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THE WIRE

LOCAL

Judges tentatively order California inmate release

SACRAMENTO — A special panel of federal judges tentatively ruled Monday that California will have to release tens of thousands of inmates to relieve overcrowding over the next several years. The judges said no other solution will improve conditions so poor that inmates die regularly of suicides or lack of proper care.

NATIONAL

Economic stimulus bill nearing enforcement

WASHINGTON — An \$838 billion economic stimulus bill backed by the White House survived a key test vote in the Senate despite strong Republican opposition, and Democratic leaders vowed to deliver legislation for President Barack Obama's signature within a few days.

Drug violence spreading from Mexico into America

EL PASO, Texas — Just as government officials feared, the drug violence raging in Mexico has spilled over into the United States. Killings, kidnappings and home invasions connected to Mexico's murderous drug cartels are occurring in such places as Phoenix and Atlanta, and the cartels are believed to have set up operations in Anchorage, Alaska; Boston; and Sioux Falls, S.D.

Home of Marlboro man mulls smoking restrictions

RICHMOND, Va. — In a sign of how vilified smoking has become, lawmakers in Virginia — where the world's largest cigarette factory churns out Marlboros — passed curbs on smoking in restaurants Monday.

WORLD

Suicide attack in Iraq claims lives of four US soldiers

BAGHDAD — A suicide car bomber struck a U.S. patrol in northern Iraq on Monday, killing four American soldiers and an Iraqi interpreter in the deadliest single attack against U.S. forces in nine months. The blast occurred in Mosul, Iraq's third largest city and the last major urban battleground in the war against al-Qaida and other Sunni insurgents.

— Associated Press

CULTURE

Celebrating Tet, San Jose style

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Members of the Vietnamese-American community march down Market Street in Downtown San Jose on Sunday, carrying the former flag of South Vietnam at the 12th annual Tet Parade.

DAN LU / Spartan Daily

ENTERTAINMENT

Radio host Copeland talks about real estate, racism and his new book at King Library

MICHAEL LE ROY
Staff Writer

Local radio personality and comedian Brian Copeland spoke at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library on Saturday, and discussing his book, "Not a Genuine Black Man: My Life as an Outsider."

The book is based on a one-man show about his life growing up as an African-American in San Leandro in the late 1970s. During this time, San Leandro was 99 percent white and it was by design, he said.

Copeland said home owner associations

tried to keep African-Americans out of their neighborhoods, in what he explained as "a plot to keep black people out."

A tactic Copeland said that people used during this time period was "block-busting," Copeland said real estate investors would enter an all-white neighborhood, buy a home from somebody and then sell it at a loss to an African-American.

This was done to feed fears of racist neighbors, he said. Property values would lower and people would sell their houses off at a discount to move out of the neighborhood. This allowed real estate investors to profit.

Copeland said that even as a child, he was not safe from the racism in San Leandro. He read a passage about an instance in which he was on his way to get a haircut and a white woman drove by and yelled out the window, "go back to Oakland," to him and his grandmother.

Copeland said the title of the book came from a man who wrote him a letter claiming that he (Copeland) was not a "genuine black man."

He said in response to the letter that, "I

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HEALTH

Working with Whitmore to welcome wellness to campus

Challenge introduced by president began Monday, will last until spring break

MERRIL GUZMAN
Staff Writer

The Whitmore Wellness Challenge, a six-week program to promote healthy habits and overall

well-being on the SJSU campus, begins today and is set to run until March 22. The program aims to encourage SJSU students, faculty and staff to be healthier, said SJSU President Jon Whitmore.

Kristine Kirkendall, assistant director of fitness and wellness, which is a part of A.S. Campus Recreation, said the challenge incorporates eight types of wellness: physical, intellectual, social, spiritual, occupational, multicultural, environmental and emo-

tional. The eight wellness standards have been adapted from various sources, she said.

"It's not necessarily important that everyone remembers them every day, but we want people to be well-rounded and that involves all the dimensions," Kirkendall said.

"Other universities don't deal with the multicultural element like San Jose," she said.

Ten teams are officially registered for the challenge and Cam-

pus Recreation is anticipating that at least 15 teams will participate, Kirkendall said.

Last Wednesday was the kickoff celebration and pep rally for the event. President Whitmore and his wife Jennifer attended.

"My wife is on my team, and she heads it. And two other people on our staff are on our team," Whitmore said at a news conference with student media last Wednesday.

"The whole idea is that you set

goals of maybe exercising more, and eating better, and a combination of those things and it's a great program," he added. "It'll be fun. It's going to start small but we hope that it can build over time."

The American College of Sports Medicine and the American Heart Association recommend individuals under the age of 65 get at least 30 minutes of moderate cardio

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SAFETY

Pilot safety program for housing begins

SCOTT REYBURN
Staff Writer

Students living in the Campus Village suites should now be prepared with their IDs at the ready on Thursday through Saturday nights from now on in order to enter the building, due to a new pilot safety program to improve campus safety.

