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# BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY



STEFAN ARMUJO / Contributing Photographer

Left: A damaged car was used to create a mock accident scene Tuesday at the annual Safety Fair.

Below: Natasha Walls, a junior advertising major, attempts to pass a mock sobriety test set up by the Student Health Center.

## Safety Fair focuses on drunken driving, sexual assault and crime prevention

YA-AN CHAN  
Staff Writer

The Paseo de Cesar Chavez was transformed into the scene of a drunken driving accident Tuesday, with a mangled car pouring smoke and appearing to have crashed into a tree.

It was part of the Safety Fair, an event hosted by the University Police Department every Fall semester that will continue today from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Philip Kearney, the event's coordinator, said UPD set up other large equipment, such as a fire truck with ladders and an ambulance, to help attract students to the two-day event.

"It's a good opportunity for (students) to get to know what services are available

for them," Kearney said, "also an opportunity to let law enforcement and public service to get safety information out."

The event focused on drunken driving, sexual assault and crime prevention, Kearney said.

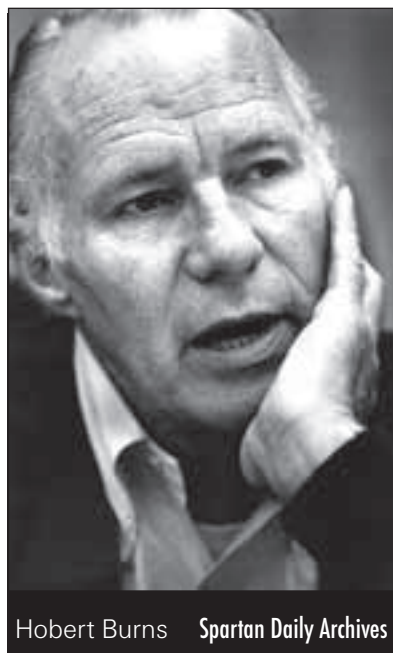
Representatives from an estimated 15 local, state and federal emergency service providers, such as the California Highway Patrol, YWCA of Silicon Valley and SJSU Wellness and Health Promotion, participated in the event.

Other than receiving information brochures and talking to the representatives, some students gathered at the SJSU Wellness and Health Promotion booth to try

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## Former president and advocate for revisions to general education dies



JOHN HORNBERG  
Managing Editor

Hobert Burns, former academic vice president and interim president in 1969 and 1970, died at his home in Los Gatos on Oct. 14 after a short bout with cancer. He was 83.

Burns — who was often called Bert — first assumed the role after it was established in 1966 by then-President Robert Clark, said Jim Noah, the university's former public relations director. The two first met at Clark's insistence.

"Bob Clark was very high on him," Noah said. "He told me, 'you better go have lunch and meet this guy, but he's a little crusty.'"

After working at the College of Education at Hofstra University for three years, Burns was invited to take

over the position of academic vice president, the predecessor to the university's provost position today.

J. Benton White, the university's former ombudsman and a chaplain at San Jose State when Burns first arrived, first met him after the summer session graduation ceremony in 1966.

"He had given a speech, and rather than telling people that they were going to go out and be successes, he gave a speech about the gravity of the Vietnam War, which was not a terribly popular thing to do at the time," White said.

Due to the power of the speech, White asked Burns for permission to circulate the speech to the faculty, and he agreed.

"It was kind of a way for people to

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## New rules give football team better chance of bowl berth

MATTHEW KIMEL  
Staff Writer

The likelihood of the SJSU football team receiving a bowl bid was significantly boosted Monday when San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl officials announced a contingency agreement signed with the Western Athletic Conference.

According to a news release by the credit union, the bowl game is supposed to obtain the seventh-place team out of the Pac-10 conference, but will choose a WAC team should a Pac-10 team not qualify for bowl eligibility.

A Football Bowl Championship team must win at least six of its 12 games, or seven if it plays a 13-game schedule, to become eligible to participate in a bowl game, said SJSU Sports Information Director Lawrence Fan.

The Poinsettia Bowl is scheduled to be played on Dec. 23 at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, and will be televised on ESPN. Prior to the contingency agreement, the second bowl selection from the Mountain West Conference was scheduled to face the seventh place Pac-10 team.

"It's kind of obvious why the Poinsettia Bowl would look to the WAC," WAC Commissioner Karl Benson said. "They can't look to the Mountain

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## Speakers preach news' role in democracy

JOEY AKELEY  
Staff Writer

Before working toward a journalism degree at SJSU, Mark Katches wanted to become a sports writer.

Katches, now an assistant managing editor for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, said he eventually chose a more rewarding route: investigative reporting.

"When somebody powerful is trying to keep something secret or keep it from you, and you can expose that and hold them accountable and make a difference, that's what true investigative reporting is," Katches said.

A crowd of about 40 students and faculty listened to Katches and three other investigative reporters Tuesday at a panel discussion called "Can Investigative Reporting Save Democracy?" in the University Room.

Each panelist provided examples of how his work has prompted changes in the actions of governments and authorities.

Bert Robinson, who worked on the 2006 San Jose Mercury News series "Tainted Trials, Stolen Justice," talked about his reporting on juvenile dependency courts.

