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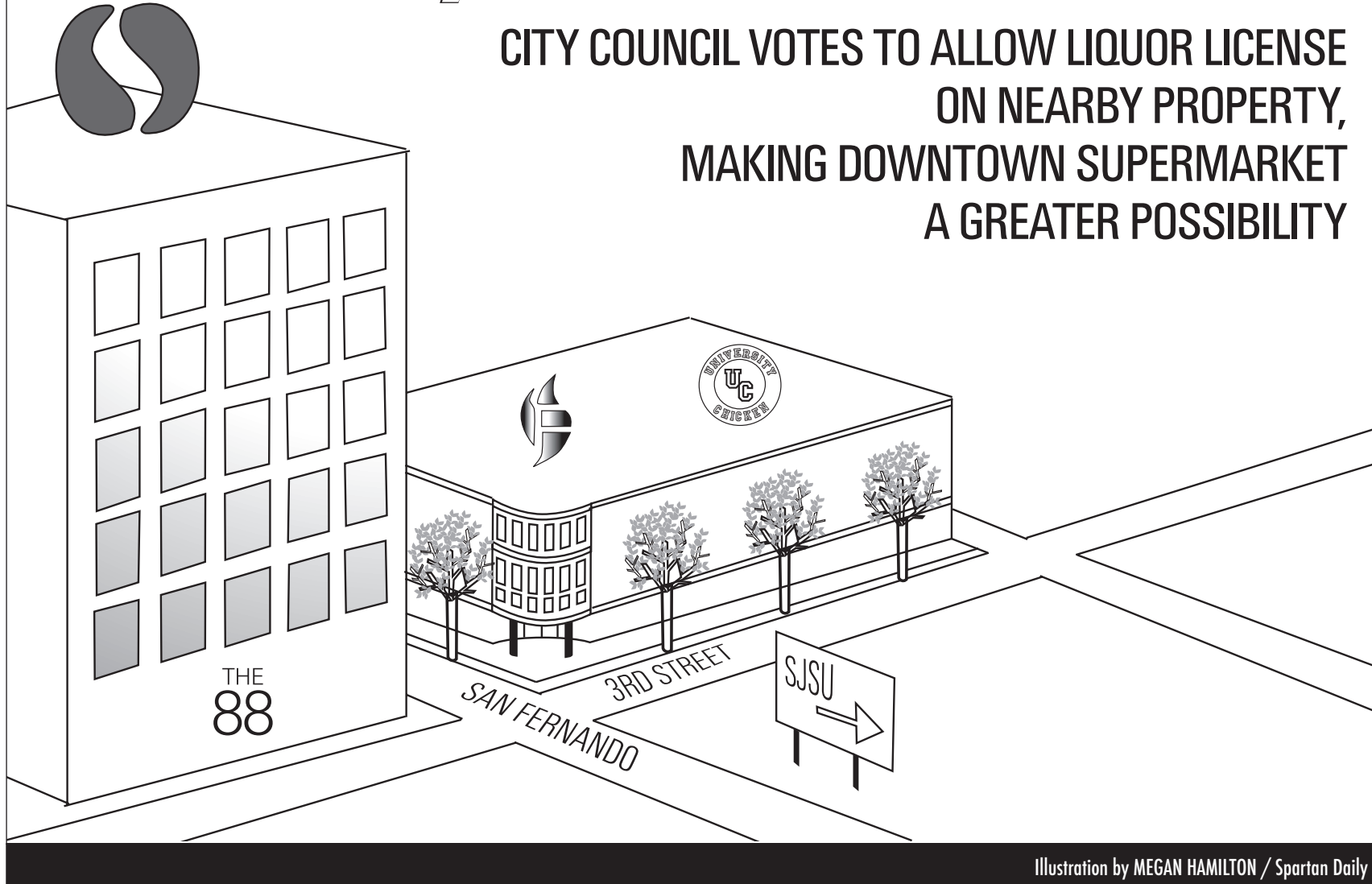
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# Safeway closer to fruition



RYAN BUCHAN  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday the San Jose City Council unanimously voted to approve a liquor license for The 88, a new high-rise luxury housing complex on San Fernando Street between Second and Third streets. The decision will allow a Safeway supermarket to be installed on the bottom floor of the building, according to a sign posted there.

"I don't think that it is a great idea," said Alison Bui, a sophomore advertising major who was shopping at Zantotto's Family Market on Second Street. "I feel Safeway will take away from the persona of downtown. I'm all for mom and pop shops."

The major delay for the project has been the acquisition of a liquor license.

"Whatever that needs to happen needs to get done," said Mark Ritchie,

president of Ritchie Commercial Real Estate, a firm that is working on projects in Downtown San Jose but is not involved with The 88. "There is not a lot of demand for a large retail space."

Michelle McGurk, public information officer for the office of Mayor Chuck Reed, said the planning commission initially denied the permit and left the decision to the City Council to overturn the proposal. The license

was denied due to an overconcentration of liquor licenses already issued for Downtown San Jose and the area's high crime rate.

A resolution included in the City Council agenda stated that the San Jose Police Department is not opposed to the sale of alcohol in a grocery store.

For the Planning Commission's

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# Program uses fair to dispel study abroad rumors

YA-AN CHAN  
Staff Writer

On a mission to promote the study abroad program, faculty members, foreign exchange students and former study abroad program participants joined for "Go Abroad Fair" on Tuesday, hosted by SJSU International Programs and Services.

"The exchange students are here to represent their countries and experiences," said Veronica Malki, study abroad adviser and an SJSU alumna who studied for one year in Spain and one summer in France.

Warunya Polvivat, a junior business major from Thailand, is one of the exchange student volunteers who passed out fliers at the event.

"American students have to go to study abroad," Polvivat said. "They can see many different cultures and experience what it's like living with different cultures."

Located at Seventh Street Plaza, the event went from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the attendance was better than last year, Malki said.

Students expressed some of the most common concerns they have about study abroad at the event.

