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Five on-campus rapes occur this semester

BIANCA deCASTRO
Staff Writer

In 2007, the number of rapes reported at SJSU was three, according to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program Web site. This academic year, the number is currently at five, according to crime logs from the University Police Department.

Three of the five rapes occurred last month, said Sgt. Mike Santos. All the rapes were alcohol related and none were connected.

Staci Gunner, SJSU's Student Conduct and Civility coordinator, offered some information to students.

"The number of sexual assaults during holidays triples," she said.

College-aged women are four times more likely to be sexually assaulted, according to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network.

"I don't drink and I usually don't hang out on campus," said Jennifer Hackey, an undeclared sophomore. "So if I don't put myself in those dan-

gerous situations, I feel pretty safe."

One victim, an SJSU student who identified herself as Ginna, said that when she was raped, she went through a process of evidence collection that was intrusive and uncomfortable.

"I was poked at and I had to strip off my clothes again," she said. "But in the end, I still believe that it was still worth it. How else would they have been able to put him in prison?"

As grueling as reporting rape or sexual assault may sound, many peo-

ple may never see justice. The National Institute of Justice estimated that at least 400,000 rape kits are sitting untested in police stations and crime labs across the country.

On Oct. 20, CBS reported that the Los Angeles Police Department had a backlog of 7,038 unanalyzed rape kits and many were found to be past the deadline for prosecution.

Gunner, urges students to report

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Fencing program hopes to stay



Man-Sam Lai, a first-year graduate student in the fencing program, and Ricardo Varguez, an instructor in arms candidate, practice their swordsmanship during a Saturday class at Washington Square Hall.

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KAJAL MORAR
Staff Writer

SJSU's Fencing Masters Program has been struggling to remain at the university after a threat to drop the program over the summer.

"June 20th is when I was contacted, not by the colleges, but by continuing education," said the program's assistant director Janine Sahn. "The associate dean of continuing education sent me an e-mail late Friday afternoon before he was going on a weeklong vacation saying, 'By the way, TRFT (the tele-

vision, radio, film and theatre department) will no longer sponsor you; you need to find another college."

Sahn took action instantly. "As soon as I got the e-mail on June 20th from Dr. (Steve) Zlotolow, I immediately called Maestro (Gaugler)," she said.

William Gaugler, who founded the Fencing Masters Program, said he was confused about the loss.

"We were all baffled," he said. "You don't throw away something that brings you money."

Students are also concerned about the drop.

"This is something truly special and you can't find it anywhere," said fencing student Man-Sam Lai.

"It's a public university, and there's often not much to differentiate it from other public universities," said Gary Murry, a provost at arms, "and this is one thing that's fairly special to it."

Sahn said she struggled over the summer to get course numbers. Gaugler had listed the program under both the television, radio, film and theatre

department and the aerospace studies department. Sahn was able to list the class under aerospace studies, but the fight was not over.

"When I e-mailed (Rick Moxley, the chair of the aerospace studies department) to try to set up numbers as I normally do for the spring," she said, "he e-mailed me back, apologizing, saying, 'It's out of my hands. It's coming down from the dean that I cannot give you course numbers.'"

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Akbayan club wins big at Friendship Games

DANIELLE TORRALBA
Staff Writer

SJSU's Akbayan Pilipino Club won the first place trophy in the 2008 Friendship Games this weekend at Cal State Fullerton.

The Friendship Games is an annual event that gathers about 50 Filipino-American student organizations, mostly in CSU and UC systems.

"Friendship Games is a highly anticipated event hosted by Cal State Fullerton's P.A.S.A. (Pilipino American Student Association) Kaibigan," said Austin Toloza, SJSU Friendship Games' head coach. "This event celebrates SPUF (Spirit, Pride, Unity and Friendship) with over 7,000 individuals and over 50 colleges and universities across the nation."

"The Friendship Games began in 1985 to bring together cultural clubs from various college campuses across Southern California," he said.

John Castillo, a junior business management and member of the Ak-

bayan Pilipino club, said the actual preparation for the Friendship Games starts weeks and months beforehand.

"On paper, we have around 250 people, but for the Friendship Games 2008, we brought 150 people with us down to LA," Toloza said via e-mail.

All the physical activities of the Friendship Games happened on Saturday of the three-day event, said Kevin Irabagon, the social chair and head coordinator for the Friendship Games.

"Our purpose of going down there was to represent SJSU and to show that SJSU is one of the most spirited schools in the entire West Coast," he said.

Toloza, a senior kinesiology major, explained how the events are divided over the weekend.

"In our team, there were three groups: Roll Call, Games Team and SPUF," he said. "The Roll Call group was the one who would rep SJSU

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Yes campaign no-shows at forum about Proposition 4

JASON LE MIERE
Staff Writer

A forum held Monday to discuss Proposition 4 was decidedly uncontroversial as supporters of the proposition failed to appear and respond to the claims of the No campaign.

The talk, held at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, was designed to allow contrasting views on the issue of whether the California Constitution should be amended to make abortion unlawful for minors less than 48 hours after their parents have been notified.

"The idea of the forum was to get both sides to come and to allow students to see both sides of the issue and to think for themselves what they thought was right," said event organiz-

er Kathryn Linder, director of external affairs at Associated Students and a senior political science and history double major.