Before his story was published, there were multiple flaws in juvenile dependency courts, which included children's absence in the court and a lack of communication between attorneys and their clients, Robinson said.

"As a result, families who want and deserve a second chance don't ever get it," Robinson said.

Changes were made after the series was published.

"Since we published the series, kids in this county are in court

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## SAFETY ▶ Students try on goggles that simulate intoxication and take sobriety test

on "fatal vision goggles," which simulate different levels of intoxication.

With instruction from the staff and police officers, students wore the goggles and attempted to walk straight along the blue tape on the ground, as if they were doing a line test that officers would administer during a DUI check.

"I experienced what your vision is when you're drunk," said Celia Tarcha, a freshman biology major.

Hassan Awada, a senior accounting major, said he saw two lines and was trying to balance himself.

"You think you can do things while you're drunk, but you can't," Awada said.

Melissa Wong, an open university health science student, said it is a good community event to get students involved with the issues that influence many peo-

ple and to get the fact straight in students' mind.

According to a 2007 national survey by National College Health Assessment, a random sampling of SJSU students showed that 63 percent of students have zero to three drinks when they partied, and 76 percent of those students have designated drivers who did not drink.

"We want to let students know that it's not the norm to be drinking and driving," said Jennifer Gacutan-Galang, Wellness and Health Promotion coordinator.

Lizzy Olmstead, an assault prevention intervention specialist for the YWCA of Silicon Valley, said students can benefit from the event because many of the organizations represented at the event work closely with one another.

Arianna Fota, a student assistant at UPD and an undeclared sophomore, said many students

have questions about what UPD actually does or think UPD officers are not actual police officers.

"It's a good way for the police department to reach the students," Fota said, "make themselves more open and make a good face-to-face connection with the students."

With resources and information about different aspects of personal safety in one location, UPD made the event as easy as possible to access by students, said Sgt. Jenny Pak.

It is unclear, however, whether the event has a direct correlation with an increase or decrease of on-campus crime rates, Pak said.

Kearney said the event is slightly different from year to year, depending on the availability of agencies, budget and staffs.

The FBI and Santa Clara Sheriff's Office were unable to attend this year, he said.

## BURNS ▶ Helped keep peace during time of unrest

get to know who Bert was," he said. "It was representative of the kind of integrity and moral courage he had in difficult times."

Noah said Burns insisted on high academic standards. He made changes to the general education plan at San Jose State that were eventually adopted by the whole CSU system. Both Noah and White credited him with adding credibility to the university's name change in the early 1970s.

"He really brought us from 'State College' to 'State University,'" Noah said. "We deserved that name of university before Bert retired."

Noah said Burns viewed San Jose State as more than just a college when he first started here.

"Whenever he talked, he never called (SJSU) the college, he was always called it the academy," he added, indicating the reference to ancient Greece.

White also noted the working relationship between both Burns and Clark. He said the two thought alike and had the same moral code.

"It was probably the best team I've ever seen between an academic vice president and a president at any university," White said.

The two remained friends until Clark's death in 2005, White said. He, Noah and White were all representatives for SJSU at Clark's memorial in Eugene, Ore.

Burns briefly served as a university president twice — for a year at San Jose State from 1969 and 1970, and again at the end of

his career at Sonoma State University in 1984.

His term as president at San Jose State occurred during one of the most tumultuous eras in American history, White said. While San Jose State was more peaceful than other universities in the Bay Area, it was his contact with and his respect for the student leadership at San Jose State that kept the campus relatively peaceful.

"(The student leadership) knew that they could talk to him, and they knew that he was accessible," White said. "They knew that when they were in the right, he would stand on their side."

Burns always taught a class each semester, Noah said, and he was a teacher before he was an administrator.

Noah said Burns was also famous among the university's administrators for his memos, both the positive and the scathing ones.

"He could really write some memos that would bite your head off," Noah said. "He would sit down and type these memos himself, and almost everyone in administration caught one from him at some point."

The memos weren't the work of a secretary. Burns insisted on typing them himself, Noah said.

He served as a deep-sea diver in the Coast Guard during in the 1940s, clearing mines from the harbors so ships could pass. He won the Navy Cross for his work, Noah said.

"When I asked him about it,

he said, 'Aw, I was just a dumb kid,'" Noah said.

After his retirement in 1984, his daughter Janifer Burns said her father found more time for a passion he and his wife shared — golf. She said he picked up golf while he was attending Stanford in the 1950s.

"I once went on a trip with him last summer, and every time we drove by a golf course, they would always talk about this hole, and that hole, and remember when that fox came," she said.

Although she said she played against him a few times, Janifer said she is not the golfer he was.

Noah said he and Burns kept up a friendship after both retired.

"He and I usually had breakfast about every two or three weeks together and solved all the problems of the world," he said.

He was a member of the Old Fogey's Club, Noah said, a group of retired faculty and administrators from SJSU who gather monthly for breakfast. When he found out he was dying earlier this year, Noah said, he came to the meeting anyways.

