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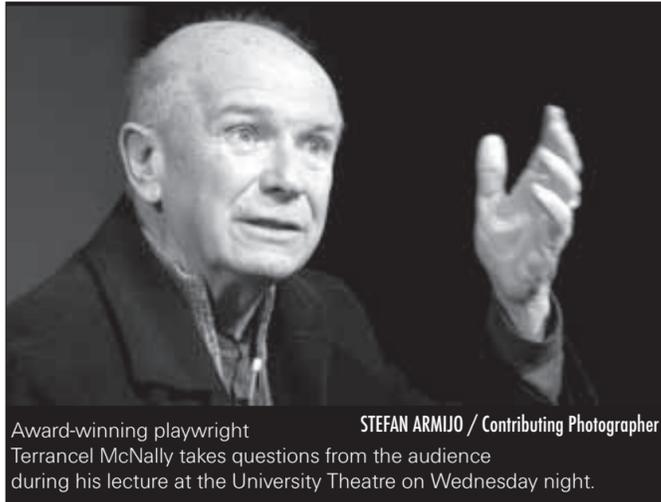
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A politician's best friend



## Award-winning playwright speaks to theater students



Award-winning playwright Terrancel McNally takes questions from the audience during his lecture at the University Theatre on Wednesday night.

PETER HIRONAKA  
Staff Writer

The Center for Literary Arts welcomed award-winning playwright Terrence McNally to answer audience questions in the University Theatre on Wednesday. McNally was a special guest for two Q-and-A sessions, one in the afternoon and another during the evening.

About 100 students were in attendance for the afternoon session and about 300 for the evening. McNally reflected on his decorated career and the people who influenced him along the way. He said one of his major influences over the years has been Shakespeare.

"He knew that language creates characters," McNally said. "He learned that everybody has a different vocabu-

lary and rhythm when they speak. It's the kind of things a good playwright should be able to do."

He also said every good writer has someone to mentor them, and that it is important as a writer to work with a smarter person.

Danny Martinez, a graduate student theatre major, said he was impressed with the Tony award-winning playwright's knowledge of Shakespeare and his thoughts on writing.

"He came with a lot of different educational viewpoints," he said. "I'm new to theater. I'm new to playwrighting, so hearing what he told me about inspiration and writing about what you know was valuable."

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## WHAT A WAY TO START



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SJSU senior guard DaShawn Wright goes up for a layup against Cal Maritime freshman guard Zac Kinman at the Event Center on Wednesday night.

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Protesters take stand on budget cuts that leave CSU with nothing left on its plate

PETER HIRONAKA and CORINNE SPECKERT  
Staff Writers

Students gathered at the Cesar E. Chavez Monument as the California Faculty Association and the Alliance for the CSU organized an event with regards to the school's budget Wednesday. The event, titled "Cuts Have Consequences!," was organized by both organizations in an effort to take a stand against budget cuts.

According to a flier handed out at the event, the CSU budget could lose up to \$312 million.

Liz Cara, president of the CFA San Jose Chapter, said the event was supposed to bring awareness about budget cuts to students.

"We want to let people know that they're real and that they do have consequences," Cara said. "We will continue to do this because the budget cuts seem to keep rolling out. We just have to stop them."

Cara said students were given paper plates to write on about the impact budget cuts have had on their lives. The empty paper plates symbolized how the school has nothing left on its plate.

Veronica Naranjo, a junior social work major, said the paper plate idea was important in getting the message across.

"It's affecting everyone I know," Naranjo said. "I think our voice is as strong as anyone out there."

Both organizations plan on gathering all the stories and faxing them to state legislatures.

She said utilizing the media present for the event was another good way to bring awareness to more people.

"This is for all the people of California, so we want to get the word out that now is not the time to cut education," she said. "It's time to support it."

NBC 11 and ABC were among the local

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**MARK POWELL**  
**BINGE THINKING**



**OPINION**

Have SJ police become downtown bullies?

Good cop-bad cop never seemed so apparent.

The city of San Jose and SJSU deploy a wealth of police officers every day, and I'll confess that knowledge can sometimes offer comfort.

But for that good cop, the one who protects, who serves fairly and who assures safety for citizens in his or her community, there's definitely a bad cop to match them.

The San Jose City Council chambers buzzed till late Tuesday night with San

Jose residents concerned over a striking number of drunk-in-public arrests over the last few years — especially among those of Hispanic ethnicity.

In fact, the San Jose Mercury News reported that the city's police department has made more arrests for public drunkenness than any other California police unit over the last five years. And of 4,661 such arrests made in 2007, 57 percent were Hispanic, the paper reported. The Mercury News also stated that 36 percent of such ar-

rests occurred in San Jose's downtown nightclub and bar area.

In addition, there are a few troubling aspects to this situation. First, there are no sobriety stations, where people can be contained until they sober up, in the entertainment zone of Downtown San Jose. Second, when making a drunk-in-public arrest, police officers do not have to administer a Breathalyzer, and can arrest downtown-going patrons for merely appearing unruly — regardless of how much they have had to drink.

I've walked the streets of Downtown San Jose while intoxicated. I'm not above admitting that. And although I've never been an unruly drunk while walking home after a few pints at O'Flaherty's, I can't say I believe the city's police department to be 100 percent void of racial profiling.

Nobody's perfect.

Does the city's police department seek out persons of color on Friday

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Carole Carter, a retired SJSU history lecturer, writes on the California Faculty Association SJSU Chapter's CSU budget crisis awareness wall at Paseo de Cesar Chavez near the Cesar E. Chavez Monument on Wednesday. **CARLOS A. MORENO / Spartan Daily**

## SPARTAGUIDE EVENTS CALENDAR

### 20 TODAY

#### Student Showcase Hour

12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall. Contact Professor Joan Stubbe 924-4649.

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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

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 or (415) 786-9873.

#### LGBTQI Discussion Group

A supportive, empowering, confidential environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and intersex SJSU students to share, discuss and explore their personal experiences. 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the LGBT Resource Center, 1st floor of Building BB between Campus Village Building C and the Aquatic Center. Contact Angela Krumm at (408) 924-5910.