Of the 13 people who turned out to the event, none spoke in support of the proposition.

Linder said she contacted two groups from the Yes campaign, but both failed to return her invitations.

"The Yes on Prop. 4 decided not to show," Linder said. "I invited them in mail and e-mail and I never received anything back."

Linder said that the Yes campaign has also had a low profile at SJSU.

"I haven't seen them at all on campus," she said.

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RAPE Self-defense classes in demand

sexual assaults.

"Most people just want closure so they can begin to heal," she said.

Student victims who report rape or sexual assault at SJSU have the option of requesting that the campus address the case using the student conduct process, Gunner said. The process on campus can be expedited because everything is done on campus.

If found guilty of the crime through the student conduct procedure, the attacker could face suspension, expulsion or an agreed-upon formal settlement, Gunner said.

"Students are given options on how they would like to deal with the situation. They can choose the student conduct procedure, the criminal process or both," Gunner said.

According to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network Web site, 73 percent of victims know their assailants.

"I think rape is scary, and I hear it's mostly by people you know," Hackey said.

"Rape shouldn't happen period," said Luis Jimenez, a junior economics major. "Anyone being forced into sexual activity

against their own will or wishes just isn't right.

"I had a friend who was raped at a party by two people she knew well. People need to understand that these things happen more often by people they are close to them than by absolute strangers."

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PAT LOPES HARRIS
SJSU media relations specialist

Robin Ferstrom, a junior liberal arts major who is signed up for Alert-SJSU, said she was baffled as to why UPD did not send her a message about the incidents.

"You'd think that they would send out something saying to be

aware," she said.

Currently, Alert-SJSU does not send out messages for certain types of crimes, including rape.

"(A rape report) is not something that would be sent," Santos said. "(Alert-SJSU) is for major natural disasters, school shootings and things like that."

Gunner said the Critical Incident Management Team in which she is involved is currently working in collaboration with UPD to begin sending out certain crime alerts through Alert-SJSU.

To help prevent future incidents of rape and to heighten awareness within the campus community, UPD is taking measures to secure a safe campus.

"We are working with organizations on campus to educate students on the use of alcohol and effects of alcohol in regards to rape," Santos said.

A program called R.A.D., Rape Aggression Defense, is a class that teaches self-defense tactics and techniques for women, according to the UPD Web site.

Santos, who oversees the program, said more classes may be scheduled due to high demand.

PROP 4

'Proposition 4 backs teens into a corner where they may actually try dangerous and harmful alternatives such as back-alley abortions, inflicting harm on themselves, or even thoughts of suicide.'

SJSU has a reputation as a liberal campus, Linder said, but she still thinks it is important that both sides of any debate are heard.

"Even if it's not something that they're going to fall in love with and support, at least they can inform their own viewpoint and their own stance and strengthen what they already believe," she said.

In contrast, the No campaign was very visual at the forum, distributing banners and fliers. The group, Vote No on Prop 4, is also holding a rally at noon today at the Student Union amphitheatre.

"People should vote no to

protect the safety and to protect the most vulnerable teens in California," said Fran Linkin, grassroots coordinator and director of public affairs at Planned Parenthood Mar Monte.

The main speaker at the forum was Laurice Gonzales, health educator and education program manager for Planned Parenthood in Santa Clara and San Benito counties.

"Proposition 4 backs teens into a corner," Gonzales said, "where they may actually try dangerous and harmful alternatives such as back-alley abortions, inflicting harm on themselves, or even thoughts of suicide.

Supporters have termed the proposition "Sarah's Law" after a girl who died from complications from an abortion of which her parents were not notified. Gonzales said that citing this example only shows the desperation of the Yes campaign.

"She was married, she already had one child and she lived in Texas," she said. "Prop. 4 would have had nothing to do with her case and would have had nothing to do with preventing it."

In contrast, Gonzales said there were examples of teens being harmed by being required to notify their parents of a planned abortion.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

28 TODAY

Student Showcase Hour

12 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall.
Contact Professor Joan Stubbe at 924-4649.

Free Lunch Every Tuesday for San Jose Students

The San Jose Institute of Religion, sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, invites students to lunch every Tuesday, 12 p.m. at 66 S. 7th Street, adjacent to SJSU.
Contact Brother Bohn at sanjoseca@ldsces.org, 286-3313 or www.ldsces.org/sanjose.

Tuesday Night Lecture Series — "Don Reitz: Out of the Ashes"

5 p.m. in Art Building, room 133
Contact Ace Antazo at SJSU_Student_Galleries@yahoo.com

Zen Meditation

Weekly meditation sessions and talks on Buddhism.
4:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Almaden room.
Contact Justin Joyce at 677-8681 or sjsuzenbuddhism@yahoo.com

School of Art & Design Gallery Receptions

6 to 7:30 p.m., located at each gallery in the Art Building and the Industrial Studies Building.
Contact Ace Antazo at SJSU_Student_Galleries@yahoo.com

International Youth Fellowship

Topic: "The Secret of Forgiveness of Sins and Being Born Again."
6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Guadalupe room.
Contact Ricardo Godinez at 509-9549.