"The initial concern that came into my mind was the costs," said Jason Punzalan, a freshman mechanical and aerospace engineering major.

Andy Lee, a sophomore business

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VIET NGHIEM / Spartan Daily

Balloons printed and blown up in the shape of planet Earth announce students' entries into the Study Abroad fair on Tuesday.

# Business majors classify trees in yearlong Urban Forest Project

KELLY ENOS  
Staff Writer

A new Web site set up by SJSU students for the city will make it easy for residents to find the information that they need relating to classification of trees.

As a part of the Gary J. Sbona Honors Program at SJSU, several business students undertake a two-semester class in which they are assigned a significant project to be completed during finals.

The idea for the Urban Forest Proj-

ect originated with San Jose's arborist Ralph Mize, who approached the MIS Honors Practicum Instructor Jeanne Sawyer and asked if the students could help by building a Web site. It was created by students Rick Dexter, Chienfei Connie Chen and Kiran Sharma who would put all of the information needed about trees in one central place.

Before the Web site existed, all of the information was scattered in multiple departments in the city and made

it difficult to clarify, Sawyer said.

Sawyer said she chose the projects herself.

"The most important factors are the technology involved and quality of learning experiences the project will provide," she said.

The city has been a valued partner for a number of projects, Sawyer said.

The technology requirements are challenging, the students get an opportunity to work with a large organi-

zation (another challenge) and at the same time we can provide a valuable service for our city."

The city was responsible for the content of the Web site, Sawyer said, and the students were in charge of building the structure to make the information available.

The main point of the project is to teach the students about project man-

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# Born-again Christians speak on campus, inciting hostile reactions

ADAM MURPHY  
Staff Writer

A large group of students gathered at the Student Union amphitheater Tuesday to listen and argue with a religious demonstrator as he condemned them for their sins.

The demonstrator, who would only give the name JK, inflamed the crowd with repeated taunts about their sexu-

al behavior and homosexuality.

"We want to point out not only God's mercy but also his judgment and wrath and warn sinners to repent," JK said.

JK was joined by his friend and fellow preacher Kevin Farrer, as well as his wife, Evangelista, who also would not give a full name.

All three are born-again Christians who travel around the country and

speak at various colleges, Farrer said.

In between rants about masturbation and pre-marital relations, JK would respond to jeers from the crowd. Several expletives were shouted at him as he incensed the crowd while some students watched.

"I agree with him on 90 percent of what he says," said Ziad Al-hew, a junior accounting major. "I don't agree that

Jesus was Lord, though. Jesus Christ was a messenger and there was one messenger after him, Mohammed."

"What we endeavor to do is come onto a campus and bring a Bible with us and preach the Bible publicly," JK said.

Farrer held a large sign that denounced fornicators, drunkards, God-

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KATY LOCKHART / Spartan Daily

The 88 building along San Fernando Street in Downtown San Jose could feature a new Safeway on the ground floor soon.

## SAFEWAY Nearby Zanutto’s grocery store not threatened by chance of new supermarket

decision to be overturned, it must be demonstrated that the grocery store would serve as a public convenience or a necessity.

“Well-run grocery stores typically are not a problem,” McGurk said. “Other alcohol-related use tends to be the problem.”

The decision comes at time when more residents are coming to Downtown San Jose, with four new high-rises in the area and more planned, McGurk said.

The current license will limit liquor sales to 6 percent of the sales floor and will never exceed 8 percent.

The resolution stated that the grocery store would be 23,620 square feet and the sales floor would be 18,213 square feet.

Down the street from the proposed location is Zanutto’s, a grocery store of similar size to the proposed Safeway.

“People think it’s going to be Safeway, but it’s not,” said Julie Brand, Zanutto’s store manager. “It’s more like us.”

Brand said she is not worried about having to compete with another grocery store in downtown.

“We are two different types of stores,” she said. “You go to Safeway for variety and sales. We have an excellent deli. Our produce is better. Our meat is better.”

Brand said the Zanutto’s store on Naglee Avenue is an example of how it can remain competitive. Brand said the store on Naglee is located near the midtown Safeway that has a parking lot and a larger sales floor than the proposed Safeway, and it still does phenomenal business.

“I think our customers are loyal,” she said.

Representatives for The 88 refused to comment on the issue, while representatives of Safeway did not return phone calls or e-mails on Tuesday.

Zanutto’s is one of several small-

er grocery stores that fill downtown San Jose, along with many ethnic supermarkets such as Super Mercado Mexico, Dai-Thanh Super Market and Mi Pueblo Foods. Katie McDonough, a sociology graduate student, said she thinks the Safeway needs to be built.

“I feel a grocery store within walking distance is important because food on campus is overpriced. I feel downtown San Jose needs a grocery store because if you don’t have a car you’re kind of screwed,” she said.

The closest traditional commercial supermarket to SJSU is a Save Mart, which is almost two miles away from campus. The nearest Safeway is two-and-a-half miles away at West San Carlos and Race streets.

“I think it’s great because I don’t have a car and it’s hard to get to a decent grocery store,” said Shalonda Winston, a junior business marketing major.

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Contact professor Joan Stubbe at 924-4649.

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## Chavez center envisions local and global change

### Students build leadership skills, sense of community

MATTHEW KIMEL  
Staff Writer

The Cesar Chavez Community Action Center at SJSU supports students and other individuals that do community service, while also promoting awareness of community and social issues, the center’s program coordinator Maribel Martinez said.

The center opened on a part-time basis in April 2005 as “a place to meet other like-minded student leaders that are really improving the campus, community and the world,” Martinez said. Last year was its first full academic year being open.

The center began as an idea of an SJSU student who realized the great impact students have and can have on the community, said Martinez, a graduate anthropology major.

Martinez, the only full-time staff member, said the center serves as “a means of recognizing students who are doing amazing work in the community.”

Discussions are held at the center for students to talk about different ideas that build a larger sense of community on campus and help students learn leadership training skills, youth program coordinator, Nick Underwood said.