University Housing began its pilot safety program at the Campus Village Suites Thursday night, and is expected to run through the remainder of the spring semester.

Kevina Brown, the community relations coordinator for University Housing Services, said the message about the pilot safety program was sent out to all residents on campus.

"We have sent a MySJSU message to all housing residents, advising them of the program. We have also posted fliers and notices in all of the halls, including the apartments in Campus Village B," Brown said.

The program will staff the front desk at the Campus Village Suites Thursday through Saturday from midnight to 3 a.m. On these particular nights, residents will be required to stop at the desk, show ID, verify residency and sign in any guests with proper photo identification of their own. Guests who cannot provide identification will not be allowed to enter the building.

"The program will help ensure that everyone present in our residential halls either lives there, or is being escorted by a guest," Brown said. "The program is designed to decrease the presence of unauthorized

SPARTAN DAILY LIVE

Upcoming: Tune in to theSpartanDaily.com on Thursday for our live coverage of SJSU men's basketball game against Nevada.

BLOGS

News Blog: Parents go to class to see why their children aren't paying attention in class.

Sports Blog: Check out Matthew Kimel's "Sharks Remarks" on tonight's San Jose-Boston game.

PHOTO BLOG

Photo Blog: See more photos of Sunday's women's basketball game against Fresno State by Stefan Armijo.



Vietnamese culture on display at annual San Jose Tet festival and parade

DAN LU
Staff Writer

The red and yellow of the former Vietnamese flag blew in the wind Sunday at the 12th annual Tet festival and parade. Thousands of spectators lined Market Street between Santa Clara and San Carlos streets to celebrate the coming Year of the Ox.

Also known as Vietnamese New Year, Tet began on Jan. 26. It is the first day of the lunar calendar and is considered one of the most celebrated holidays in Vietnamese culture, according to the parade planner's Web site, www.vfsanjose.com.

Members of the SJSU Vietnamese Student Association also participated in the festivi-

ties, demonstrating the gambling game of "bau cua ca cop" which literally translates to "gourd, crab, fish, and tiger," said Nghia Nguyen, SJSU Vietnamese Student Association president and a senior finance major.

It is sometimes called "bau cua" for short, said Nghia Nguyen.

Instead of numbers, the game features three dice with pictures of a fish, a prawn, a crab, a rooster, a calabash gourd and a stag. A calabash gourd is a vine grown for its fruit which is used as a container and a stag is a type of deer. The game is often played during the Tet holiday, he said.

"I think that's the reason why I want to have 'bau cua' as our theme this year, because it's a tradition of every Vietnamese family," he said.

Vivian Tran, a senior account-

ing major, said she felt proud as she marched for the first time in the parade wearing an "ao dai," a Vietnamese silk dress worn over pantaloons.

Tran and her fellow Vietnamese Students Association members carried large handmade replicas of the board and dice of the game, "bau cua."

"I'm representing who I am and doing it for the community and my parents," she said.

Tran said for her and other Vietnamese-Americans, Tet is a time for families and friends to reunite and wish for things such as good health and money.

"I think Tet is a very special holiday, because it's a new year and people get a chance to start everything fresh again," said Nghia Nguyen. "My family usu-

ally celebrates Tet with food and firecrackers."

People of diverse backgrounds watched the parade, which included colorful floats, marching bands, lion and dragon dancers, entertainers, cultural groups, non-profit organizations, students from throughout the Bay Area, corporate sponsors, local businesses and the SJSU Vietnamese Student Association.

According to the parade planner's Web site, since the parade's beginnings in 1997, it has grown from 40 entries to over 100, displaying the richness of the Vietnamese and Asian cultures. Leo Nguyen, the external vice president of the association and senior biology major, also marched in the parade Sunday.

"It shows how strong the

Vietnamese community and students of San Jose are," Leo Nguyen said.

The skies were gray, but along Market Street, bright colors lit the parade's route as traditional music and costumes were showcased.

One of the parade's highlights was a dance between a black and pink lion climbing two 20-foot tall poles as a large golden dragon circled below them.