29 WEDNESDAY

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Contact Special Collections at Special.Collections@sjsu.edu

Midweek Mix-up

This month will feature acoustic alternative rock artist Ehren Ebbage; the movie "Hancock," filled with a lot of action and drama, and a free BBQ.
For more information about these events, visit Associated Students at as.sjsu.edu/asse

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

SJSU Spartan Riders Dinner

Come and socialize with us over dinner, riders and non-riders alike.
7 p.m. at the Hoagie Steak Out 304 S. 3rd St. (corner of Third Street and San Carlos Street)
Contact Albert Tomista at altomista@hotmail.com

Social Justice Cinema: "Every Mother's Son"

Please come join us at the Cesar Chavez Community Action Center for the second documentary in our Social Justice Cinema Series. "Every Mother's Son" takes a riveting look at police brutality in America today and the detrimental effects it is having.
7 p.m. in the Student Union, Almaden room.
Contact Mark Savage at 518Music@gmail.com.

Free LDS Religion Class for Everyone

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7 to 8 p.m. at 66 S. 7th St., adjacent to SJSU
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30 THURSDAY

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12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall.
Contact Professor Joan Stubbe 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.
4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Student Union, Montalvo room.
Contact Jeremy Mallard at Maljeremy@gmail.com

Bible Study

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FENCING TITLES

KAAJAL MORAR
Staff Writer

Janine and Ralph Sahn broke down the meanings of each fencing title:

Instructor at arms: students who are proficient in one weapon, usually foil, and who have the basic knowledge of theory and the basic practical skills of teaching and taking lessons.

Provost at arms: students who are tested in three weapons. Students are expected to know all the theory. Practical skills should be highly improved as well as an improvement in timing, distance, how to pull out

what you need from a student, what you're trying to get them to learn and how to set up actions.

Master at arms: students who know the theory backwards and forwards, and practical skills should be of the highest standard.

Military master at arms: There is no difference from a master at arms. When the program was tied in through the Army ROTC, that's when the military title was given. Both titles have the same requirements. There are no differences in what is being tested.



Ricardo Varguez, an instructor in arms candidate, focuses on his opponent during a training session on Saturday.

CARLOS A. MORENO / Spartan Daily

FENCING Students sent letters of protest to university

Sahn, her husband and director of the program Ralph Sahn and Gaugler are under the impression that the decision was taken out of the dean's hands.

"It seems to me that there was direction coming from above," Gaugler said.

"I hosted them for quite a few years," said Mike Adams, the associate dean of the College of Humanities and Arts. "It just wasn't part of the mission of the department."

Adams recently retired as the chair of the television, radio, film and theatre department.

Moxley, the chair of the aerospace studies department, was unavailable for comment.

Students and faculty have already been hit hard by the sudden news.

"It did not feel good," said Janine Sahn after informing the

students. "It did not feel right to see the look of devastation on people's faces."

"I'm trying to begin work toward my (master at arms)," said Tony Barajas, an instructor at arms. "(The loss) means I will not be able to accomplish my goal."

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Concerned students sent letters to the university president. Many of the letters address the same concern as Gaugler.

"You do not take a program in which you have students engaged in it who've had the promise that they'd be able to go through that

saying someone who has received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in theatre arts should be able to recognize the Fencing Masters Program for what it is — an internationally recognized, prestigious and successful program that equates and possibly surpasses the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London and the National Conservatory of Dramatic Art in Paris.

"Here's somebody who should be delighted to find that the people are being trained on a level equal to or higher than those other two prime places in the world, and he denies it, he rejects it," Gaugler said. "(He) hasn't even the will to talk with the representatives to try and resolve something that we shouldn't even be bothering with. It can't be here for 30 years and be bad."

JANINE SAHM
assistant director for the Fencing Masters Program

Students and staff alike wanted to know why the program was dropped.

"What's the rationale for dropping a program that you're not actually paying any money in and then getting money out of it?" Barajas said.

program, and then cut that out from under them and tell them to go away," he said.

None of the letters or e-mails sent by Gaugler have been replied to by SJSU President Jon Whitmore, Gaugler said.

Gaugler criticized Whitmore,

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"They would try to out SPUF each school through the whole

day, which means from 5 a.m. all the way through 6 p.m. Game teams competed in the actual games against other schools. All the groups came together and helped one another out in order for SJSU to be known that day."

The club won the first place trophy in the games event and placed third in the overall event, according to Castillo.

"Each year, this event contin-

ues to grow in size and scope," Toloza said. "Friendship Games has come to represent more than just Filipino-American college students. It has given a significant identity to individuals no matter what ethnicity. This is a time when old friends reunite and where new friendships form, ultimately coming together to celebrate the Filipino heritage."



Courtesy of Adrian Ricalde / SJSU's Akbayan

Members of San Francisco State's P.A.C.E. (Pilipino-American Collegiate Endeavor) move quickly against Akbayan, SJSU's Filipino Club, during the tidal wave event at the 2008 Pilipino Friendship Games held at Cal State Fullerton on Saturday.

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CommUniverCity teams with community for safe Halloween for children

BIANCA deCASTRO
Staff Writer

A collaboration of nonprofit organizations and neighborhood associations brought together thousands of local community residents for a Halloween extravaganza last Friday.

The event, called "Safe Halloween," was organized by CommUniverCity and is a partnership between the local community, SJSU and the city of San Jose. It was held at Martin Park near Melbourne Boulevard and Jeanne Avenue.