Underwood, a senior liberal studies major, said he gives students volunteer opportunities with youths at an after-school program at Hoover Middle School to give troubled students a positive role model.

“We pretty much do what he believed in, doing community service, being a part of the community,” said Victor Ngo, a senior sociology major, in reference to Cesar Chavez’s legacy.

As part of its signature program, the center holds trips to Central Valley, New Orleans and Tijuana, Mexico, in its Alternative Spring Break event where students do community service on their break, said volunteer coordinator Ngo.

“I had a great experience in Tijuana,” said Maria Makarian, an Alternative Spring Break ’08 volunteer.

“The most rewarding moment by far was when we had extra food on our trip and decided to surprise the family (for whom we built a house) at the last minute,” said Makarian, a sophomore social work major. “The little boy dropped what he was carrying as soon as he saw us and did a little dance with joy. I think all of us felt very accomplished knowing that we had made a difference in this family’s life.”

Martinez said the center is “a safe place for students to explore issues of leadership that deal with community and their own personal development.”

“I think the vision behind this center is partly empowering students to see themselves as local and global change agents and seeing San Jose State as a destination campus for those who want to create positive change in the world around them,” she said.

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## ► **DEMONSTRATION** Some students respond to preaching Christians, one calls it 'pure hatred'

haters and homosexuals, among other groups.

Standing behind JK were students holding a large, pink sign that read, "The SJSU Christians love you and these people but do not agree with their actions."

Osagator Ogamien, a junior occupation therapy major, was one of the people holding the sign.

"This is not God's will," Ogamien said. "The greatest command that God gave us was love the Lord and love thy neighbor. This is pure hatred. This is taking the word of God and using it for their own agenda."

JK and his wife Evangelista said they lived in Florida, but sold their home and their possessions and went on the road to preach.

At one point JK was accused of spitting on the Bible by a student. JK said his spitting on the Bible didn't mean anything because there were contaminants in the air.

Then he put the Bible on the ground and stood on it as the crowd erupted in laughter.

"All religions are man-made things to keep people in place and keep control and control people's actions," said Joseph Diaz, an undeclared

freshman who was listening.

A University Police Department officer kept an eye on the gathering to make sure no violence took place.

JK will be there today and Thursday, starting at noon, and then he will travel to Fresno State to preach there, he said.

As long as the amphitheater is not reserved for an event, anyone can publicly speak there, the officer said.

JK answered questions from the lingering students and handed out business cards with a link to his Web site.

Traveling preacher JK exhorts to students Tuesday while Kevin Farrer holds a sign at the Student Union amphitheater.

## ► **FAIR** 'Not only do you learn about other cultures, you learn a lot about yourself,' student says

major, said he was concerned about "not being able to communicate with local people there."

Dave Rudel, study abroad and exchange coordinator, said a lot of students have misconceptions about the program.

"And they deselect themselves, thinking they can't do it," Rudel said.

He said many students think study abroad is expensive and they cannot afford it, while some students think it is something added to their degrees and will delay their graduation.

"Students pay the same SJSU tuition. They can use all the financial aid and scholarship, and do classes for their majors so they do not fall behind on graduation," Malki said.

Knowledge of foreign languages is not required for students, and there are 29 countries where students can take classes in English, both Rudel and Malki said.

Rudel and several study

abroad participants said the biggest benefit of going abroad is gaining a different perspective about the world and about different cultures.

"Not only do you learn about other cultures, you also learn a lot about yourself," Rudel said.

David Kuo, a junior Chinese major, said he had his entire expense for studying at Beijing University covered by financial aid and scholarships. He now works as a student assistant for the study abroad program.

"I became more mature and gained global perspective," Kuo said. "You will become more aware of things that you may not be aware of if you have never left home."

Kuo said the experience changed his perspective of how the East and the West view each other.

Katrina Apilado, a senior hospitality, recreation and tourism management major, is interested in going to Australia next year so she has made time to talk with academic advisers.

"I want to expand my horizon," Apilado said. "I'm definitely thinking about living and working abroad. If not, I want to work for companies that are international based."

Alexander Tyler, a senior marketing major, is among the first group of SJSU students going to University of Hertfordshire in England next week.

Tyler said the experience will be more than helpful to his future because many companies are international now and he will probably be working with people from other countries almost on a daily basis.

"The experience of studying or living abroad is a valuable asset and it sets you off from the crowd," Tyler said.

The fair's organizers also brought in Mosaic Cross Cultural Center, International House, and representatives from off-campus volunteer and study abroad programs to the event.

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## 0’ SJSU sculptures, where art thou?