In recent years, according to a statement by the university, Burns and his wife Patricia jointly funded an annuity that provided the initial funding for the Special Collections Endowment.

Burns is survived by his wife and his children Janifer, Charlie and Carol. A memorial service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

## SPARTAGUIDE EVENTS CALENDAR

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12 to 1 p.m. in Clark Hall, room 322

Contact Marcia Laughrey at [924-2490](tel:924-2490) or [laughrey@slis.sjsu.edu](mailto:laughrey@slis.sjsu.edu)

#### Midweek Mix-up

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#### Counseling Services' Gut Reaction Workshop

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3 p.m. in Clark Hall, room 118  
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#### SJspirit Meeting

Learn about this progressive and fully inclusive Christian organization on campus.

5 p.m. at St. Paul's church on the corner of 10th and San Salvador.  
Contact Kelsey Mac at [kelsey@sjspirit.org](mailto:kelsey@sjspirit.org)

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#### Student Showcase Hour

12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall.

Contact Professor Joan Stubbe [924-4649](tel:924-4649).

#### The Rock

Are you a musician struggling in the midst of this business-esque atmosphere? Come to the Rock where you can find musicians, play music and be heard.

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#### Bible Study

Acts 2 Christian Fellowship has weekly Bible studies on Thursdays.

7 p.m. in the Student Union, Guadalupe Room.

Contact Justin Foon at [jfoon1@yahoo.com](mailto:jfoon1@yahoo.com) or [\(415\) 786-9873](tel:786-9873).

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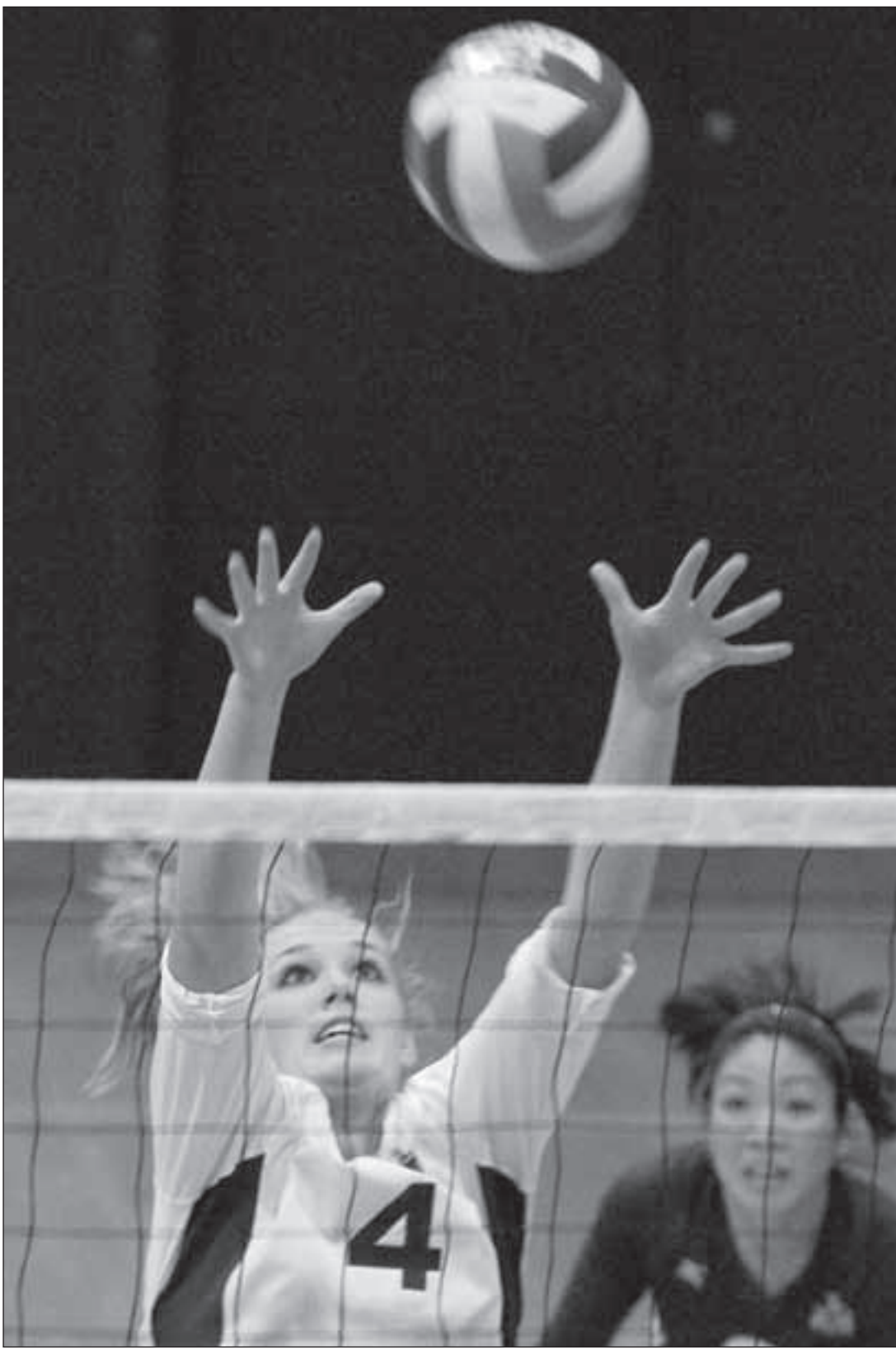
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# Spartan volleyball keeps it close early but falls to Broncos



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LEFT: Senior outside hitter Kelly Crow (left) and junior libero Kristal Tsukano (right) jump to block an incoming hit during the Spartans' loss to Santa Clara on Tuesday.  
ABOVE: Spartan head coach Oscar Crespo watches from the sideline during the fourth and final set of SJSU's loss to Santa Clara at Spartan Gym.