Paul Pereira, a neighborhood team manager for the city of San Jose's Strong Neighborhoods Initiative, talked about a few of the resources that were being offered at the event.

"PG&E, Silicon Valley Energy Watch and Environmental Services with the city are a few of the companies or groups that are out here today promoting energy efficiency," Pereira said. "Most of the residents speak Spanish, so one of the main goals was getting this kind of information to folks in Spanish. Four out of five people in the community do not speak English."

Thousands of children participated in an array of free arts and crafts and carnival games complete with prizes. A local DJ played a mixture of popular hip-hop tunes and traditional Mexican music.

Volunteering at one of the children's games, Emily Sun, a

junior child development major and event volunteer, described a bowling-based activity with a Halloween twist.

"We're using (medium-sized pumpkins) for the bowling ball and decorated soda bottle liters for the pins," Sun said. "The kids are really enjoying it. This has been a great experience."

The main attraction was not the free games, prizes or crafts. It was the 10 pop-up tents that were filled with free Halloween costumes.

"We had 1,400 costumes to give away and they are all gone," Pereira said.

The free costumes were collected by Sunday Friends, a nonprofit organization that empowers communities to break the cycle of poverty.

"This was the first year that we collaborated with CommUniverCity. I'm thrilled with the turnout," said Janis Baron, executive director of Sunday Friends. "We collected the costumes from 28 different donors and at various drives; we thought we'd have costumes left over and we were wondering what we'd do with them, but there's nothing, and that's great."

Pereira, who is also involved with CommUniverCity, said the organization estimated a turnout of 1,600 to 1,800 people. He said he was excited about the actual turnout of 2,200 to 2,400 people.

"This is such an awesome community event and it's really

great to see all the families," said Sonia Phillips, a senior health science major and event volunteer for AmeriCorps.

"I really enjoy being involved with community events," said Kristina Lindsay, a CommUniverCity volunteer. "I've worked with nonprofits before and I'm really impressed with this."

Councilman Sam Liccardo also made an appearance to show support for the efforts of the volunteers and thank them for their work.

"This is a great collaborative effort to bring our community together," the councilman said as he addressed the crowd.

"(We) are excited about the event," said Ruth Cueto, a council assistant for Liccardo. "It is a great opportunity for neighbors and people to get to know each other."

"(The event) brought people from all over the neighborhood together," said Terry Christensen, a political science professor and chair of the CommUniverCity project development committee. "It's the most people that we've ever had come out."

Imelda Rodriguez, president of the Olinder Neighborhood Association, talked about the difficulty in putting together such a large event.

"When you can organize this many people in one place, it's an outstanding job," she said. "It's not always easy to get people out of their homes."



Children dig for candy in plastic pumpkins at the "Safe Halloween" event last Friday at Martin Park.

Courtesy of Jeff Russell / CommUniverCity

The best defense is awareness

CORINNE SPECKERT
Staff Writer

Although October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an SJSU student said she hasn't seen much in the promotion of breast cancer awareness, which affects one in eight women in the U.S., according to the National Cancer Institute.

"I haven't seen anything that shows women how to do self checks or promotes breast cancer awareness," said Melisa Cerda, a junior justice studies major.

Because breast cancer is uncommon among young women, the Student Health Center doesn't offer mammograms, which can set students back in cost between \$100 to \$430 at the health center's recommended clinics, such as Regional Medical Clinic in San Jose.

"I think it's really important for (the Health Center) to offer those types of services here on campus because a lot of students get their health benefits from the school and they need them to provide those services," Cerda said.

Dr. Cecilia Manibo, medical chief of staff of the SJSU Student Health Center, said the center

doesn't offer mammograms because of the low diagnosis rate among young women.

"We have available the services that are most likely needed and mammograms are something that's not usually needed in this school population," she said. "We do monitor people that have close family histories a little more closely, but there's no other tests, just the breast self exams."

Manibo said that while the center doesn't offer mammograms, the center does perform breast examinations during pap smears and tries to educate students on how to do them.

Although statistics on breast cancer vary by age and risk is low for women in their 20s, the cancer institute said breast cancer has gradually risen since the 1970s.

According to the NCI Web site, the probability of being diagnosed with breast cancer jumps from 5 percent for women in their 20s to 43 percent for women in their 30s. Many Web sites recommend that women in their 20s have a clinical breast examination every three years and perform regular breast self-examinations in attempts to catch cancer earlier.

Cerda said she thinks self examinations aren't a priority for a lot of young women.

"I personally don't do breast cancer checks every month like I'm supposed to. I don't really think of putting it in my monthly agenda, but it is definitely important," she said. "I think it's just not a priority for people. We're so young and people just don't think they'll ever be affected by something like (breast cancer)."

The American Cancer Society's Web site stated that most doctors think early detection tests for breast cancer save thousands of lives a year and would save more lives if additional women took advantage of these tests.

Katrina Sarkissian, a freshman bio-chemistry major whose aunt has breast cancer, said she plans on getting a mammogram soon because cancer runs in her family.

"I haven't had a mammogram, but am planning on having one done by my doctor soon because I am 18 and you should be aware of your breasts," she said. "And also I heard in research that you should start young so you can catch it early."