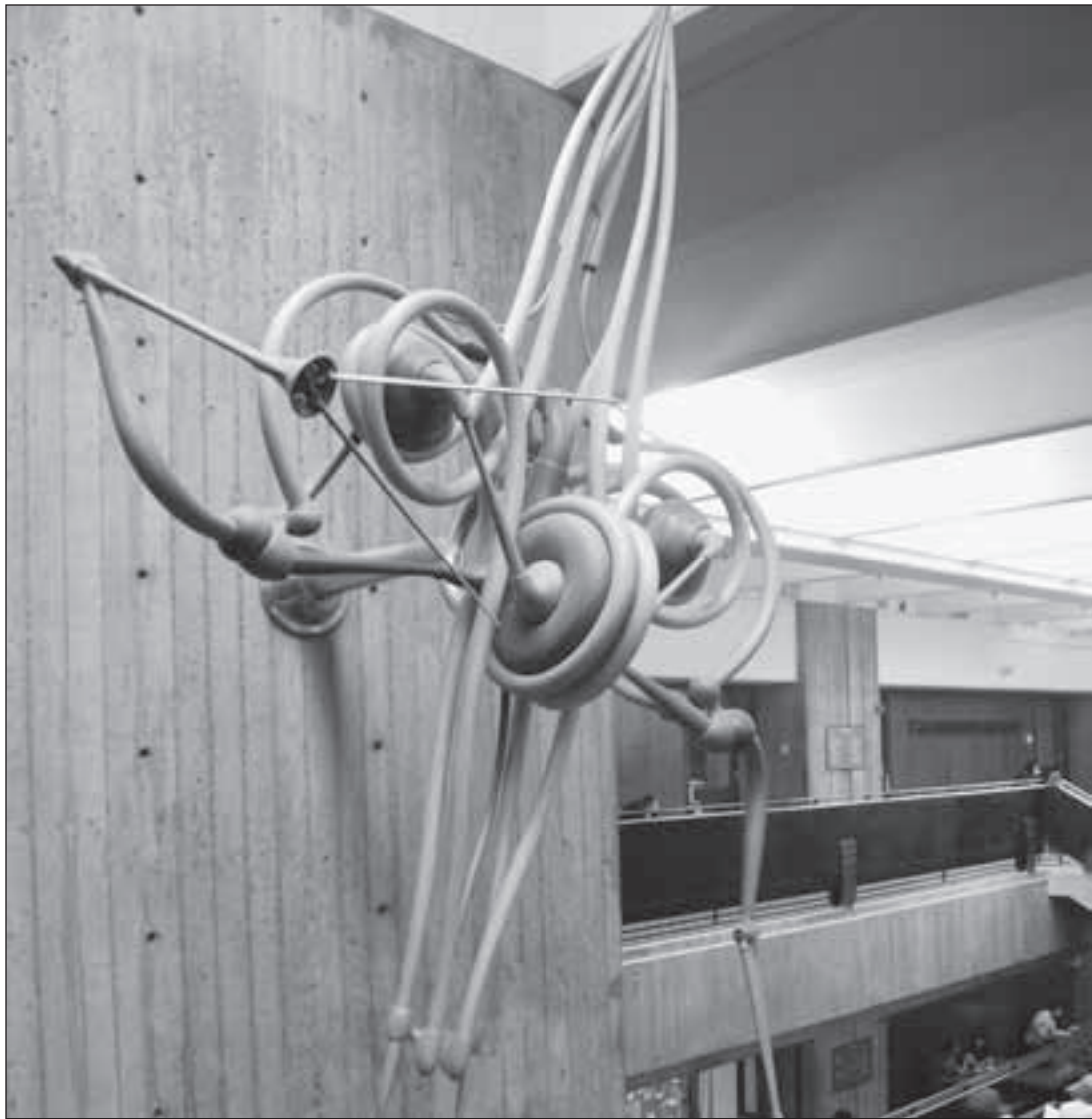


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ABOVE RIGHT: Titled “Folded Square Alphabet D” by Fletcher Benton, this structure stands peacefully underneath the trees near the Business Tower.

ABOVE LEFT: The face statue dominates the Art Building’s courtyard with its intimidating biomechanical presence.

LEFT: This wood sculpture titled “Alla Romana” provides eye candy for students hanging out in the Student Union.



ALLIE FIGURES  
Staff Writer

Students may be seen taking their place on the Olympic podium next to giant statues of Tommie Smith and John Carlos and now walking under the arch dedicated to Cesar E. Chavez. But other than that, the rest of the sculptures on campus probably don’t get much appreciation. Some students cross paths with the sculptures frequently, yet some of the sculptures on campus are overlooked.

“I love the art,” said Taryn Kruest, a senior marketing major, “but I don’t think other students appreciate it.”

Nestled in the courtyard of Sweeney Hall is a sculpture surrounded by benches frequented by students. It has two human figures sitting on a bronze platform, one with an open book while the other has an open laptop.

“I didn’t even notice that was there,” said Henry Bishop, a senior economics major, “and this is my third semester here.”

Violeta Rios, a junior business major, also did not notice the sculpture.

“I like the (Cesar Chavez) one better because it means a lot to me,” she said.

Between the Boccardo Business Complex and the Career Center

is a twisted blue sculpture called “Folded Square Alphabet D” by Fletcher Benton, an art professor. The painted steel was placed on campus in 1980, and its alphabet counterparts are situated all over the country, according to the Web site artnet.com.

“I don’t know anything about it,” Kruest said, “but it does add visual interest to the campus.”

Next to the Industrial Studies building is a sculpture by artist Gerald Walburg called “Opposing Very Soft Loops on a Base.” Given to the School of Art & Design as a gift in 2007, this piece is made of COR-TEN steel through a chemical weathering process, according to the Web site for the weathered steel.

“It looks like a phallic symbol to me,” Bishop said. “A lot of the art on campus looks very phallic.”

Directly across from the Student Union, within the open space of the Art Building, are several sculptures.

Bishop said the only “appreciable” work in this area is an industrial-like sculpture of a superior face dangling a working-class man and a woman nursing a child from an iron chain, adorned with pistons and electrical wires.

Suspended in the Student Union, above the heads of studying students, is a different sort of

sculpture constructed of contorted wooden pieces. “Alla Romana,” which translates to “in the Roman style,” became a permanent piece purchased for the Student Union in 1980, according to the information posted beside it. The object of the sculpture is difficult to see up close, but from farther away it is obvious the wood is bent to fashion a rocket ship.

Michael and Daniel Evans, sophomore physics majors, both agreed that they never noticed the sculpture because they are not in touch with their artistic sides.

Lauren Madrigal-Martinez, a junior criminal justice and criminology major, said she has not noticed the other sculptures on campus because they do not stand out in the way the Cesar E. Chavez Monument and the Smith-Carlos statue do.

“If they had a stronger message they would get noticed more,” Martinez said.

Bishop said he feels as though the money spent on these sculptures could have been used for more important things such as building renovations.

“It’s wasted money,” Bishop said, “but I guess they are a good thing to look at while we aren’t getting into the classes we need to graduate because there is no room.”

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## This CD doesn't save 'souls'

### CD REVIEW

ADAM MURPHY  
Staff Writer

The second album from The Soulsavers and follows up their 2003 release "Tough Guys Don't Dance." The Soulsavers are a two-man group of producers comprising Rich Machlin and Ian Glover. According to their MySpace page, they are a band that describes themselves as "a unique mix of hip-hop, rock, country, soul and gospel."