### 28 TUESDAY

#### 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.lidsces.org/sanjose.

#### Zen Meditation

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

#### International Youth Fellowship

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union, Guadalupe room. Contact Ricardo Godinez at 509-9549.

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### 21 FRIDAY

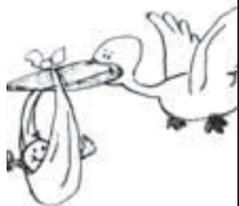
#### Philosophy Colloquium Series

Xiaogan Liu on "What is Lao Zi's Ziran (Naturalness): from Ancient text to Modern Implications" 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. Library, Room 255. Contact Bo Mou at 924-4513.

### 24 MONDAY

#### Campus Pregnancy Support Team

Pregnant? Confused? Need support? We are here for you. No cost student services include pregnancy tests, peer counsel, information on options and referrals. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Student Union, Guadalupe Room. 12:15 to 2:30 p.m. in Hugh Gillis Hall, Room 255. Contact a trained peer counselor at (408) 376-1233 or for a list of our services, visit sites.google.com/site/cpstsjsu



## PROTEST ▶ English professor says chancellor of CSU gave \$32 million back to state 'voluntarily'

news stations in attendance for the event.

Gloria Collins, an English professor, said their effort to stop budget cuts has come with wavering success.

"We got about \$98 million back into the budget, and now that is in jeopardy," Collins said. "We're worried about the future students and education in California."

She also said that of the \$98 million that went back, \$32 million was taken out and put back into the state's budget by CSU

Chancellor Chuck Reed. This, Collins said, was done voluntarily by Reed.

"We realize the state at large is facing a lot of problems, but we want to try to have the students and the whole community know that we have to fight for these things," she said.

Elena Dorabji, a political science professor, said the financial situation in California is much more of a problem than most students think.

"I understand that they're trying to go to school, they're trying

to work, so for them to face political action is probably too much for them to be able to process," Dorabji said. "California is well on its road to becoming a Third World economy, and that's a fact."

She said the faculty at SJSU have gone without raises for the past seven years, and as a result find living in San Jose difficult.

"We don't really get the wages we need to be able to live in this area," she said. "At San Jose State, we have taken on 4,000 extra students. My classrooms are bulging and I don't get one penny extra."

## MCNALLY ▶ Doesn't normally make speeches; former SJSU professor arranged for him to come

Nikki Walters, a senior theatre arts major, said she was surprised at how down to earth he appeared to be.

"I depicted him to be this grand celebrity, that he carried all his accomplishments on his shoulders," she said. "He seemed like a real humble man."

She also said she had been a fan of his before the lecture.

"I've really respected the amount of effort he puts forth into his characters and his stories," Walters said. "He really is quite the accomplished individual."

Center for Literary Arts co-director Kelly Harrison said McNally came as the Martha Hasley Cox Lecturer. Cox, a former professor at SJSU, donates money to the center and other projects such as the Steinbeck Center in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. library.

"Cox had said she liked Mc-

Nally's work," Harrison said. "This is not something that he normally does, so we worked with his agent to come to an arrangement for him to come out."

Cox, who was in attendance for the evening show, said she was impressed with his lecture.

"He used his vast experience as a playwright and gave advice to new writers," Cox said. "I thought he was one of our best."

She also said she has been an admirer of his for quite some time. When McNally was a graduate student at Columbia, he worked as the tutor for John Steinbeck's two sons, John Jr. and Tom.

"Steinbeck decided before he died to show his sons the world," she said. "McNally went as a tutor for nine months. As they traveled, he had them repeat sonnets. I was delighted that he came, not only because of his great drama reputation,

but because of his connection to Steinbeck."

Harrison said the center has been trying new techniques to host better events.

"We have tried to cross-pollinate theatre arts and the English department and get the two departments to work together on events," she said.

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# Opinions clash in global warming debate

JASON LE MIERE  
Staff Writer

In the only country still debating whether global warming is man-made, according to SJSU professor Alex Gershenson, another contest to discuss it was held Tuesday night at San Jose's Rotary Club.

The event, put on by The Conservative Forum of Silicon Valley, saw two speakers on each side of the issue go head-to-head for 90 minutes on the validity of global warming and its attribution to the activities of humans.

"No other civilized, developed country is having these kinds of debates, period," said Gershenson, an environmental studies professor at SJSU. "It is very frustrating. The overall understanding of how science works is very low in this country."

Four individuals presented a large array of graphs and data to the 500-plus attendees in an attempt to demonstrate the validity of their arguments.

The team representing the opinion that global warming is man-made, consisting of SJSU professors Eugene Cordero and Alex Gershenson, weighed their arguments on the consensus of opinion within the scientific community.

The latest report by the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change, commissioned by the

United Nations, included 2,500 scientific experts from around the globe.

"The IPCC report that just came out states that most of the warming is very likely due to human cause greenhouse gases," Gershenson said.

Despite the scientific prowess of the panel's reports, the team ar-

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**DENNIS HOLLARS**  
New Mexico State professor

guing that global warming is not man-made disregarded its validity.

"What I'd do with the IPCC report is to put it in the trash can because that's all it's worth," said Dennis Hollars, who holds a doctorate in astrophysics from New Mexico State University.

His brazen pronouncement produced an eruption of laughter among the packed audience.

Hollars produced a similar reaction from the crowd when, challenged by Gershenson about the inconsistencies of the data in the graphs he was presenting, he

claimed to "not care" which one was accurate.

It was hard to tell whether the audience was laughing out of the humor of Hollars' delivery, or because they disagreed with him.

One of the central arguments of the side arguing that global warming is a natural occurrence was that temperatures were driving the increase in carbon dioxide, rather than the commonly accepted reverse.

"CO2 has never led to an increase in temperature, based on historical record," said Robert Cohen, a certified consulting meteorologist.

This point was countered by Cordero, who cited hundreds of scientific studies that showed that the temperature increase that has occurred over the last 50 years would not be possible without human-produced chemicals.