## SJSU baseball team takes over AT&T Park for a day

PETER HIRONAKA  
Staff Writer

Blue skies and cool temperatures greeted the Spartan baseball team in San Francisco's China Basin neighborhood.

The team had the privilege of playing an intrasquad game Monday at the San Francisco Giants' home field, AT&T Park. The ballpark has been made open this week to the six Division-I baseball programs in the Bay Area.

"There is not a better ballpark in the big leagues, in my opinion," said Tom Kunis, SJSU associate head coach.

Kunis also said the team was afforded the opportunity by the Giants' general manager Brian Sabean.

The blue team defeated the gold team, 5-0. The game was highlighted in the seventh inning with a solo home run by John Shaffer. With two outs, the senior infielder cranked one over the 339-foot left field wall.

"It was a dream come true," Shaffer said. "I put a good swing on one. I've always dreamed of playing on the field. I've been a Giants fan all my life."

The nine-inning scrimmage was a chance for the team to get in some practice before the season. The game was properly officiated with umpires at their designated positions. Kunis gave hand signals for what pitches to throw and assistant coach Jeff Pritchard positioned himself as third base coach for the game.

Head coach Sam Piraro moved his players around, making sure everyone got their chance to play. He said he has high hopes for the team and its progress this upcoming season.

"We were a very young team last year," Piraro said. "My expectations for the team are much higher. Experience is a very important thing in baseball, and these guys have experience."

Piraro also mentioned the grueling work that the team has put into this off season.

"We've been in the weight room at 5:30 in the morning, three, four days a week," Piraro said. "We engaged in a five-week plyometric program, which we were trying to enhance our speed and quickness."

Senior Scott Sobczak was the starting pitcher for the blue team.

"It's fun to come play in an atmosphere like this," Sobczak said. "It was the first time these pitchers got to throw in the fall competitively, so it was important for us to get out on the right foot."

Right-hander Sobczak allowed three hits and struck out two batters in the three innings he pitched. Senior left-hander David Berner followed Sobczak by giving up just one hit over the 10 batters he faced.

Offensively for the blue team, sophomore center fielder Jason Martin had three singles.

In addition to Shaffer's home run blast, he also finished with a double in the fifth inning that added up to two runs and two RBIs.

Junior left-hander Max Peterson started for the gold team and allowed one run on three hits and two walks. Senior right-handers Ryan Shopshire and Anthony Vega and sophomore right-hander Ryan Vander Tuig each threw two innings.

The team will play Nov. 2 for the alumni game.

CHRIS CURRY  
Staff Writer

"We probably played a good set and a quarter, out of those four."

This was SJSU women's volleyball head coach Oscar Crespo's breakdown of his team's four-set loss against the 23rd-ranked, nonconference rival Santa Clara Broncos on Tuesday.

The first match started out tight, but with the score tied 4-4, SJSU reeled off four unanswered points.

Santa Clara head coach Jon Wallace responded by calling what he hoped would be a momentum-breaking timeout.

The timeout seemed to work, and with good blocking and by reducing the mistakes they had made earlier in the match, the Broncos were able to once again tie the score at 12-12.

"The first game we played together, we weren't everywhere," said Nia Freeman, a senior middle blocker and right side. "We were all in the system. We were able to control the ball, and our serve receive was a whole lot better."

And the Spartans did play much better, eventually building another four-point lead.

But just as they had done

before, the Broncos came back and tied it. The score was knotted at 18-18.

The rest of the set was close, but SJSU built a two-point lead that stuck until, at 24-22, the set ended the same way it began – with a kill by senior outside hitter Kelly Crow.

"The first set, I think that we kind of took them off guard," said Kylie Miraldi, a freshman

throttle and they also picked it up. I think that they came in thinking that they could walk all over us, but we came out and we didn't fight as hard as we could have and should have."

In the third set, when the score once again had SJSU in an early five-point hole, Crespo once again called a timeout to try to focus his players. This time it worked.

"We let off the throttle and they also picked it up."

KYLIE MIRALDI  
freshman middle blocker

"There was a feeling of disconnect from some of the players on the court," Crespo said. "We needed to find our groove back and I asked each one of them to challenge themselves individually to produce and put a bigger effort out on the court."

The Spartans fought back for the rest of the set, matching the Broncos intensity, and slowly cut the Bronco lead down to two when Miraldi's kill made it 21-19. But the taller and more experienced Broncos scored

four of the next five points and took the set 25-20.