Mark Lanegan, lead singer of the Gutter Twins, lends his bold and beautiful voice on eight of the 11 tracks. Lanegan's lyrics are introspective and hint at his troubled past with drugs and alcohol. Every word seems authentic and filled with regret while asking for forgiveness from some type of deity that can put an end to his anguish.

Lanegan has been compared to Johnny Cash and his voice does sound a lot like the twang of the man in black.

If Johnny Cash is the man in the black, then Lanegan should be known as the black hole because his lyrics suck in all positive thought. About half-way through all the brooding of this album, I expected some form of salvation. An uplifting song or a power outage would have answered my prayers, but I had no such luck.

This album is a major downer. It has been described as "moody" on music review sites such as RCRD LBL, but it really only has one mood: depressing. The album



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does not vary from this one emotion and pulls you down to its level. Some tracks do stand out despite the broken-record feel to the album.

The first track, "Revival," opens the album with slow keyboards that bring out the best in Lanegan's voice. His slow, drawl singing style rises and falls like a true preacher, but after hearing the same sermon for eight tracks in a row, the album starts to feel tired and uninspired.

The Soulsavers last track, "No Expectations," sounds much like the first track, "Revival," and both combine Lanegan's moody voice with silky pianos.

For the most part the album struggled to hold my interest, and some songs almost put me to sleep, such as "Arizona Bay," which uses about two notes from 10 different instruments and makes every one of them sound like they are being bludgeoned, not played.

I was baffled by tracks such as "Spiritual" and "Jesus of Nothing," which are so boring that they would tranquilize any congregation.

"Paper Money" is a funky song that starts off with a mellow beat as Lanegan adds his soft vocals, but the mood is destroyed by an out of place church choir chorus and grunting by Lanegan that is a little unsettling. Do not waste your paper money on this album.

## Readers will enjoy soaking in this novel

### BOOK REVIEW

JASON Le MIERE  
Staff Writer

Through extensive research and some truly imaginative writing, Sara Gruen recreates and exposes the fantastically depraved world of traveling circuses during Depression-era America. At the same time, "Water for Elephants" also paints a heart-warming picture of the emotional capacity of the "freaks" and wild animals that populate this world.

The novel centers around Jacob Jankowski, a veterinarian student who is all set to graduate from Cornell University when his parents are both killed and he is left without a penny to his name.

Rather than take his final exams, Jacob runs off into the night and ends up jumping on a train, with no idea of the world that awaits him onboard.

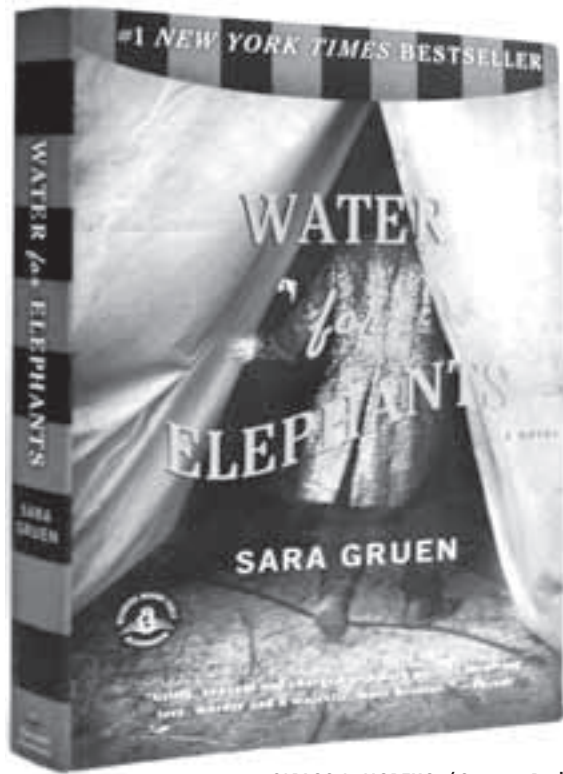
Young Jacob is forced to learn fast of the harsh world as a part of the "Benzini Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth."

In this time of extreme hardship throughout the land, jobs are scarce and ringleader Uncle Al exploits his staff's desperation to the maximum.

Central to the story is the love affair between Jacob and Marlena, the circus's star performer. The conflict arises as a result of Marlena's marriage to the fascinating and unpredictably violent August, one of Uncle Al's chief lieutenants.

For Jacob and Marlena, the costs of pursuing their affair are high. Jacob risks succumbing to Uncle Al's calling card of being red lighted — thrown from the moving train, while Marlena faces the prospect of violent retribution from her husband.

However, it is August's vicious



CARLOS A. MORENO / Spartan Daily

treatment of the Benzinis' latest recruit, Rosie the giant elephant, which is most shocking.

Walter, the resident midget-clown, who initially is cold and dismissive toward the newcomer Jacob, becomes a loyal friend.

The narrative of life in the circus is broken up by Jacob's life in the present day as a man in his 90s and in a care home.

These sections of the novel help ground the outlandish world of the circus in a story relatable to all readers: that of a man dealing with the realization of growing old.

The tales of both stages of Jacob's life are enhanced by the presence of the other. Gruen's tactic of rapidly shifting the reader from a man in his prime to one reduced to the status of a misbehaving child proves fantastically poignant.

It acts as a reminder to us all of the life and spirit that hides behind the frail exterior of the elderly.

Gruen's writing wonderfully humanizes characters that appear less than relatable on first glance. A feat achieved best in the portrayals of Walter and Rosie.

Walter, the resident midget-clown, who initially is cold and dismissive towards the newcomer Jacob, becomes a loyal friend.

Unquestionably though, Rosie, the elephant, is the star of the novel. She

"Water for Elephants"  
by Sara Gruen

### DID YOU KNOW?

This novel is an SJSU Campus Reading Program pick.