Hollars, meanwhile, claimed that carbon dioxide was an insignificant component of the earth's atmosphere and that, rather than being the purveyor of doom it is currently viewed as today, it is needed in order for plants to grow.

"Mars' atmosphere is about 95 percent CO2 and has no global warming," Hollars said.

Gershenson pointed out that while carbon dioxide may be a very small component of the

earth's atmosphere, it is one of only two components that absorbs and traps heat.

At the culmination of the debate, moderator and SJSU professor Genelle Austin-Lett conducted an informal poll of the audience to gauge its reactions to what they had witnessed. Although few people declared to have had their mind changed by the debate, more people who were unsure about the causes of global warming beforehand said that they believed the causes were man-made.

"I thought that the negative side did a good job in giving us evidence, whereas the other side had a little bit of evidence, but then didn't really have a lot to follow up on when they were questioned," said Candice Howsden, a senior communication studies major.

Gershenson said the debate came down to whether you trust the scientists who say that there is a nine out of 10 chance that global warming is man-made.

"If I have a child and I have 10 doctors see that child," Gershenson said, borrowing from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's rationale for supporting California's California climate change legislation, "and nine of the doctors that see my child say that the child is sick and one says well, maybe not, I'm going to go with the nine."



Photo Illustration by MATTHEW MOUNTFORD / Spartan Daily

## CAMPUSIMAGES



During a game of root beer pong at the Dining Commons, Ashley Durbin (left), a junior psychology major, looks on while her teammate Casey Chase, a junior nursing major, aims for a cup.

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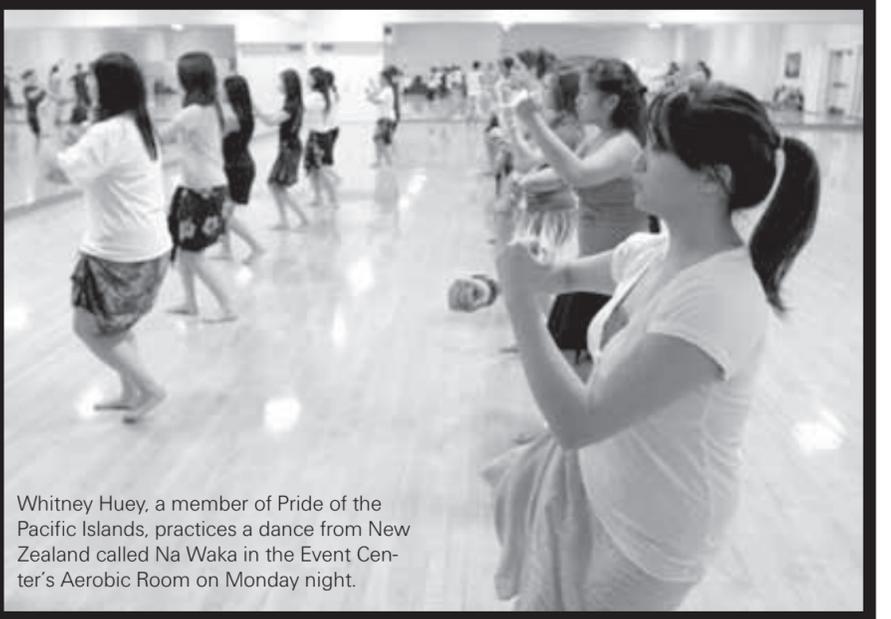


"I feel like I am really a part of something. I have always wanted to learn more about my culture."

**RITA MENDEZ**  
undeclared freshman

LEFT: Alma Vera, an elementary education graduate student and member of Pride of the Pacific Islands, practices the Hawaiian dance of Kananaka in the Event Center on Monday.

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**MIKE ANDERSON / Spartan Daily**



Whitney Huey, a member of Pride of the Pacific Islands, practices a dance from New Zealand called Na Waka in the Event Center's Aerobic Room on Monday night.

## SJSU students' food and dance show some Pacific Island pride

**JOEY AKELEY**  
Staff Writer

In one week's worth of participation in the Pride of the Pacific Islands club, one can learn the hula, the haka and how to make origami.

The club, which has about 50 members, meets Mondays to practice dancing and Tuesdays to hang out and make Polynesian accessories.

The club accepts anyone regardless of race or ability to dance, said club president Danielle Lisec, a senior conservation biology and geology major.

"I guess why people join this club over all the other clubs is because the people are so friendly," said SJSU alumnus Jesse Alifano, who is Lisec's husband. "I don't dance, but they all are super nice to me, which is why people join. But, it is also an outlet if you want to dance to gain some experience."

Rita Mendez, an undeclared freshman, said the club provides an opportunity to learn more about her Pacific Islander heritage.

"I feel like I am really part of something," she said. "I have always wanted to learn more about my culture because I was born in San Jose and I didn't really know that part of my family that much. So to be a part of this club makes me know more about it and learn about my heritage."

The club's biggest event is a luau that will be held on April 25.

"It's one big event that we do," said Anastasia Doan, a senior kinesiology major. "A lot of us aren't Polynesian, but we just have the passion for it."

Lisec said the luau, which costs \$25 and has a meal included, has a number of performances.

"We usually tell people that there are girls up there dancing," Lisec said. "That's what we tell guys. But it is a really good experience. It is very traditional; we try to make the show as traditional as possible. You don't just see Hawaii, you see everything up there."

Robert Malaca, a native of Guam and a junior kinesiology

major, said the men do more intense dances including the haka, a New Zealand battle dance.

"Haka means fire breath," Malaca said.

"It is what they do to psyche out their opponents in war. Basically, you're talking about, I'm going to eat you, and I'm going to beat you up," he said.

Malaca said that audiences are often scared by the intensity of the dance.

"Sometimes there are little kids in the front, and we kind of get them too scared and they run to the back," Malaca said. "Sometimes our tongue is hanging out, our eyes are really intense and we breathe hard. It's very energetic. You have to a lot of energy and strength."

One of the ladies' dances is the hula.

"The hula is a dance from Hawaii, and there are many different kinds," Lisec said. "The kind that we perform is called the Auana."

Lisec added that in Pacific Island dances there is always a story.