Two Neo-Nazis are caught plotting assassination of Barack Obama and massacre of high schoolers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Law enforcement agents have broken up a plot by two neo-Nazi skinheads to assassinate Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama and shoot or decapitate 88 black people, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said Monday.

In court records unsealed Monday in U.S. District Court

in Jackson, Tenn., federal agents said they disrupted plans to rob a gun store and target a predominantly African-American high school in a murder spree that was to begin in Tennessee. Agents said the skinheads did not identify the school by name.

Jim Cavanaugh, special agent in charge of ATF's Nashville field office, said the two men planned to kill 88 black people, including 14 by beheading. The numbers

88 and 14 are symbolic in the white supremacist community.

The men also sought to go on a national killing spree after the Tennessee murders, with Obama as its final target, Cavanaugh told The Associated Press.

"They said that would be their last, final act — that they would attempt to kill Sen. Obama," Cavanaugh said. "They didn't believe they would be able to do it, but that they would get killed trying."

University Scholar Series

hosted by Provost Carmen Sigler

presents

Carol Mukhopadhyay and Rosemary Henze



Cognitive Anthropology: The Case of Women and Mathematics, and the book (with Susan Seymour), Women, Education and Family Structure in India.



Rosemary Henze is a professor of Linguistics and Language Development at SJSU, where she teaches courses on intercultural communication and language teaching pedagogy. Her research interests center on the role of language in promoting social justice, positive interethnic relations, and effective leadership. Prior to coming to SJSU in 2001, she spent thirteen years as a researcher and consultant focusing on bilingual education and race relations in collaboration with K-12 public schools. Besides *How real is race?*, other recent publications include *The power of talk: How words change our lives* (forthcoming from Corwin Press); *Leading for diversity: How school leaders promote positive interethnic relations and a video with the same title*; and "Metaphors of diversity, equity, and intergroup relations in the discourse of school leaders" (*Journal of Language, Identity, and Education*, 2005). She received her doctorate in Education with a minor in Anthropology from Stanford University.

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Spartans try to get back on track in Idaho

SJSU football still aiming for postseason after first conference loss of the season on Friday

MATTHEW KIMEL
Staff Writer

With four games remaining on its schedule, the SJSU football team hopes to get back "on a winning track" Saturday against conference opponent Idaho at the Kibbie Dome, head coach Dick Tomey said.

"They are all must-wins when you get to this point in the season," Tomey added. "We are kind of in a four-game tournament. We still have a chance to finish high in the conference, higher than we ever have before. We still have a chance to be in a bowl game."

The Spartans' best finish in the Western Athletic Conference was third place in 2006, when they went on to play in the New Mexico Bowl.

"It doesn't matter," Tomey said, in terms of which bowl game he would like to see the team make as a goal for the season. "Right now we're just trying to beat Idaho."

Senior center Justin Paysinger, however, doesn't want to just beat Idaho — he wants to beat Louisiana Tech, Nevada and Fresno State too.

"We want to win out," said Paysinger, who wants to go to another bowl game before his career as a Spartan ends. "It has kind of set in that my college career is almost over. ... To go out with a bowl win would be great. You can't beat that."

Junior linebacker Mohamed Marah said the team is always confident, "but it's always hard to win."

A win over the Vandals would give the Spartans their third consecutive conference road win.

The Spartans (5-3, 3-1 WAC) have never lost a conference game (3-0) against the Vandals (2-7, 1-4 WAC) and are 2-2 all-time in indoor games.

Tomey said the dome is "unique" and that the players would practice when they arrive in Moscow, Idaho, to get used to the environment. The last time the Spartans played at the dome, in 2006, they won 28-13.

"It's going to be loud," Paysinger said. "The crowd gets right on top of you and their fans get real excited for the games."

Last week, Idaho beat conference foe New Mexico State at home 20-14.

"I'm very happy for our team and our players in particular," Vandal head coach Robb Akey said in a teleconference on Monday. "Finally, getting in the win column in our conference — it's a reward."

The Vandals had lost six straight games prior to defeating the Aggies and had not won a conference game since Oct. 14, 2006, against Louisiana Tech.

The Vandals' other win of the season was against Idaho State of the Football Championship Subdivision.

Akey noted the SJSU defense, which leads the conference.

"I'm happy that we are staying at home this week," Akey said. "We've got a damn good San Jose State team coming into town. They are playing their tails off on defense."

SJSU lost to No. 11-ranked Boise State on Friday.

Paysinger said the offense did "some good things" Friday in its loss to the Broncos, but added that the offense "didn't do some things so great."

The Spartan passing game has been inefficient for the past two weeks and if the offense can't successfully pass the ball this week, it may struggle against the Vandals.

Junior quarterback Kyle Reed has completed 24 of 47 attempts in that time, averaging a mere 6.5 yards per completion.

"We had some throws called down the field and we couldn't get the ball down the field," Tomey said. "We got flushed; we got ran out of the pocket. We didn't do enough offensively."

"We obviously didn't play great offense against Boise," he said. "We played out of character."

Of 119 Football Bowl Subdivision teams, the Spartans are ranked No. 94 overall in passing offense.

"You can't have losing streaks," Tomey said. "You have to bounce back from a loss."



