver it. That may be why so much gets lost in translation.

Just say what you need to say.

Kris Anderson is a Spartan Daily copy editor.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"In a year of remote contingencies, that's about as remote as you could possibly imagine."

AL GORE

Said Tuesday on National Public Radio regarding the possibility of his becoming a Democratic nominee at the National convention in August.

Spartan judge for hire

Santa Clara County Superior Court looks to fill slot

By ELISHA MALDONADO
Staff Writer

It was a result of bound pages that he decided to pursue a career in law. Now, Jesus Valencia, an SJSU alumnus, is running for a vacant judge seat on the Santa Clara County Superior Court bench.

"At a young age, I read a book about Abraham Lincoln studying behind candlelight and it so happened that he was a lawyer and there were parallels," Valencia said.

The similarities Valencia referred to were the means into which he and Lincoln were born: Lincoln's parents were uneducated; Valencia's mother was illiterate, and his father had a sixth-grade education.

Valencia graduated from SJSU with a degree in criminal justice administration and a concentration in law enforcement, he said. Then he went to law school — and struggled, he said — at Santa Clara University.

When it comes to education, Valencia said he was on a mission — a mission, he said, that was fueled by his mother.

"My appreciation for education," he said, "I always credit it to my mother because I did have the chance at a really early age to see that she was illiterate and to experience her hunger for knowledge."

Currently, Valencia is a Superior Court Commissioner, which means he serves as a temporary judge; and presides over the juvenile delinquency calendar — an assignment, he said, he hopes won't change if he is elected judge on June 3.

"The bottom line is that Commissioner Valencia represents the average person and comes from humble experiences. You will have someone who understands the community," said Gayle Tiller, media consultant for Valencia's campaign.

Traditionally, Valencia said, there are two ways to become a judge. The most common, he said, is through an appointment by the governor. The other way, every now and then, he said, a sitting judge retires — which is how the position he is running for became open.

Valencia said he is qualified for this position because of his 20 years of law experience. Linda Ortega,

student program coordinator for the College of Engineering, has known Valencia for 25 years, said, "I can't think of a more deserving person."

Ortega hired Valencia as an administrative assistant when he was a freshman at SJSU.

"He is genuine. That would be the word that really describes him. He gives so much of himself," Ortega said. "He makes me so proud and makes me proud that he is an alum."



COURTESY OF JESUS VALENCIA

Jesus Valencia, an SJSU grad, has 20 years of law experience.

ADVISE | Candidate answers blood questions

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advising.

Guna Selvaduray, the dean of research for the College of Engineering, asked, "What specific actions will you plan on taking, when you become president, on increasing the funding over and beyond what the state assigns to the university?"

Grobsmith said the university can't rely solely on the state for funding, and SJSU is in a great location geographically to receive "private and corporate giving." The university, she said, needs to do more fundraising in general, and added that faculty should be more active in pursuing new ways to bring in money.

After the forum, Grobsmith spoke

with media members in Clark Hall. She was asked what her reaction was to President Kassing's suspension of blood drives.

"That is a very difficult question," she said, "and I think would need to come to better understand the context and environment in which that decision was reached."

She said she is a blood donor and was surprised to read about the on-campus blood suspension: "I understand the incredible need in our society for donations."

Grobsmith said she thought donating blood teaches students to be giving and responsible citizens.

She said she felt that working with organizations such as the American Red Cross would be a good way to examine the issue.

She said there aren't any blood samples taken that don't go through heavy testing.

Gerry Selter, Kassing's executive assistant, said he thought Grobsmith handled herself well, and she seemed like the type of person with whom he would feel comfortable working.

Kassing said in a news conference with student media that he would be "deeply disappointed" if the blood drive suspension was lifted when the new president took over.

He said suspending blood drives was an important position for this campus.

"It reflects the values of this campus," he said. "If you take that reason to discriminate, what other reasons would you find to discriminate?"

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"I don't want to play God," said Anthony Tsai, a senior kinesiology major.

During the event, Wilhoit said he wanted the death sentence.

"I wasn't going to give the state of Oklahoma the satisfaction of hearing me, my family or anyone I know beg for my life," he said.

Wilhoit made the crowd laugh during his story.

"On death row you don't get out your cell under any circumstances," he joked. "Handcuffs. Handcuffs and belly chains. You've got to walk around like this. It's called the peni-

tentiary shuffle."

During his first three years on death row, Wilhoit said he supported capital punishment until his friend on death row was executed.

"One of the gentlemen would unwittingly prove to be the catalyst in my transformation from someone who was adamantly pro-death-penalty," Wilhoit said, "into an individual who feels that capital punishment is inappropriate under any circumstances."

Veronica Luna, a senior social work and sociology double major and member of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty, also spoke at the event.

"There is no right way to do the wrong thing," said Luna, whose uncle is on death row.

Irene Rodriguez, a member of Families to Amend the Three Strikes Law, has a son who is serving 25 years to life for nonviolent crimes.

"We have to do what is right to correct this law," Rodriguez said.

She said the group gathered signatures to get the amendment on the ballot this year, but was not successful.

The group may try again in 2010, Rodriguez said.

"As long as I have breath in my body," she said, "I will continue to fight for my son."

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business training at UC Berkeley. Steele has lived in seven foreign countries, including Venezuela where he was born and later spent time working for Chevron.

Steele said living in other countries showed him that the way to do business in one area is not the same way to do it in another.

"One of my first goals is to put an emphasis on the global business perspective," Steele said.

He said it is important to get behind the issues and become aware of the way people think in different countries.

Another goal Steele mentioned was reaching out to the local community and the local business community to promote the College of Business and raise money for the college.

"The most important thing a dean can do is bring in extra money," said Asbjorn Osland, professor of business organization and management. "And I think he'll be good at that."

Steele said as dean, he will be "very student-centered and very faculty-centered."

He plans on holding "coffee with the dean" events, which he did at Fairleigh Dickinson University. He said he plans on randomly selecting students every couple of weeks to "just talk."

While he was on campus being interviewed for the position, Steele said he could "sense the opportunity and excitement that the students convey."

Steele served as the dean of the Silberman College of Business at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Rutherford, N.J. After that, he was a professor and the dean of the College of Business at the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Fla., where he currently resides.

Hill, the search committee chair, said there was "strong competition among the candidates." He said they received about 70 applications. Some of the other candidates included a president of a college, a current dean of a college and the current U.S. Treasurer Anna Escobedo Cabral, he said.

In addition to his experience at universities and with Chevron, Steele said he also had experience in information technology and as an executive consultant, primarily with

small startup companies.

"He has really high integrity," Hill said.

Don Kassing, president of SJSU, said at a news conference on Tuesday that Steele is a seasoned person who knows higher education.

"I think he's just going to be terrific," Kassing said.

Steele will begin in July, replacing Bruce Magid, who left SJSU to become the dean of the International Business School at Brandeis University in Massachusetts.