"The hands tell the story," Lisec said. "Even if you don't understand the words, you can understand by watching the hands."

Mendez said dancing is about expressing your culture.

"It's more about showing your culture, showing your heritage, and not being different, but being different at the same time," she said. "It's about not being mainstream, so people can see the difference."

The club does more than dance. It meets every other Tuesday to make accessories.

Glenn Salonga, a senior graphic design major, said they have made candy leis, flowers, origami and ornaments.

He added that they are making ornaments for the club's Christmas tree that will be displayed at Christmas in the Park in downtown San Jose.

Lisec said the club has won the best traditional program award for the two years of the award's existence.

## Dive into the Pacific Island culture

**JOEY AKELEY**  
Staff Writer

"Aloha." "Talofa." "Kia ora."

These are three ways to say "Welcome" in languages of the Pacific Islands, said Marc Mayo, a junior accounting major.

The three sets of islands that make up the Pacific Islands are Polynesia, Micronesia and Melanesia. Polynesia includes Hawaii, Samoa and Tonga, whereas Micronesia and Melanesia include dozens of islands near Australia.

Vince Ancheta, an SJSU alumnus, said tradition is important to Pacific Islanders.

"Their culture and families are the ideals of who they are," Ancheta said.

A common part of the culture of Pacific Islanders is the luau, which is a get-together with a variety of authentic food, said Ben Staley, a sophomore marketing major.

"Sometimes there are games, but mostly it's watching performances, eating and hanging out with friends and family," he said.

Glenn Salonga, a senior graphic design major, said most luaus feature dances. The dances of all the islands are different, but the messages of their dances have some common themes.

"The stories are about their land, nature, birds, flowers — basically, nature," Salonga said.

Staley said Hawaiian foods include lau lau, pork and fish covered in leaves, and mahi mahi, a type of fish within the tuna family. There is also chicken katsu, which is known for its sweet and sour sauce in Hawaii, and kalua pork.

"You have kalua pork, which is really known throughout the Hawaiian Islands," Staley said. "They take kalua pork and they usually bury it under the ground and it's like a heat pit. So, it warms itself up and by the time it's dinner, if you bury it in the morning, it will be ready to eat."

Staley said Hawaiian food in the U.S. is comparable to the authentic Hawaiian food, but it just isn't the same.

"There are places in Hawaii where you can have rainbow lunches, which is basically the

same amount of food, but it has a different taste and you would have to go down there to really experience it," he said.

Maryann Peau, a freshman business marketing major, said Samoans have traditions when it comes to their weddings.

"They take kalua pork and they usually bury it under the ground and it's like a heat pit."

**VINCE ANCHETA**  
SJSU alumnus

"When they lay the carpet on the floor, which is in the middle of

the church, that means the high chief walks the bride down," Peau said. She also said Samoans once had arranged marriages, but have done away with it as a tradition.

"Going way back, you would have to marry someone in the village," Peau said. "Your parents would choose someone in the village that the girl would marry."

Justin Narciso, a sophomore business management information systems major who is Filipino, said Filipinos aren't technically Pacific Islanders even though many people fuse them into one.

Narciso said he has visited Hawaii and enjoyed it.

"The environment is nice and calm, especially compared to America," Narciso said.

"It's like every day is a party to them — and the Hawaiian girls are cute."

### DID YOU KNOW?

1. There are thousands of islands in the Pacific Ocean.
2. According to the 2004 U.S. census, 88 percent of Pacific Islanders are native.
3. The median age of all Pacific Islanders is 29.2. Only 5.4 percent are over the age of 65, according to the census.
4. The Maori name for New Zealand is Aotearoa, which means "land of the long, white cloud."
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SJSU is in the midst of Global Entrepreneurship Week, and the university celebrated by hosting a speaking event that featured a Silicon Valley capitalist with more than a decade of knowledge and expertise on one of the world's entrepreneurial focal points: India. Naren Gupta co-founded the software company Integrated Systems in 1980, and has worked in technology engineering ever since. With a doctorate from Stanford, and sitting on the boards of Wind River Systems and Tibco Software, his Bay Area ties are well established.

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**"India's not where I'd want to do business, but it does look like a pretty good investment for some companies."**

Merging this global perspective with the local economy was Paul Krutko, the city of San Jose's chief development officer. He spoke before Gupta and illustrated the goals of the city's Office of Economic Development.

**NAREN GUPTA**  
Integrated Systems co-founder

the world," he said. "People who want to make a lot of money and start companies never make any. You have to believe in what you're doing."

"What we want to do is talk about the resources we have for small businesses," he said. "It's one thing to have a great idea. It's another to know how to run a business.

What we try to is help to make it easy for small companies do what they want to do in San Jose."

Krutko also touted Business OwnerSpace.com, a Web site where those who want to start, grow and maintain a small business can get collaborative help from more than two dozen public, private and nonprofit agencies and businesses.

On the stage of the Engineering Auditorium, standing in front of images of Indian economic statistics and graphs, Gupta clearly pled his case that the country is a growing and viable place for investment.

"A lot of this growth is because of new companies, entrepreneurship," he said.

After his presentation, he responded to questions ranging from India's infrastructure to population concerns and global warming.

His conclusion was simple: India needs more investments and is a good place to invest.

"India's not where I'd want to do business, but it does look like a pretty good investment for some companies," said Jeffrey Leung, a senior business management information systems major.

Surmi Chatterj, a 2007 computer engineering graduate who is originally from India and whose father currently owns a small business there, said she would definitely return if she had the opportunity.

"Even during this economic

downturn, India is still prospering and that's really positive," she said.

Akash Ayare, a senior computer engineering major who identified himself as an entrepreneur, said he would also consider working in India, particularly in light of ongoing corporate globalization.

"In my understanding of it, in the next 10 to 20 years, it will just be global companies," he said. "They won't be localized to one country or region."

Gupta remained positive throughout the night and ended with the message: "Everybody can do it. Everybody at San Jose State has more capability than they need. I tell that to everybody - you can do it."