There is a book discussion today from 12 to 1 p.m. in Clark Hall, 100H.

is the true moral conscience in a world where principles run thin.

Revealingly, it is her suffering, rather than that of Marlena's, at the hands of August that truly inspires Jacob's hatred of him. Throughout, Rosie displays a greater capacity for love than many of her human counterparts.

In fact, Jacob's bond with Rosie comes across much stronger than his relationship with Marlena. Here in lies the flaw in Gruen's otherwise excellently crafted novel.

The supposedly deep and powerful love between Jacob and Marlena is never entirely convincing. What it is that draws the two characters together with such force that they would risk their lives for each other fails to convey itself.

In spite of this, "Water for Elephants" is a highly engaging read. Gruen takes the reader with her on the ultimate adventure of a young man with nothing to lose, traveling from town-to-town across America with some truly intriguing characters.

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Jasmine Taylor, 19, a sophomore majoring in microbiology, practices her bagpipes twice a week over the Event Center. Taylor has been playing the bagpipes since high school and plays for fun.

## TREES Students develop Web site over two semesters

agement tools and methods within the classroom, which students can use to manage their own projects. In the case of the Urban Forest Project, the students worked over the allotted amount of time at the end of the semester to make the Web site fully available.

Kiran Sharma, one of the students who worked on the project, said this was just what she expected from this class.

“The goal of the project was to create a Web site that will allow the people of San Jose to conveniently have access to information regarding tree services,” she said. “Some of the information was currently on the city of San Jose’s Web site; however, some of it was outdated and not so easy to find.”

Sharma said there were differences in what was expected from each of the students, and the steps they had to go through to get the approval.

“The tree services department, arborist and many different departments related to trees thought this was a great idea,” she said. “The pages

were first approved by the people that gave us the content for the page. After that, they were sent to the IT department at the end because everything we put on the Web pages had to be ADA-compatible and follow all guidelines according to the city’s IT department.”

Sawyer also clarified that there was a major difference between the practicum class and an internship.

“The program requires a practicum project and is true for all students, but it is not an internship,” she said. “Many students do an internship, but this is a two-semester class specifically oriented for project management.”

Some students were unaware on campus of the program’s presence on campus.

“I have never even heard of the program, and was unaware of its place on campus,” said

Sarah Ruckman, a senior accounting major.

She also added she wished the program would get the word out on these kinds of projects so more students were able to apply if eligible.

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# Go do something different, you know like something to make things better



In a moment some of you will say, “Who made you the king of wisdom?” I don’t know, but someone did. That’s right, I’m the king of wisdom, so here I go:

You ought to start thinking about somehow making the world a better place. Otherwise, you’re just wasting space. (Oh, snap, I didn’t even try to make that rhyme.)

But I know. Making the world a better place isn’t easy.

Getting out of bed in the morning can be a challenge in itself. Any taller order is an added bonus.

You all being college students with school and work and lives and passions and families and everything else, it’s tough to even have time to think of such a proposition.

Obviously, you need food to live; you need shelter and clothing; you need money.

And that’s precisely why many of you are here in college, to ensure a comfortable living for yourself in the future. And in the hustle of passing all your classes while holding down a job, what time and energy do you have to think what contributions you can make?

Some of you are pursuing careers that will make a positive impact, so kudos to you. But don’t settle. Don’t use it as an excuse. Keep thinking and think bigger. Other stuff gets in the way too.

I know, I know. Your plate is full.

Some people feel they can’t live without pursuing their passions first, be it playing a sport, making music, knitting a sweater, whatever.

You think about these things when you go to bed, then you dream about them, then you think about them when you wake up. There is no way around it. And I understand.

And hey, maybe your passion is your best contribution (see: Jimi Hendrix, whose life was plagued by personal problems but who touched millions with some killer guitar playing).

Maybe these passions will turn out to be what allows you to make contributions. For people such as professional athletes, movie stars and successful entrepreneurs, the contributions can come only after earning big bucks. Giving back is what it’s often called.

So, pursue your passions, but keep something bigger in the back of your head. You might actually get a chance to do it later on.

The influence of drugs over someone’s time and energy can match that of passions in some cases. What good is an addict to the world? One better fight that addiction before ever hoping to make any significant differences.

Similar circumstances stand for

things like personal grudges, revenge, hate, feelings of oppression, whatever numbs people to being able to do something with their lives. Before anything else, some people need to sort out whatever problems are facing them: reversing your father’s hatred, topping the success of your golden-boy brother, freeing yourself from the obsessive hand-holding of your mother.

And then there’s sex. Who’s not preoccupied with that? If not sex per se, then attention or affection or some kind of intimacy or lack thereof. Some people feel they can’t even breathe without their love buddy, or at least that’s what I heard in some song some time ago.

There’s sleep. Can’t forget that. “I wish there were more hours in the day so I could get everything done.” You’ve said that before.

There are plenty of simple, logistical things that get in our ways. Driving is one. Some people spend multiple hours driving every day.

There are other things, like watering the lawn, washing the dishes, going to the bathroom, filing taxes, vacuuming the floor.

These things just need to get done. There’s no way around it. And if that weren’t enough, now you’ve got this pompous columnist (more of a slant rhyme) telling you all this stuff is just secondary to your real purpose in the world, which is ... Wait, what was I talking about?

“Recycled Toilet Paper” appears every Wednesday. David Zugnoni is the Spartan Daily executive editor.

# It’s the end of the world as we know it and I feel fine, or I’m dead and don’t care



If you are reading this the world did not actually end today. You can put down your towel or take the bag off from over your head because they really wouldn’t have helped anyway.

As I’m sure everyone knows, there was a small chance that a group of scientists could have brought about the end of life as we know it. Earth might have been sucked into a black hole after being wracked with giant earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes. Mountains would have crumbled into boiling seas, tornadoes would have demolished cookie cutter houses by the thousands, dogs and cats would be living together and complete anarchy would reign.