"Tonight was probably one of the very first nights, actually this year, that it actually felt that we had some players involved and others that were perhaps struggling through and didn't know how to work through it," Crespo said. "So, for us I think that was a critical situation."

The final set had the Spartans fighting off another early Broncos lead for the third time of the night. Yet again they came up a few points short. Despite being down 17-10 at one point, SJSU was able to make it 24-22 with serve in hand. This was the quarter of a set of good play that Crespo had referenced.

Unfortunately, the Spartans' early mistakes ended up catching up with them. The early lead in the fourth set was just too large.

"They're excited about the competition and they step up to it, and learning to do it all the time is the next step," Crespo said. "They did it tonight for a game and a quarter."

The team resumes conference play on Friday with a trip to ninth-ranked Hawaii.

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**BOWL** Bid for WAC teams relies on Pac-10 performance

West (to fill the spot) because the Mountain West is already in the game. The likelihood of another conference having an at-large team is a risk.

"I think it's a real plus for the conference," SJSU head coach Dick Tomey said.

It's possible one of the WAC teams may be from California, Benson added, which creates regional appeal to the game.

The contract for the agreement with the WAC has been signed for the next two years, the news release stated.

Pac-10's Washington State has already been eliminated from bowl contention, as it holds a 1-7 record with five games remaining on its schedule.

"I'm doubtful," Tomey said on whether seven Pac-10 teams will become bowl-eligible. It's more likely that only five or six will be eligible this year, he added.

Prior to the agreement made between the credit union and the WAC, the Humanitarian Bowl, the Hawaii Bowl and the New Mexico Bowl were the only three guaranteed bowl

spots for members of the conference, Benson said.

"Right now we're trying to compete for the conference championship," Tomey said. "If there comes a time where we can no longer compete for the championship, we will compete for a bowl game."

It is possible, however, for Boise State, a WAC team, to play in a Bowl Championship Series game, Benson said, which could create a fourth or fifth bowl berth for the conference.

"They certainly are in position today to be undefeated," he said. "They have six games remaining and one very difficult game coming up against San Jose (State)."

It is not common for members of the WAC to play in BCS games, Fan said.

"WAC members have been fortunate to participate in the last two years," he said, referring to Boise State's appearance in the 2007 Fiesta Bowl and Hawaii's appearance in the 2008 Sugar Bowl.

**REPORTING**



Bert Robinson, assistant managing editor of the San Jose Mercury News, asks questions during an investigative reporting panel in the University Room on Tuesday. **MIKE ANDERSON / Spartan Daily**

regularly," he said. "In this county, a new courthouse is being built for dependency cases.

"We stood for some of the most vulnerable kids in this county. I think we made their lives better."

SJSU alumnus David Willman talked about his investigative report on the construction of small subway tunnels in Los Angeles.

"The subways that were supposed to be at minimum 12 inches of thickness in concrete due to earthquake engineering concerns in Southern California were down to as low as four-and-three-quarter inches."

After these findings, the tunnels were retrofitted at the expense of the contractors, Willman said.

"There is no greater gratification that you can have than going to subway tunnels that are supposed to be closed between midnight and five in the morning, and they got full crews retrofitting these tunnels, and you know none of it would have ever happened without what you brought out in the newspaper," Willman said.

Lance Williams' most crowning achievement was his book "Game of Shadows," which he co-wrote with Mark Fainaru-Wada. The book gave evidence about the BALCO scandal and Barry Bonds' use of steroids.

When the book was released,

Williams was almost sent to prison for refusing to reveal his sources.

Despite this, Williams never gave up his sources, and encouraged fellow reporters to never give in when governments pressure them to leak their sources.

"We need to make it tough on these guys who want to break the First Amendment," Williams said.

Junior journalism major Alex Spicer said he was surprised at the magnitude of the work each reporter has done.

"I didn't know these guys were working on cases like BALCO, which was interesting," Spicer said. "It was also interesting to see their responses to the fate of reporting today in light of all the cutbacks today."

A question that was brought up by the panelists was whether investigative reporting would survive past the recent decline of newspaper journalism.

Although the entire panel agreed that investigative reporting was not at risk, junior broadcast journalism major Haley Harms said she was skeptical of the future of newspapers.

"I thought that it made me not want to become a reporter and go more into web design," Harms said. "The future is more online, so it made me want to learn more about multimedia."

**CAMPUS IMAGES**



Senior Danny Owens and Sophomore Faris Jarrak, both classical music performance majors, play "When the Saints Go Marching In," in an attempt to drown out the words of a street preacher who identified himself as Bill. The trombonists drew applause from passers-by and the ire of Bill and his group, Cry to God, as they played in front of Starbucks on Paseo de San Antonio on Oct. 13. The scene attracted the attention of five policemen, one of whom informed the musicians that they could continue playing if they didn't violate a city noise ordinance. **WILLIAM COOLEY / Spartan Daily**

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**TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**ACROSS**