# STUDENTS GET CRASH COURSE IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

KAJAL MORAR  
Staff Writer

"Konnichiwa."  
"Ko ma wa yo."  
"Bitte."  
"Como te llamas?"

These were just a few phrases heard at the Boulevard of Languages event Wednesday night in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library as a part of International Week.

"Students will be representing their countries by having a booth," said Michelle Decker of international and extended studies. "They'll have pictures and they'll be able to teach certain words of their language."

The event was held not only for students interested in learn-

ing new languages, but also for the exchange students who have come to learn in America.

"They're learning English, and today's the day where they can try their English and teach their language," said Sunny Yu, the instructor and project assistant of the studies in American languages.

Huma Saleem, an English graduate student, said the event was held in the hallway outside of room 255 in the library because of the study abroad lectures that took place there.

"People who are coming to the lecture can try out languages," she said.

Decker said students will be able to "learn simple phrases (and) greetings that are common"

at the different countries' booths.

After trying out words and phrases, students received the particular country's sticker as well as a handful of sweets from the different countries represented at the event.

"I want to study abroad and check out the countries I could go to and learn about the programs," said Courtney Peterson, a freshman psychology major who attended one of the lectures.

Along with teaching words and phrases in their native languages, representatives from each country informed interested students and faculty about the food, traditional dress and the people.

Even children had fun learning about expanding their knowl-

edge about different languages.

Six-year-old Angela Chan tried out her Chinese skills at the booth representing China.

Angela said she likes learning Chinese because "I am Chinese" and "because I can speak to my mom in Chinese."

"Often times language contains information about peoples' cultures, the way they present themselves and how they talk to others," Decker said.

Students weren't the only ones who were learning at the event.

"It's an exchange of opinions. It's not only teaching, I'm learning at the same time," said Cristina Lopez Barrios, an exchange student from Spain.

Sandra Hochberger, an ex-

change student from Germany, said she wanted to improve her

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**MICHELLE DECKER**  
international and extended studies representative

English because "you speak and write and you deal with people from all over the world."

She said that coming to America to improve her English skills has been beneficial for her speaking and writing skills.

"You just get used to it and you start to think in English," Hochberger said.

Yu said the event had been held every semester for the past two years as a part of International Week. It was also held in part by the Conversation Club, which helps exchange students practice their English-speaking skills.

Some of the phrases learned were "Konnichiwa" (Japanese for "Hello"), "Ko ma wa yo" (Korean for "Thank you"), "Bitte" (German for "Please") and "Como te llamas?" (Spanish for "What is your name?")

# Panel discusses benefits of studying abroad

YA-AN CHAN  
Staff Writer

A current student, an alumna, a professor and a career consultant shared their study abroad experience to show how it affects individuals personally, academically and professionally.

"It's more a general discussion of study abroad as opposed to the fair where we advertise particular programs," said Dave Rudel, the study abroad and exchange coordinator who hosted the event and a study abroad alumnus himself.

David Kuo, a junior Chinese major who studied in Japan and China, and Veronica Malki, an alumna who studied in Spain and France, were the first to share their stories to an audience of 10 people.

"I became more independent and organized," Kuo said. "I also learned how to live with another culture and another set of rules."

Taking 20 hours of classes per week is what Beijing University considers to be full time, he said, and he had to get used to the way classes are taught and the way students interact with teachers.

Malki said she was amazed to see how much people from other countries know about the world, and she learned that she was capable of more than she thought.

A student in the audience asked the panelists about going to a country with no language experience.

"Most universities we work with have language classes, and you'll be motivated to learn," Rudel said. "People are usually appreciative and patient just that you've made the effort to learn."

Other questions from the audience during the discussion included housing and interaction with other students.

Kuo said he still had a tremendous amount of interaction

with other students in the program, even though he did not take the group flight to Beijing. Most campuses have international dorms, he added, but students may need to find their own housing depending on the dorm capacity of each school.

Andrew Fleck, an associate professor in English, is the faculty leader of the spring study abroad program to Bath, England. Jill Klees, a career consultant from the Career Center, said that when students start to think about how studying abroad relates to their career possibilities, it is important to know what skills they learned and how they can bring that added value to a corporation or an organization.

Some of the specific skills that students may gain through study abroad experience include patience, tolerance, problem

solving, communication, cross-cultural awareness and the ability to be resilient, flexible and adaptable, she said.

Klees also said that according to feedback the Career Center received from employers and recruiters, job applicants who have international experience and can talk about the experience have a better possibility of being hired.

She read an excerpt from the September issue of the GreenTree Gazette, a magazine that covers people, campuses, companies and trends that are making business news in higher education.

"Companies are attracted to the evidence of curiosity with-in global-minded applicants," she said.

Wendy Nicklaus, an undeclared freshman, said the panelists made clear, especially to indecisive people, that the experience is worthwhile.

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# Health and wellness event asks students to consider a better breakfast than cereal

YA-AN CHAN  
Staff Writer

As students walked near the barbecue area on Paseo de Cesar Chavez on Wednesday morning, life-size walking mascots of a carrot, a banana and a cartoon of milk asked them, "Have you had breakfast yet?"

With a free, hot bowl of oatmeal in their hands, students then walked from table to table to see displays of maps, flags, breakfast-related information and food from Asian, European, African, North American and South American countries.

Great Global Breakfast, hosted by the Nutrition Education Action Team of SJSU Wellness and Health Promotion to raise student awareness of eating breakfast, exposed students to various breakfast examples from all over the world.

Jennifer Waldrop, a wellness and health promotion coordinator, said that by showing students examples of breakfast from all over the world, students may be able to find food that is familiar to them from their childhoods or to incorporate these examples into their morning diet.

"I think students perceive that eating breakfast requires a lot of time," Waldrop said. "They could learn from the event that breakfast can be fast and nutritious."

The attendance flow had been good since 9 a.m. and most students walked to the barbecue area after receiving fliers, said Nutrition Education Action Team members Kathy

Bourque and Asha Koshy at the Europe table. Bourque and Koshy are junior and senior nutrition and food science majors, respectively.