How could this have happened? Well, once again we look towards Switzerland, the maker of both delicious powdered hot chocolate and handy dandy little knives that can also flip out umbrellas and a bed. But, you ask,

## QUOTE of the DAY

“You can put lipstick on a pig; it’s still a pig. You can wrap an old fish in a piece of paper called change; it’s still going to stink after eight years.”

**BARACK OBAMA**

*The Democratic presidential candidate said Tuesday in Virginia.*

how could a country that obviously loves the world enough to give us such great creations have caused the end of existence?

By trying to figure out the beginning.

Today at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, known as CERN, laboratory in Geneva, Switzerland, scientists from all over the world will turn on the Large Hadron Collider.

What is the Large Hadron Collider?

It’s the world’s largest particle accelerator. Basically, it’s a 17-mile underground ring that costs \$6 billion and will hurl itty-bitty protons into each other to recreate the after-affects of the Big Bang.

So how can that be bad?

Well, some critics say that this accelerator could cause a mini black hole that might suck in the Earth and destroy everything that is good and precious in the world.

According to a Sept. 4 article in Time magazine, a German scientist, Professor Otto Rossler, filed a lawsuit with the European Court of Human Rights against CERN trying to get the experiment stopped, and two American environmentalists filed a lawsuit with the Federal District Court in Honolulu to stop the United States from participating in the experiment. The European courts threw out Rossler’s suit.

But should we be worried? Well, according to CERN scientists, nope. There is only a minuscule chance of a

black hole forming, and if it did form it would be tiny and evaporate immediately without even knocking a picture off the wall. Not exactly the major catastrophe one would hope for.

Actually, in a Sept. 9 article in the Telegraph, Stephen Hawking, a regular guest on the Simpsons and a decent mathematician, has said that the experiment is, “vital if the human race is not to stultify and eventually die out.”

Hopefully the experiment will give answers to the structure of the universe and fill in gaps in our knowledge of physics, which may seem like vague nothings but is really cool if you are a super physics nerd.

But, if there is even a tiny chance of killing off everything, is it worth it? Will curiosity kill the cat?

I think it’s worth knowing. What is life except trying to answer questions? Sure, most of them are along the lines of: Should I get hash browns or country potatoes? Do these shoes look good with this dress? Should I marry this guy or remain a lonely old hag forever? How will I look when I’m 80? Why is there no freaking Coke on campus?

But every once in a while we get to answer a big question, one that could change the way we look at the universe, and isn’t that worth a little, teeny tiny bit of danger?

Well, the world didn’t end and I got the hash browns.

Of course, if you’re not reading this, maybe it did end.

“Chronicling Mediocrity” appears every Wednesday. Colleen Watson is the Spartan Daily opinion editor.

# The reality of teenage violence: It’s on the rise and it’s everywhere



Everyone has seen those Lifetime movies that suck you in if you watch for more than 10 minutes. A lot of them deal with the issue of teen violence. To begin to truly understand teen violence you need to experience it. Or at least spend a couple hours with Lifetime to better comprehend just how shocking and earth-shattering it is when it comes into your home. Knock, knock, I am here waiting at your door ...

12:30 a.m.: The phone rings. It’s one of those phone calls that take the breath right out of you. It is the police. My brother has been in a fight — broken nose and possible other serious injuries. Mom and Dad sweep out the front door, pajamas and all. I am left without a clue to what happens till 3 a.m.

I am informed then that my brother is in the emergency room awaiting a C.T. scan. I hang up the phone and I pass out

from sheer exhaustion. The dog is still in my bed snoring as loud as he can; yet somehow I am able to drift into a slumber and am awoken once again at 9 a.m. when they arrive home.

Turns out he has a broken jaw, fractured chin and a broken nose. This was a bad fight. I wish it could be blocked out and I could pretend it was all just a bad dream. The other teen who was involved was on mind-altering substances during the altercation, alcohol and ecstasy.

The case was sent straight to an investigator — press charges or don’t press charges? Left waiting to find out just what happened. In suspense, life on hold, not a phone call to say just what happened. Stuck in limbo. Feelings of anger, hate, and resent and I have no clue who this kid is.

Who gave anyone the right to lay hands on someone else? Part of me is screaming at the top of my lungs, thinking how utterly disgusted I feel. This kid physically assaulted my brother and he walks free. What is wrong with today’s judicial system that allows a teenager charged with a felony to play

football and attend school like every other normal high school student.

Teenage violence is an ever-increasing problem. A startling statistic from the Center of Disease Control seems to stick in my head. “In 2006, more than 720,000 young people ages 10 to 24 were treated in emergency departments for injuries sustained from violence.” That number continues to rise.

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There are a number of different reasons that violence increases, substance abuse, verbal disagreements, jealousy from romantic involvements, poor mental health, experiencing abuse as a child and even the depiction of violence in the media.

As F. Scott Fitzgerald once said, “First you take a drink, then the drink takes a drink, and then the drink takes you.” Once you start you cannot stop and it is even harder to quit something

once you have started. About 1.1 million youths, ages 12 to 17, meet the diagnostic criteria for dependence on drugs, and about 1 million are treated for alcohol, according to the National Youth Network on Teen Substance Abuse.

Violence is often provoked by a disagreement or an argument in some form that teens cannot work out through verbal communication. Instead, they resort to physical violence to solve their problems rather than meeting with a counselor who may be able to help resolve the problem.

Another example of teenage violence that we all know too well is the shooting at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Two students came to school with guns, and shot twelve students and a teacher.

Let’s face it, things are not getting better as a society. Another example that happened more recently was the gang beating of a teenage girl that was reported online on ABC News.com. What makes teens today think this is normal behavior.

So just what happens to these teenage offenders, you ask. Well, if they are under 18 they are usually tried as a juvenile. Such cases are then assigned to the juvenile court, which deals with issues of juvenile delinquency, juvenile status offenses and juvenile dependency. The court then has the right to decide if the offender should be sent to a locked facility and or a detention center. Sometimes delinquents will simply get a warning depending on how “remorseful” the offender appears. However, if the offender is 18 or older, the case will head straight to regular court.