Bronco wide receiver Jeremy Childs fights past senior cornerback Christopher Owens to grab a touchdown catch during Boise State's 33-16 win over SJSU on Friday. Owens had 10 total tackles in the Spartans' first home loss this season. He is tied for second on the team with 49 total tackles.

WILLIAM COOLEY/Spartan Daily

WAC football report, Week 9

by Mark Powell, sports editor

Oct. 24

Boise State 33, SJSU 16

Other than a 60-yard scamper by freshman running back Brandon Rutley, SJSU (5-3, 3-1 WAC) mustered little on offense in its loss to undefeated Boise State (7-0, 3-0 WAC) on Friday. Each week, Boise has proven that it's the team to beat in the WAC, and SJSU has shown it's probably the league's second best team right now — on defense. The Broncos have all but assured themselves at least a good bowl this season (No. 11 in the BCS) and SJSU, sitting at second place, should go bowling barring a disastrous end to its season.

Oct. 25

Army 14, Louisiana Tech 7

This was a puzzling outcome. What makes it even more puzzling was the fact that Army (3-5) completed just three passes, turned the ball over four times and still came out on top — though the Cadets did rush for 203 yards and convert three fourth-down attempts. The good news for Louisiana Tech (3-4, 1-2 WAC), however, is that it only played three WAC games and still have a chance to climb in the standings.

Fresno State 30, Utah State 28

Talk about heartbreak for Utah State (1-7, 1-3 WAC). The Aggies were a few seconds away from upsetting the Bulldogs for the second time in three years, but Fresno State kicker Kevin Goessling's high-altitude-aided 58-yard field goal allowed his team to escape. The Bulldogs (5-2, 2-1 WAC) are in great position to finish up the schedule, though a showdown with Boise State looms.

Idaho 20, New Mexico State 14

It's not a misprint: Idaho (2-7, 1-4 WAC) recorded its first conference win since October 2006 after defeating New Mexico State at the Kibbie Dome in Moscow, Idaho. Before Saturday, Idaho had lost 17 consecutive WAC games. It's mathematically impossible for the Vandals to play in a bowl game this season, but they could still be a bump in the road for SJSU, which plays at Idaho this weekend. New Mexico State (3-4, 1-2 WAC) showed promise in beating Nevada earlier this season, but losing at Idaho pretty much wrecks its postseason chances.

Hawaii 38, Nevada 31

With each passing week, SJSU's win over Hawaii (4-4, 3-2 WAC) earlier in the season looks better and better. Little-used Greg Alexander came off the bench to throw for 205 yards and two scores against a Nevada team that has underachieved so far this season. The Wolf Pack (4-4, 2-2 WAC) won't make a bowl game if its defense doesn't make a few more critical stops the rest of the way.

Week 10 predictions

SJSU 27, Idaho 14 — Spartans will win their fourth in a row over the Vandals.

Fresno State 35, Louisiana Tech 17 — Bulldogs look to regroup after near-loss to Utah State

Hawaii 34, Utah State 13 — A stable QB situation will keep Hawaii on the right path.

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Which state proposition do you think is most important?

CHRIS DANIEL
senior mechanical engineering major



"The first one (Prop. 1A). It's huge and a long-term investment. If it doesn't go through this time, I think it's pretty much done. We really have to think about the future, rather than today. It's worth it."

THOBEKA RIGMAIDEN
senior animation/illustration major



"The one to extend and connect BART (Measure B), which is very important as a college student without a car. It would be really, really nice to be able to take BART to get to where I need to go."

VINH NGUYEN
math graduate student



"I would say the proposition about building the train system (Prop. 1A). We shouldn't build it. If we build it, it's going to take about 25 to 50 years to build. In the meantime, we can spend the money on health care or education."

AMY BOYARSKY
elementary education graduate student



"Proposition 8. I think it's a really important issue for most Californians, and I am strongly against it."

MONIQUE HUGHES
senior business marketing major



"I'm actually not too educated on the propositions right now, but to my knowledge it's Proposition 8 just because there shouldn't be discrimination based on your sexual orientation. Fairness and equality is really important in today's society."

TERESA DRAKE
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"Four and eight just because I can relate to them more, and I wouldn't want it to be other way."

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Possible weird election outcomes



KIMBERLY TSAO
THE MOST YOU EVER KNEW

Holy guacamole! It's a tie.
The nail-biter that has been the 2008 election has resulted in a draw. Not only are Sens. Barack Obama and John McCain neck and neck but so are Sen. Joe Biden and Gov. Sarah Palin.

What?
It could happen.
We do have toothpastes that stand up now — anything's possible.
And I'm not the only one who thinks so — 2008 Reuters and ABC News articles also reported this electoral likelihood.

The ABC News article accounted for a minimum of 33 probabilities in which the states could produce an electoral draw. The chances of a deadlock may only be one in 200 or a 0.48 percent possibility, but it's there. There's no denying it.

Elections are unpredictable to say the least. People may want to forget the Florida recount fiasco of 2000, but they can't. It happened, and so did an election tie in 1800.

Thomas Jefferson won that one, but in the event that another electoral draw would rear its ugly head, the 12th Amendment was formed.

In order to win the presidency, 270 is the magic number — 270 electoral votes, that is. Some electoral pundits predict that neither

Obama nor McCain could secure that many votes, resulting in a tie.