Monserrat Vargas, a senior biology major who visited the South America and the Africa tables, said she gained new knowledge and saw familiar breakfast ideas such as eggs, rice and beans from her home country of Mexico.

"I think students perceive that eating breakfast requires a lot of time. They could learn from the event that breakfast can be fast and nutritious."

a team member at the Asia table.

There are also differences in breakfast ideas among different countries within the same continent, said Daphne Sambajon, a nutrition and food science graduate student and a team member at the Asia table.

The event's involvement with International Week was a coincidence, said Luisa Garrett, the outreach coordinator of Nutrition Education Action Team

**JENNIFER WALDROP**  
wellness and health promotion coordinator

and a senior nutrition and food science major.

"We started thinking about having a theme about different countries," Garrett said, "and we thought about International Week, so we contacted them."

Helen Stevens, director of international programs and services who coordinated International Week, said she was delighted to have Great Global Breakfast in this semester's International Week and wished SJSU students could see how much people from different countries have in common and differ.

"We've got the universe at the university," she said, "so why not make the most of it that we can?"

# A workshop for international students: how to promptly obtain a green card

MATTHEW KIMEL  
Staff Writer

More than 100 F-1 SJSU international students attended a workshop held in the Engineering Building Wednesday to discuss occupational options and green card opportunities in America after graduation.

Martin J. Lawler, a lawyer at Lawler & Lawler law offices, gave a PowerPoint presentation to explain how complex it is to get a green card and help students understand the visa system.

SJSU international student adviser Louis Gecenok said Lawler is one of the best immigration lawyers in the United States. Lawler has held similar workshops the past two years, each during International Week.

Lawler, who has been a California immigration law specialist for 30 years, said international students have a better chance of obtaining a green card if they get a master's degree.

Each year 65,000 green cards are given out and an additional 20,000 are set aside for international students who go on to obtain a post-bachelors degree.

Of the 20,000 additional green cards that are given out, Lawler said a majority go to people in the technology field in Silicon Valley.

He said numerous companies sponsor international students in the technology field to help them get green cards.

It's much more difficult for people in the educational field to

acquire green cards, he said.

Daichi Ito, an SJSU animation and illustration alumnus from Japan, has attended both previous workshops and recommended that every international student attend them.

"I think this is very helpful," Ito said. "It's very difficult to get a job. To get a visa and get (Optional Practical Training) is very critical. Many rules are changing. It's extremely important to attend these workshops and ask questions."

Ito said last year international students didn't have to have a job to get OPT and this year they are required.

Ito obtained his training status on Aug. 1 and said he hopes to get a green card in the future, but is not sure how long the process will take.

"It's a long process," he said. Maninderpal Singh, a senior software engineering major from India, said the workshop helps international students understand what opportunities are available for them after graduation.

Students asked Lawler questions for approximately 45 minutes after the workshop.

"I learned a lot all about immigration laws after I graduate," Singh said.

## VISA INFORMATION

The Immigration and Nationality Act provides two nonimmigrant visa categories for international students to study in the United States. The "F" visa is for nonimmigrants pursuing academic studies and the "M" visa is reserved for nonimmigrants wishing to pursue nonacademic or vocational studies.

Foreign students seeking to study in the U.S. may enter in the F-1 or M-1 category provided they are enrolled in an academic educational program, a language-training program or a vocational program. Students must be enrolled full-time, be proficient in English, be self-supporting and maintain a residence abroad, which he or she doesn't intend to give up.

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is temporary employment that is directly related to an F-1 student's major area of study. An F-1 student could be authorized to receive up to a total of 12 months of practical training either before and/or after completion of studies.

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- Gush forth
- Honey dessert
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- On one's own
- Coffee containers
- Pelt
- Sitter's bane
- License —
- Broad sts.
- Red inside
- Privileged few
- Tolstoy and Fender
- Got in debt
- "Blowin' in the Wind" singer

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- Bagnold
- Of the moon
- Ramble
- Went in the hole
- "Fancy" singer
- Visual aid
- Pronounce
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- Low voices
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- Tight as a drum
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- Awesome!
- Facile
- Diamond Head locale
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## Everyone has some kind of expectations



**ALLIE FIGURES**

Being the discerning adults we are, there are particular standards that we want met and certain things we expect from the people in our lives.

It is about the time in the semester when things start to get crazy busy. Our teachers and advisers expect us to attend every single one of their classes all while completing 10-page research papers and inconvenient group projects. It is like all of our teachers get to together and scheme about making our lives a living hell. They expect us to stretch our abilities — like the Armstrong toy. But they make these lofty expectations difficult to achieve.

But it's not just our teachers. My parents expect me to be the perfect daughter who goes to college, gets good grades and never asks for a dime. In reality, I am strapped for cash and ditching another class to write this column. They want me to be the perfect piece in their ideal family. If only they didn't get divorced ... now I must split my presumed perfection 50-50 and every other weekend.

My ex-boyfriend expected me to be the cool, independent girlfriend of whom every other guy would be jealous.

My bosses want me to be available to work around the clock, but I only get the crappy shifts no one else wants. They want me to love my job, but I love nothing that makes me get out of bed before 6 a.m.

My roommates expect me to be dependable and compliant amidst their messes and drama. They expect me to enjoy listening to their problems and provide advice to which I know they won't listen.

My friends expect me to be down for anything at anytime. They expect me to forgive them when they flake on me, but get mad if I even hint at backing out. Sure, it makes sense to go out on a

school night and drink until dawn.

My classmates expect me to save them a seat so that they can roll in half an hour late and let them copy my notes on everything they missed.

Even my dog expects me to give him a treat every time I ask him to sit.

But I have a list of my own demands.

I expect my teachers to stick to their schedules because I have carefully planned out which days I can ditch without missing too much.

I expect my parents to want to help out with my college costs (without having to ask, of course).

I expected my boyfriend not to be an ex.

I expect my bosses to reward me for making it to work at all — easier said than done for us working college students.

I expect my friends not to flake on or ditch me when I need them.

What kind of people would we be if no one expected anything of us?

I suspect our lives would be aimless without certain expectations.

If my parents did not expect me to make them proud and do something with the life they created, I would probably still be completely dependent on them.