If something is not done to better the current situation, where do we see ourselves 10 years down the road? Right back in the same place we are today trying to stop teenage violence with no help. The statistics will continue to rise, and those cases will continue to knock at our doors. One too many people face that scary call in the middle of the night and some are not so lucky with injuries that can be repaired. Others simply never make it past that Lifetime movie drama.

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# Cross country teams trying to meet their goals

CORINNE SPECKERT  
Staff Writer

SJSU’s cross country runners are gearing up for an intense season and this year’s teams may be the best yet, according to head coach Augie Argabright.

“This team might be our best women’s team at SJSU and possibly our best men’s team,” Argabright said. “We’ve had a remarkable freshman recruiting class.”

This season, 28 women and 10 men from the Spartans’ cross country teams are set to compete in four meets from Sept. 13 to Nov. 24 and competed in their first meet at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco on Aug. 30.

“It went pretty well. We had a lot of kids running in their first meet,” Argabright said. “There were nine teams and we lost four and won four. We lost to good teams.”

Sean Dundon, a senior justice studies major, said one of the Spartans’ biggest competitors is Santa Clara University.

“Our biggest rivals are Santa Clara because every year we try to beat them and we haven’t so far, but hopefully this year we’ll pull through,” he said.

Although the women’s team lost to Fresno State last year in the Western Athletic Conference and the men’s team has lost the

last five years, Argabright said the Spartans have a chance of coming out on top because of their intense training.

Because the Spartans compete against 15 or more teams per meet, their goal is to place in the top three for women and top seven for men, and they prepare by training in high altitudes in the hills at Bear Valley, Argabright said.

“When you’re training at high altitudes, it’s like training for two days at sea level,” Argabright said.

Next, the Spartans will compete in the Brooks Memphis Twilight Classic on Sept. 13 in

Memphis, Tenn. and Argabright said he hopes the women’s team places in the top seven and the men in the top ten.

“We haven’t won against Kentucky before. If we could be in the top seven teams for women and top 10 for men, we did a really fantastic job,” Argabright said.

Freshman Kate Lambdin said one of her goals for the season is to beat former competitors from high school.

“A lot of the girls I ran against went to University of Nevada, Reno, so that’s my biggest thing. I want to be able to beat them in college because I beat them in high school,” she said.

Freshman kinesiology major Beth Raymond said she hopes to beat her current five-kilometer running time.

“I would like to break 19 minutes for a 5K this year,” she said. “Right now I am two seconds away.”

Some runners say their ultimate goal is to place in the top three at the WAC Championship, held in Las Cruces, N.M. on Nov. 1. Currently, the women’s team has placed in the top three the past two years, with the men’s team placing fourth last year.

“The WAC is my last conference so I’m just going to

go out there and try to do the best I can and try to place in the top three,” Dundon said.

Argabright said even though the Spartans have placed well the past couple of years, they’re at a disadvantage because SJSU doesn’t have a track and field team like some of their competitors.

Nonetheless, Dundon said the Spartans keep their game up by running 70 to 80 miles a week and credited their strong team to their new freshman runners.

“It seems like every year we get freshmen that are better and better,” he said.

## Club is working to get Speed City back on track

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There was a time when San Jose was known as Speed City, and the SJSU Track & Field Club wants to bring that title back to the city, club co-founder William Brown said.

Speed City was a nickname that was given to San Jose in the 1960s, said Brown, a senior kinesiology major.

“All kinds of coaches came to San Jose to learn about coach Bud Winter’s workouts,” he said.

It is important for school history to bring back Speed City because it brought SJSU a lot of notoriety, Brown said.

“We’re just trying to bring back track in this area,” Brown said. “This area does not have a whole lot of clubs and a whole lot of track in general, only high school really.”

While he doesn’t have any intentions of being a part of the 2012 Olympics in London,

Brown said that two of the members of the club, Tino and Tron Hardy, could qualify for some events someday.

Brown said he would like to see SJSU have an NCAA track and field team again, but it’s up to the athletic program.

“Students really could have a say” Brown said, adding that most of them don’t know about the legendary history of the sport at San Jose, aside from the statue on campus. Both Olympians featured on the statue, Tommie Smith and John Carlos, were trained by Winter.

“San Jose State has a rich history in track and field and we are no longer a team, unfortunately,” said Brett Boutorwick, a senior mechanical engineering major and club member. “We are competitive athletes who care about the sport. We are inspired by the stories of Smith and Carlos.”

Boutorwick said the club

hopes to gain support from the past success of track at SJSU.

The club has many obstacles to overcome in its efforts to bring back Speed City.

SJSU and the city of San Jose plan to redevelop South Campus by removing Bud Winter Field, Brown said.

When asked whether there are any plans to build a new track facility to replace Bud Winter Field, SJSU President Jon Whitmore said, “That is not an area that I know all that much about at this stage in my time here.”

“Right now they are planning to do some construction over our field,” said Bernie Ramos, a sophomore kinesiology major. “I don’t like it at all because Bud Winter did a lot for us.”

According to the SJSU Public Affairs Web site, “Winter nurtured 27 Olympians.”

“If they knock down the field, there goes the chance of ever having a real NCAA team,”

Boutorwick said. “It is our hope to someday have a team.”

Whitmore said, “My guess is that it is going to be very hard to add sports to the programs that we have now in any kind of near-distant future. Maybe there is some long-range possibility.”

The club has to practice at San Jose City College because it’s the closest track to SJSU that is in good condition, Brown said.

There are a lot of families that use Bud Winter Field on a daily basis which creates poor conditions, Brown added.

Local efforts by the Naglee and Keyes community, as well as the USA Track & Field organization are being made to help save Bud Winter Field, Brown said.

“We don’t want something that was so great to be forgotten,” Ramos said.

Boutorwick said, “I think if they knock it down, they should rebuild another one, Bud Winter Field II.”



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Sophomore Bernie Ramos runs the track at San Jose City College, the nearest track in good condition.

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