- Scope
- Geyser output
- Cobra kin
- Groves
- Broadcast portion
- Paulo, Brazil
- Pet owner's buy
- Decorates
- Barbarian
- Dunne or Castle
- Rectify
- Horse-drawn carriages
- Doglike scavengers
- Elaborate
- apso
- Persist
- Sci-fi gofer
- Brief rests
- Was in the loop
- Wiedersehen
- Faculty honcho
- Fodder storage
- Important nerve
- Reasoner's word
- Soda fountain treats
- More spooky
- Tex-Mex treat
- Most nervous
- Iowa commune
- Not quite right
- Take a mate
- Walkie-talkie OK
- Prior to
- Lakers' org.
- Cursor mover
- Deep black
- Tasty tuber
- Persian monarchs
- Tea biscuit

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**DOWN**

- Hole puncher
- Stooge with bangs
- Python or wrap
- Passports, etc.
- Jeans go-with (hyph.)
- Gluts
- Whirl
- Pop singer — Adams
- Target
- Saunters along
- Pallid
- Finnish bath
- Bodies of water
- Tall grass
- Winds around
- Mom and Pop
- Rial spender
- Photographer Adams
- Pfeiffer role
- Owned
- Boors
- LP player (hyph.)
- Enthralled
- Lofty abode
- Leaves through
- Pony's comment
- Bravo, in Spain
- So-so grades
- Frightens
- Follows
- Golden
- Tiny organism
- Lady's title
- Auto accessories
- Water, in Baja
- Chicken wire
- Aah's companion
- "Law & Order" network
- In addition
- Hotel
- Strong alkali

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## Completely stupid things athletes do that get them hurt and on the bench



**PETER  
HIRONAKA**

Fractures and boo-boos and lots of good tumbles, drinking and driving and choking on gumbo, back-breaking surgery fills me with glee, these are a few of my favorite things.

Well, not exactly. At least not to the average citizen. I find it much funnier when professional athletes fall victim to unfortunate and monotonous accidents. You know, falling down a flight of stairs, DUI, the usual. What I really get a kick out of is when athletes take the unexpected dive.

The NFL, MLB and NBA contracts signed by players forbid them to embrace dangerous activities outside an athlete's respected sport. For as long as teams have expressed concern for their athletes, the over-appreciated superstars just do not seem to get it.

In 2006, Ben Roethlisberger survived a near-death experience after he crashed his motorcycle. Although he suffered a broken jaw and nose from the incident, do not feel bad for him at all. Professor Dumbass was not even wearing a helmet.

The NBA's second overall pick in 2002, Jason Williams, suffered multiple injuries, including a fractured pelvis and a torn ACL, when he crashed his motorcycle. His injuries were so severe that amputation to one of his legs was a possibility. Like Roethlisberger, he was also not wearing a helmet at the time of the accident. Unfortunate, yes. But not exactly the smartest move to make after signing an \$11 million, three-year deal.

Don't worry. Most of the injuries were more of a light-hearted matter. Do you remember Jeff Kent? You know, the Benedict Arnold who decided to go down south to play for the enemy (the Dodgers). Well, back in 2002, Kent missed the beginning of the sea-

son due to a broken wrist. He claims to have suffered the injury while washing his truck. Yeah, like we believed that one, Jeff.

Then there is MLB stalwart Marty Cordova. This guy bought himself some time on the disabled list in 2002 after getting a burn at a tanning salon. Brilliant. Detroit Tigers closer Joel Zumaya sat out three games in 2006 after he strained his throwing arm playing "Guitar Hero" on Playstation 2. What a great way to unwind.

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The latest to take a spill has been Monta Ellis. He recently tore a deltoid ligament in his left ankle after falling off a moving mo-ped. All of this just after signing a six-year, \$66 million deal in July, which clearly prohibited such an activity under chapter 12 of the NBA's uniform player contract. He is not the first player in the NBA to disobey the contract. In the 2007-2008 season, Vladamir Radmonovic was fined \$500,000 by his team for separating his shoulder while snowboarding, an activity in which he was forbidden to partake.

Now, I know it is not easy to avoid freak accidents. Some of them are bound to happen. But you have to wonder where to draw the line between the unmerited and the boneheaded. My advice to athletes around the world is this: Think twice. If it is even remotely dangerous, it probably is not the best activity for you to do. You could play Scrabble — just don't choke on any of the letters.

Peter Hironaka is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

## The secret stench that lurks behind the bathroom door



**ANDREA  
FRAINIER**

Some girls claim that their shit don't stink. I'm here to say not only does it stink, but there is a percentage of us who remain unaware of how to flush it down the toilet.

Don't believe me? Walk into women's restrooms. They are some of the most heinous, grotesque and downright foul places in which I have ever stepped foot. Ever.

This might come as a shock to our male counterparts because we look and smell clean, but left to our own devices, women can be quite disgusting.

Choosing a restroom is a dangerous game of roulette. Who knows the horror that lurks behind each stall?

It could be urine on the toilet seat, used seat covers and toilet paper littering the floor or unflushed waste. And if a menstruating woman used the toilet before you, well, I'll just leave it at that.

I wish I could say this is a rare occurrence, something that only happens in bathrooms at gas stations or fast food restaurants, but that would be a lie.