The ABC News article poses other interesting questions: Which state will guarantee the candidates' immortality on upcoming monetary units? Which state will make the history books? Will it be Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Virginia or (breathe) Wisconsin?

Apparently, those are the most likely states where blood will be shed.

Which state will guarantee the candidates' immortality on upcoming monetary units? Which state will make the history books?

In the case of an electoral deadlock, the House of Representatives makes the final decision on who can call the White House home.

Since Democrats dominate most of the House, Obama-rama could ensue.

Adding to the suspense, Obama and McCain could try to sway the Electoral College voters to their side, breaking the tie before the House decides the candidates' fate.

While others have tried this before, no one has been convincing enough to actually change their election results.

Oh, I almost forgot. Biden and Palin are also in a dead heat. As a result, the Senate, which is also crawling with Democrats, determines who kicks Vice President Richard Cheney to the curb.

When President Bush makes his exit on Jan. 20, the House may not be able to agree on a new commander in chief whereas the Senate may have already settled on a vice president. Under those circumstances, the senators' pick for second in command will step into Bush's shoes.

And if the House's indecision continues, then either Biden or Palin would reign as president for the entire term. That scenario could easily be a dream come true or your worst nightmare.

In the end, though, we may end up with a mutt for a presidential team, thanks to the House's and the Senate's top-notch decision-making skills. Which is the lesser evil: McCain and Biden or Obama and Palin?

In this alternate reality, if both the House and the Senate can't choose a president or vice president, then, according to the Presidential Succession Act, the speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, will lead the country.

And ... checkmate.
You've got to love American democracy — it's filled with endless possibilities.

"The Most You Ever Knew" appears every Tuesday. Kimberly Tsao is a Spartan Daily student culture editor.

A lot can happen in a week; don't count anyone out



YA-AN CHAN

Every day as I walk from SJSU to the intersection of First and Santa Clara streets, someone would walk past me wearing an Obama T-shirt.

Every day as I drive around the city of Fremont, a few cars would pass me with Obama-Biden bumper stickers.

I'm one of those quiet voters who don't go advertising my political views, even though I know which candidate I'm going to vote for.

Last Thursday afternoon, I was tired and waiting at the bus stop when a man approached me.

"Who are you voting for in the election?" the man asked.
"Um ... I'm not sure yet."
"What? You haven't made up your mind yet?" the man chuckled and raised his voice.

"Well, I usually don't discuss it with other people."
"Or are you not proud of the person you are voting for?"

I prefer not to have face-to-face discussions about politics with strangers, and I don't pressure other people about their opinions. If people put it in better words, they may say I'm a spectator. Others, perhaps including that man, may say I'm simply not enthusiastic enough or I'm ashamed of the candidate of my choice.

The day after my encounter, the New York Times made a few changes to its Electoral Map, reflecting Obama's continued strength in national and state polls.

I prefer to remain an observer because some factors won't be revealed until the polls close at 8 p.m. on Nov. 4.

In nearly every poll, Obama is leading by several points and is positioned to win the largest share of white voters of any Democrat since 1976. According to a Politico article on Oct. 24, the two most recent weeks of Gallup polling, which includes approximately 13,000 interviews, show 44 percent of non-Hispanic white voters presently support Obama.

Others, perhaps including that man, may say I'm simply not enthusiastic enough or I'm ashamed of the candidate of my choice.

"We cannot let up, and we won't," Obama urged an estimated crowd of 35,000 in Indianapolis last Thursday, according to an Independent article on Oct. 26.

The Democrats have lost seven of the last 10 presidential elections.

Looking at history, strange things have happened in the final stages of an election.

I remember sitting in the living room and witnessing Gore's last minute-loss as an eighth grader in 2000.

I remember that the day after the 2004 election, my high school calculus teacher was watching Kerry's concession speech before class started. He turned off the classroom TV right away as Bush walked onto the podium to speak.

Suffice to say that in this race of all races, polls are not to be trusted.

Skin color probably won't be the absolute determining factor (voters are probably more concerned with their money right now), but it has the potential to be a big enough factor that the margin lowers enough for a McCain win.

Today, no one knows yet if the Republicans have some other tricks up their sleeves to deny Democrats the prize.

Until Nov. 4, no one will know if Democrats will win the popular vote but lose the elect-oral vote.

Baseball legend Yogi Berra once said when the 1973 New York Mets trailed the Chicago Cubs by 9-and-a-half games in the National League East, "It ain't over till it's over."

I guess the rule applies to politics as well as sports, and perhaps the fear of a huge disappointment is the reason to be low key for some voters.

Ya-an Chan is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

A long tradition of silence is finally broken



DINA BASLAN
FROM THE CAUCASUS TO THE WORLD

"The United Nations must deliver results for a safer, healthier, more prosperous world," wrote Ban Ki-moon, U.N. secretary general. "On this U.N. Day, I call on all partners and leaders to do their part and keep the promise."

Oct. 24 marked the 63rd anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations; the day was celebrated by U.N. agencies all over the world through meetings, discussions and exhibits on the achievements and goals of the organization.

The United Nations functions as a facilitating cooperation in 192 member states worldwide. The organization monitors issues pertaining to international law, international security, economic development, social progress, human rights and achieving world peace.