My parents expect me to be the perfect daughter who goes to college, gets good grades and never asks for a dime.

If my roommates have no expectations of me, how is it fair that I expect them to clean the living room and wash their dishes?

If I wasn't expected to be there when my friends needed me, I probably wouldn't have any.

If my ex-boyfriend did not expect ... well that's a whole other rant.

Allie Figures is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

## When politics meets puppies



**SARAH KYO**

**SUBTLY OBVIOUS**

There is something that many little kids desire: a pony.

While that is not physically or financially feasible for a lot of families, there is always the next best thing: a puppy.

OK, so there is a really big difference between these two critters, but dogs are known as man's best friend, right?

Puppies, of all things, have been in the news recently, all thanks to president-elect Barack Obama. During his victory speech, he singled out his daughters, 10-year-old Malia and 7-year-old Sasha, letting them know that they earned the puppy that they have wanted after all.

The Obama clan won't be getting that pup, though, until after the inauguration, when they settle into the White House, according to an article from the Associated Press.

Since then, many people — or some members of the media, at least — seem to be on puppy watch, waiting in anticipation for what the new "first dog" will be — you know, along with anticipating other important things, such as who Obama will select as part of his White House staff and nominate to be part of his cabinet.

During his first news conference as president-elect, Obama

told members of the media the criteria for selecting his family pet:

"One is that Malia is allergic, so it has to be hypoallergenic. There are a number of breeds that are hypoallergenic. On the other hand, our preference would be to get a shelter dog, but, obviously, a lot of shelter dogs are mutts like me."

Shelters in the Washington, D.C., area have been competing to encourage Obama to choose a dog from their location, while many people say that they still want Obama to select a mixed-breed dog anyways. According to a Nov. 11 article from the U.K. newspaper, The Daily Telegraph, there have only been two mixed-breed dogs as part of the First Family during the past 100 years.

If Obama's possible choice of a shelter dog influences other people to take a look at shelters when they are planning on getting a pet, then that is great, considering the statistics. According to The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, about 60 percent of dogs that are put in shelters are euthanized each year.

As an authority figure, Obama could set an example for others. In such a position of power, the public analyzes his every action and word.

Some people have already been looking into those same few sentences about his dog criteria. Obama mentioned that many dogs in shelter "are mutts

like me," referring to his Kenyan father and white mother. While the Telegraph described the mutt reference as "touching," some people on message boards and blogs have complained about his usage of the word mutt to describe a mixed-race person because it can be used as a derogatory term, according to The Boston Globe.

According to Merriam-Webster, the word "mutt" can be a shortened version of the word muttonhead, meaning a stupid person. This word with this meaning has been dated to 1899. Mutt has another definition, however, and can also be defined as a mongrel, something that is mixed, such as dogs.

Why must the word mutt have to have such negative connotations, considering the context of the talk was about dogs and Obama was talking about himself in a light-hearted manner? This isn't the turn of the 20th century, and the usage of the word "muttonhead" isn't commonplace in this day and age. As the world becomes increasingly multicultural and as more and more people turn to shelters as an option for the family pet, any potential negativity surrounding that word will decrease.

That is definitely something to be desired.

"Subtly Obvious" appears every Thursday. Sarah Kyo is a Spartan Daily copy editor.

## ALCOHOL San Jose police need to look at their policies and make some changes



**MARK POWELL**

**BINGE THINKING**

and Saturday nights?

Maybe Hispanics and other non-white ethnic groups are just louder and draw more attention to themselves while having fun downtown.

Or, maybe I'm-loud-because-I'm-drunk syndrome exists across all races and genders.

I remember walking near campus late one night, and watching a clearly drunk, white student jaywalking up and down 10th Street, throwing his arms in the air and yelling, "Fuck yeah! I'm Irish!"

From what I saw, the young man was never once visited by police officers. I guess they didn't speak Irish.

I'm not really an anti-establishment kind of guy. I've never been arrested for anything and was even pulled over for the first time in my life last weekend

for speeding. But I've definitely had more than one negative encounter with police.

Two Aprils ago, while celebrating the San Jose Sharks' first-round playoff victory over the Nashville Predators, three friends and I decided to smoke victory cigars in honor of the team's achievement.

We sat on a bench near Tower Lawn, puffing away and discussing the Sharks' chances in the upcoming second round.

A police service assistant drove past in his unmistakable car, never slowing below his brisk, five-mile-per-hour pace. The situation started about one minute after he left us.

They came from all sides, surrounding us with three squad cars with lights flashing, creating quite a scene for anyone who passed by to see.

Three officers approached us, one of them addressing the befuddled group of social smokers.

"We got a report someone over here was smoking marijuana," the lead officer said while approaching us.

"Umm, just cigars," my friend said, lifting the barely-burnt cigar towards the officer.

"Well, we were told that it smelled of marijuana smoke in this area just a few minutes ago," he retorted.

"We're the only ones who are smoking around here and we've just been smoking cigars," one of us said.

We were advised to put out the tobacco cigars and surrender our IDs to the officer. He ran our names "just to

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make sure" we didn't show up on any "most-wanted lists." We were cleared of any wrongdoing and the officers fled soon after realizing there was no reason to stick around.

The brief, semi-embarrassing episode lasted longer than it probably would have taken to smoke the cigar — of which we were down four.

Another incident took place this past spring. My roommate and I exited a 7-Eleven store near campus on a Friday, with some beer in one hand and some Doritos in the other. I didn't notice it at first, but after a few moments I turned and asked my roommate, "Why are there police officers with rifles pointed at us?"

Just as I finished my question, an officer who couldn't have been more than 10 feet away yelled for us to turn around and put our hands on the store's glass windows. We and two other unlucky gentlemen who had also just exited 7-Eleven had about four to five rifles pointed at us. None of us knew why. I often wonder, if I had tried to walk away, would I have been shot? Could I have died doing nothing wrong?