I once walked into a women's restroom at a Los Angeles mall and feces were smeared on the wall. After puking a little bit in my mouth, all I could think about was, "What

would possess someone to smear feces on the wall?"

And the restrooms on campus are not much better, and this worries me. How are we, college-educated women, still confused about the basic mechanics of a toilet? How are we to survive in the workplace?

Actually, scratch that, because even in the workplace I find unflushed presents waiting for me in the toilet.

And the disgustingness of women isn't confined to the toilet stall.

Washing your hands is the next challenge because there always seems to be a pool of water on the counter. So your choice is setting your purse or backpack in a puddle of water or on the dirty bathroom floor. Personally, I hold my belong-

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ings between my legs and then waddle my way to the paper towels to dry my hands.

Which brings me to my next question: At the end of the day, why is there always a small collec-

tion of used paper towels on the floor lying right next to the trash can? The trash can is right there. Just finish the job.

Even though women's restrooms are disgusting, it couldn't be worse than the men's restroom, right?

Well, out of desperation, I once ducked into a men's restroom to use its toilet and I expected to be horrified by puddles of urine on the floor and the stench of body odor.

Instead, it was clean. Like, sparkling clean. I'm sure this isn't an accurate assessment of every men's restroom across the land, but I'm convinced they have us beat in the cleanliness department.

And even though I piss and moan about the unpleasantness associated with using a dirty restroom, the real loser is the person who has to clean this mess up.

The restroom cleaning crewmembers are not our mothers. They shouldn't have to mop urine off the floor, scrub puke from the toilet or scrap feces off the wall.

I wouldn't want to scrub disgusting toilets for a living, and I doubt you would either.

So ladies, next time you enter a women's restroom, please be courteous. Just walk in, do your business, flush the toilet and clean up after yourselves. It's not rocket science.

Andrea Frainier is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

## Public servants and their ability to drive anyone totally batty



**COLLEEN  
WATSON**

**CHRONICLING  
MEDIOCRITY**

I skipped over to City Hall. I was in a good mood. I had just registered to vote and after I bought my downtown parking permit, I would have no more bills to pay for at least two days.

But sadly, City Hall was aware of my euphoria and ready to crush my spirit with the weight of bureaucracy.

I walked through the glass doors of this fairly new building that screamed efficiency, but whispered, "but not for you." And I was hit with a wall of sage, which I think is the new beige.

A plasma screen told fellow citizens what was going on and a soft female voice randomly came over the P.A. saying that everything would be OK. Well, that's not what she said. She was

usually looking for someone, but I felt that the subliminal message was that everything was fine.

For some reason, City Hall feels like some futuristic bus station. I could imagine the soft-voiced woman telling everyone the next train was arriving: "Southbound bullet train with a final destination of hell with stopovers in purgatory and limbo leaves in five minutes."

Crap, that's my train.

Anyway, there was no line for turning in my parking pass, and after about three minutes, I was approved to park three blocks from where I live.

But I had to go to a completely different line to pay for my sparkly parking pass — the cashier line.

Now, this was a line. It snaked past the cubicles and into an open area. Finally, I felt like I was in a building staffed by public servants.

For this gargantuan line there was one harried-looking man trying to ap-

pease everyone. Sadly, judging from the growing volume level of the woman at his window, he wasn't accomplishing this goal.

But still I was in a pretty good mood, just growing increasingly bored.

Southbound bullet train with a final destination of hell with stopovers in purgatory and limbo leaves in five minutes.

Thankfully, the woman in front of me talked for a good 20 minutes about different friends of hers and how they were horrible people. She then went into great detail about their faults, their horrible style (this from a woman in an orange-and-yellow-striped, blue turtleneck) and about how her friend Mandy (names have been changed to

protect the badly dressed) was pretty but not really pretty.

The harried man was still with the loud woman, 15 minutes had gone by and the friendly city workers behind lineless windows I swear were laughing at us in line.

Another five minutes crawled by. I started imagining my escape route in case there was some catastrophe I kind of wished would have occurred.

After staring at the harried public servant, I realized that there was a good chance he had a slight case of OCD. All of the objects on his desk were precisely lined up, and with this information, I started plotting my revenge. I had big plans to move around all of his stuff once I made my way to his window.

I finally got to the front of the line, my petty revenge in the forefront of my thoughts, when a woman sat down in the seat next to my nemesis and said, "Next please."

Oh hell no, I waited in that long ass

line so that I could mess with this man, and she would not take away my one little shining light of joy.

"Next please."

Damn it, could I play off the deaf thing?

I felt a tap on my shoulder; I turned and glared at the impatient soul behind me who also let me know there was a window open.

I moped over to the lady who had foiled my plans, hating her for making the line go faster. But, City Hall beat me again because this was obviously her first time at this window as my quick transaction took another 10 minutes as she asked everyone around her how to take my money for my parking permit.

I guess you really can't fight City Hall.

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

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I believe that you can hold two thoughts simultaneously. You can hold the thought that (Sarah Palin is) an extraordinary woman. She has an incredible set of skills, personal skills that are really apparent in how she connects with people and her life story. But that doesn't mean that she and John McCain should lead our country, for a million reasons that I think people understand."