In the upcoming two days, the OHCHR (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights), which is a single agency of the United Nations, will be holding a regional seminar called Upholding Human Rights While Countering Terrorism in Amman, Jordan.

Sixty delegates representing governments, national human rights institutions and non-governmental organizations from 17 countries will take part in the first event of its kind being held and concerning the Middle East and North Africa region.

However, as we witness the plethora of conflicts taking place worldwide — from scandals in China to slum dwellers in almost every developed growing city to genocidal records in Africa — is one international organization able to target all these issues, responding to individuals in dire need of its intervention?

As Secretary General Ki-moon called out for partners and leaders of the world to work toward the promise of a safer, healthier and more prosperous world, I envisioned an audience of men and women tuning in with dreams of their own.

I believe that minorities of the world, who are not represented by a strong political body in the countries of their citizenship, also felt a responsibility toward a promise of their own — a promise they took in silence to fight for the freedom and prosperity of their own nations.

In an article by John Colarusso, anthropology professor at McMaster University in Ontario and author of "Nart Sagas from the Caucasus: Myths and Legends from the Circassians, Abazas, Abkhaz and Ubykhs," he writes about a Circassian activist by the name of Fathi Radjab who, in June 1990, attended a scholarly conference on the Caucasus at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London.

Radjab's goal at the time was to convince the Soviet authorities of the Circassians' right to repatriation. Colarusso writes that Radjab saw no reason why the Circassians should not be free to return to their homelands.

"He found, however, that the various or-

ganizations who concerned themselves with international law and the rights of minorities had never even heard of the Circassians," Colarusso wrote. "In effect he was facing the detrimental by-product of the Circassian tradition of civility and silence."

Seventeen years later, on Oct. 4, 2007, a group of American young men and women of Circassian ethnic background stood in front of the United Nations headquarters in New York City to stop the past from repeating itself.

They broke the silence of their grandfathers. They sought to be heard.

"Truth will prevail," protestors yelled out. The truth that Russia attempted to conceal the genocide it carried against the Circassians back in 1864. Truth of the organized ethnic cleansing that buried thousands of the families' corpses underneath the slopes of Sochi, a city located along the shores of the Black Sea.

The International Olympic Committee signed an agreement with Russia granting Sochi the award of hosting the Winter Olympics in 2014.

Today Russia celebrates its so-called "450 years of Circassian voluntary association with Russia," after hundreds of years of war.

And today, many people embrace the truth because, for the first time in centuries, the Circassian youth is speaking out, and so are many other silenced minorities around the world.

"From the Caucasus to the World" appears every Tuesday. Dina Baslan is the Spartan Daily features editor.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If you're voting for the other guy, you should just wait until Nov. 5. I'm just teasing."

BARACK OBAMA

The Democratic presidential candidate told a crowd in Colorado.

CD REVIEW: CAESER PINK AND THE IMPERIAL ORGY'S 'ALL GOD'S CHILDREN'

'All God's Children' should stay away from this album

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The latest effort from Caesar Pink and the Imperial Orgy, "All God's Children," has been hailed by some reviewers to be a genius work of art. Some who listen to this CD may have to challenge those opinions.

The Imperial Orgy states in a news release that it is a band, an artist collective and a political organization, all packaged together as one.

On the Web site, www.theimperialorgy.com, the group refers to itself as "an open celebration of life, love, sexuality and rebellion."

The cover of "All God's Children" features Mickey Mouse with a Hitler mustache and a Nazi armband, a child holding a machine gun and, inexplicably, a dinosaur.

"All God's Children" opens up with a song called "Mickey

Mouse World," a twisted tune that speaks of how "shallow people sure have it nice, so many movies and TV shows," being backed by a sunny tune that is reminiscent of 1950s surfer music. Its repetitive chorus started to grate on my nerves immediately.

These dismal lyrics are being sung over the same breezy upbeat tune, which has a disturbing effect.

The song repeats its irritating subject matter with the likes of, "I know it's supposed to be fun, but sometimes I feel like I wanna reach for a gun."

This theme bleeds into the other three songs on the record. The song "All God's Children" talks about Protestants and Catholics killing off the Irish, Jews killing Muslims and so on.

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When the song almost starts to make a point, it again becomes disjointed with lyrics like "holy shit, ain't it time to quit?" Lead singer Caesar Pink's nasal voice makes these lyrics even more annoying.

Just when all hope is almost lost that these ramblings will ever make any sense, the song "Lewistown Calling" begins to make things a little clearer.

It's a scattered song about "sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll" with referenes to qualudes and tequila gold, and it starts to shed some light on the influences of this CD.

This sets up the fourth and final song, called "Dinosaurs," which laments the tale of a 22-year-old girl who sleeps with Led Zeppelin vocalist Robert Plant, sparking jealousy from her boyfriend.

"He may be an institution, but baby I'm a revolution," is the perfect ending to this bizarre song.

The Imperial Orgy reminded me of the kind of band that may have had minor success in the mid-'90s, when bands that pretended to have a cause were mildly successful.



Caesar Pink and the Imperial Orgy.

Courtesy of Charlotte Galt

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A preschool student throws leaves at Tirzah Langlais, a preschool teacher, while raking leaves for a "discovery fall" activity at the day care center outside the Central Classroom Building on Monday.

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