Apparently, and I'm fuzzy on the details to this day, a car had just been stolen, possibly at gunpoint, and was found parked in the store's parking lot

— just as we poor saps had decided to buy Coors Light and cheesy chips. As the four of us anxiously awaited our fate, other people were allowed to go in and out of the store, not a word spoken to them. After a few minutes, a man inside turned himself in to police.

"Get your shit and go," one officer said. "Don't say anything."

Former Associated Students Board of Directors member Joel Bridgeman saw the incident and approached us, smiling.

"Now you know what it's like to live the everyday life of a black man," he said.

I know there are good cops and bad cops out there.

The good cops in San Jose have the potential to be great influences.

The bad cops in San Jose have the potential to be good cops. But if the city's police force doesn't undergo changes soon, we'll have good cops, bad cops and quite an ugly situation.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We're in the deep portion of the economic trough. So you have to expect a certain degree of negative sentiment. You almost have to expect doom and gloom at this point."

### RICHARD YAMARONE

Chief economist of Argus Research said regarding Tuesday's market sell-off.

# SJSU sinks Cal Maritime in home opener

BIANCA deCASTRO  
Staff Writer

The SJSU men's basketball team defeated NAIA school Cal Maritime on Wednesday night 79-37, in a game in which SJSU led by 27 points at halftime.

SJSU entered the game coming off a 63-46 loss at Nebraska on Sunday.

"We were in that game," said head coach George Nessman. "We just had a terrible minute where we just collapsed. We found ourselves out of the game we should have been in. I think our guys were very angry about it."

SJSU forward Robert Owens led the Spartans on Wednesday with 19 points and hit five of seven 3-point attempts.

Spartan forward Tim Pierce finished with 14 points and four rebounds.

SJSU's starters were taken out of the game midway through the second half.

Guard Justin Graham had a team-high seven assists, with six points and three rebounds.

"It was just about being under control," he said. "Coach wants me to be aggressive but under control."

The Spartans (2-1) got off to a fast start.

Senior guard DeShawn Wright scored the first five points of the game on two layups and a free throw.

A layup by Chris Oakes at 10:42 in the first half put the Spartans up 25-8.

SJSU held Cal Maritime at eight points for almost five minutes, and Owens made one of the team's 13 steals during that span.

The closest Cal Maritime came to catching SJSU occurred after the first basket of the second half,

when Alex Raj's layup brought Cal Maritime within 25 points.

SJSU led by as many as 44 points with just under a minute to go in the game.

"We're not focused on margin of victory," Nessman said. "We want to stack up as many wins as we can."

As a team, the Spartans were 9 for 23 on 3-point attempts, and made eight of 11 free-throws.

SJSU out-rebounded Cal Maritime 43-25 and snapped its three game win streak.

In the second half, John Williams made a 3-point shot, bringing SJSU's total to 70 points. On Cal Maritime's ensuing possession, Williams immediately earned a rebound on a missed shot and went coast-to-coast for two points.

Oakes had 11 points on 5-of-7 shooting from the field and added three blocked shots.

SJSU guard Lance Olivier saw playing time in the contest. Olivier, the shortest Division-I men's basketball player at 5 foot 2 inches, according to SJSU Athletics, played 10 minutes and totaled 20 assists.

"SJSU did an outstanding job, but ... tonight, we didn't shoot the ball very well," said Cal Maritime head coach Bryan Rooney. "(SJSU's) Owens played very good, and he's a very good player and he definitely showed it tonight."

Cal Maritime turned the ball over 20 times, compared with 15 for the Spartans. SJSU also had more assists in the first half, 13, than Cal Maritime's total of seven for the game.

The Spartans are off until Monday when they will be in South Carolina to take on Presbyterian College.



SJSU junior center Chris Oakes maneuvers under the hoop before taking a shot against Cal Maritime at the Event Center on Wednesday night. MIKE ANDERSON / Spartan Daily

## BLOG

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## Owens impresses in first start with SJSU

RYAN BUCHAN  
Staff Writer

Wednesday was not only the first home game for the SJSU men's basketball team but it was also the first start as a Spartan for junior guard Robert Owens.

Coaches and teammates were impressed with Owens' performance that led the team in points with 19.

"I was real pleased," said head coach George Nessman. "We have high expectations for him. He played real well."

Sophomore guard Justin Graham said it felt natural to have Owens in the lineup.

Owens started in place of junior forward C.J. Webster, who sat out with an ankle injury.

Cal Maritime head coach Bryan Rooney said he was impressed with what he saw from Owens.

"I think Owens was a big key," Rooney said. "He has not been shooting the ball great and he came in and had a big game."

Owens took his first shot with 15:47 left in the first half and it sailed into the hoop for three points. Owens would continue

his dominance from behind the 3-point line early on, going 3-for-3 in the first half.

"It is very nice having a couple of 3-point threats out there," Graham said. "It really opens up the lanes for me."

In the second half, Owens did not stop nailing shots from the outside, hitting two 3-pointers in the second half. Both of those shots were fadeaway shots with Owens landing on his back both times.

"Robert Owens had a pretty good game," junior center Chris Oakes said. "Those are the players we are going to need late in the season."

Owens finished the game 5-for-7 from 3-point land. He was 7-for-11 from the field with four assists and four rebounds to finish the game.

"If we have three 3-point shooters out there, someone will be open," Graham said. "Someone will knock it down."

In the first two games of the season, Owens could only find the basket from behind the arc twice in six attempts.

Owens also helped the Spar-

tans defensively by making two steals, both coming in the first half.

Going into the game, Owens' average playtime was 16 minutes a game. By halftime, he eclipsed that mark. He finished the game playing 31 minutes despite sitting on the bench for the last 10 minutes of the game when his team had a large lead.

Owens also he made his first 2-point field goal of the season with a layup in the second half. Owens' only attempted field goals in the season thus far were against Nebraska and all of those were from 3-point range.

Owens is listed as a guard standing at 6 foot 3 inches and 195 pounds, but played forward in Wednesday's game.

Nessman said he is unsure if Owens will start the next game against Presbyterian College, and it depends on if Webster will be healthy enough to play.

Owens transferred from San Francisco City College where he averaged 16.7 points a game last season, earning him a first-team all-conference selection.

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