### HILLARY CLINTON

*The Democratic senator told ABC News.*

CONCERT PREVIEW: 'PATHWAYS'

# The university's choirs show off their vocal prowess

ANDREA FRAINER  
Staff Writer

SJSU's Choral Department will commence its 2008-2009 season this Friday with "Pathways," a musical tour of classic and modern works.

The university's three choirs, the Concert Choir, Women's Chorus and the Chamber Singers, will perform under the direction of the new choir director Amanda Quist, who joined the School of Music and Dance this year.

"We're excited," said Mary Maassen, the manager of the choral office. "Choir music is so cool when you hear multiple parts. It really is an awesome thing."

"Pathways" will be the debut performance of the newly formed Chamber Singers, an advanced ensemble performing choral music.

Years ago, SJSU had an award-winning elite choir called the Choraliers led by Charlene Archibeque, Maassen said. When Archibeque retired, the Choraliers disbanded.

With the loss of an elite choir and a choral director, the school set out to look for a permanent choir director. After two years of interim directors, the school filled that void this semester with Quist, the director of choral activities.

"(Quist) wanted to revive the idea to have an elite choir," Maassen said. "It's a big tradition to live up to, but Doctor Amanda Quist is ready to give us an elite group again."

Quist has taught at the high school and university levels in Michigan and at the university level in Texas while earning her doctorate. She said she has planned four concerts throughout the season in addition to a spring tour. She said she hopes to have the choirs become more involved at state- and national-level conventions.

Her first goal was to form an elite choir. The result is the new-

ly formed Chamber Singers, a 32-member choir. In addition to the Chamber Singers, Quist directs the Concert Choir, a group of 80 singers, and the Women's Chorus, a group of 30 singers.

One of the challenges Quist faces as the new director is the department's slashed budget.

"Our expenses are up and our funding is not," Maassen said.

Maassen said every year, the department's budget becomes smaller and ticket sales for the concerts are a way to recoup the cost.

Quist said the department has lost ensembles and scaled back on rehearsals to compensate for the lack of funding. She also said it was challenging to find venues with adequate acoustics and paid musicians to accompany the performances.

"The hope is that we can pay expenses and also fund scholarships," Maassen said.

Quist said she encourages all SJSU students to participate in the choir.

According to the School of Music and Dance's Web site, all ensembles are on an audition basis and open to all majors. According to a concert flier, Friday night's concert opens with the Concert Choir's performance of "Erschallet, ihr Lieder," a famous Bach cantata movement written early in his career, followed by "Liberia Me" by Hungarian composer Lajos Bardos.

The Chamber Singers will perform pieces by Tudor composers Tallis and Phillips, as well as modern works written and arranged by composer Joseph Jennings. The concert also includes a performance by the Women's Chorus and will close with rhythmic music from Latvia, Venezuela and America.

"Pathways" takes place on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Campbell United Methodist Church, located at 1675 Winchester Blvd.



Director Amanda Quist brings her students to a cadence.

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From left to right: Daniel Byers, Harlan Otter and Eric Medeiros practice in the Music Building for their recital on Friday night.



Students put their songbooks in order before practice on Tuesday.

## Yes, the Obama-rama can (take you to the tropics and make you drunk)

### DRINK OF THE WEEK



DANIELLE TORRALBA / Spartan Daily

### OBAMA-RAMA BJ'S RESTAURANT AND BREWERY

DANIELLE TORRALBA  
Staff Writer

Last night, I decided to venture off and have my own version of Monday happy hour (and no, I am not a lush for drinking at the beginning of the week).

I met up with a few friends at BJ's Restaurant and Brewery for some appetizers and decided to have something to drink to cure my parchedness.

With the election coming up, and waiting until the last possible day to exercise my 19th Amendment right, I decided, in honor of the ideologies of patriotism, I would hit the bar and justify my alcohol consumption with an adult beverage named after Sen. Barack Obama.

This drink has all the great ingredients for a terrific, fruity-tasting, tropical-like cocktail. A Washington Post article de-

scribed it as a "sweet nod to Obama's childhood home of Hawaii." I would agree with that because the mix of cranberry, orange and pineapple juices mixed with Malibu Caribbean rum and Grey Goose L'Orange flavored vodka creates a lovely liquid concoction for the palette.

When all mixed together, the Obama-rama has a similar color to a yellow traffic light. It's served in a short glass filled with ice. Its flavor isn't overpowering, but my only form of constructive criticism would be to maybe add a maraschino cherry or pineapple wedge for more color.

BJ's environment is not quite like a time share in Hawaii, but it did not ruin my first encounter with this taste of tropical heaven. My waitress was helpful in my quest to fulfill my election '08 cocktail needs. I would definitely go back to have this drink.

This drink ended up being quite popular at my table, so I chose to be nice, share the wealth and sip, sip, pass it with a friend. If my funds weren't low, I probably would have broke down and bought another one.

I'm glad I decided to toast to my voter registration with this not too strong yet very flavorful drink that only set me back \$6.25.

Obama says he stands for change and progress. So, if you need a bit of change in your usual drink order, I suggest you elect to try an Obama-rama.

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