Peter Her, 28, of San Francisco, attended the parade for

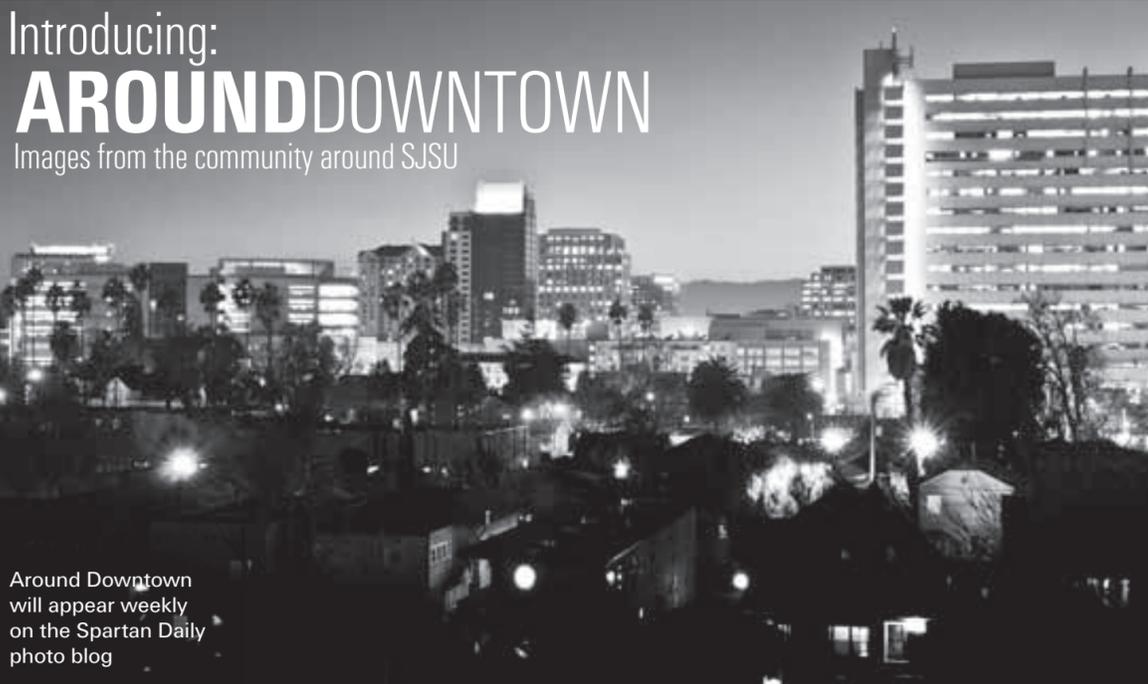
the first time after moving to the Bay Area from Maryland a few months ago.

"I was quite surprised at how the community came together to put on the parade, even though it was short, to show their pride and culture," Her said.

After the parade, a festival along Park Avenue featured sponsor booths, arts and crafts, live music, cultural performances, martial arts and Asian cuisine and beverages.

Introducing: AROUND DOWNTOWN

Images from the community around SJSU



Around Downtown will appear weekly on the Spartan Daily photo blog

The sun sets on downtown as seen from the top of SJSU's 10th St. Garage last Monday evening. CHAD ZIEMENDORF / Spartan Daily

SPARTAGUIDE

10 Today

Farmer's Market

Fresh fruit and veggies. 10:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Clark Hall, rain or shine. Contact Luisa Garrett at luisa@postmodern.com.

Summer Study Abroad

A meeting to discuss the study abroad program in Bath, England. 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in Hugh Gillis Hall, Room 108

11 Tomorrow

Diversity Career Fair

Looking for work? Try this fair sponsored by BASE. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Barrett Ballroom.

Jonathan Ichikawa

A lecture titled "Intuition and Begging the Question." 4:30 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library. Contact Bo Mou at 924-4513.

Moonlight Movie Night

This month's movie is "Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist." 8:30 p.m. at Campus Village Quad.

12 Thursday

Discovering Robeson

A presentation about the life of activist Paul Robeson. With writer and performer Tayo Aluko. 7 p.m. in Morris Dailey Auditorium. Admission is \$5. Contact Gil Villasgran gvillasgran@casa.sjsu.edu.

13 Friday

SLIS Colloquium Series

Professor Ken Haycock discusses "Dual Use Libraries: Guidelines for Success." 12:00 p.m. in Clark Hall, Room 304. Admission is free. Contact Marcia Laughrey at 924-2490.

14 Saturday

Freedom March

SJSU African American Faculty and Staff Association sponsors a march in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Free and open to the public. 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

16 Monday

Pride of the Pacific Islands

Hula and Tahitian practice. 8 p.m. in the Aerobics Room in the Event Center. Contact Kristen Tom at ppi_sjsu@yahoo.com

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COPELAND | Discussion and book focused on 'race war' in city of San Leandro

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define myself. I am not going to be defined by the lowest common dominator any more than I am going to be defined by Puff Daddy — who is a wealthy mogul, but his lifestyle is still not my lifestyle."

The crowd was shocked and laughing at Copeland's description of San Leandro's race-war battle plan. You could barely hear over the laughter as Copeland described how the plan was concocted to defend against African-Americans rising up and attacking San Leandro. According to Copeland, this absurd plan even included the use of tanks and snipers.

Eleanor Grams, who came to get her book signed, said she was surprised about what Copeland had to say about San Leandro.

"I was naive, I didn't know things like that went on in the Bay Area," she said.

Sherel Hayes, who came to hear Copeland speak, said she felt that his book would be a great read for SJSU students.

"It's about being an outsider. It would help you have a viewpoint from another perspective," she said.

If you don't have time to read his book, Copeland's one-man show that the book is based on will be in San Jose Feb. 19-20 and 21-22 at the Theatre on San Pedro Square. Tickets are \$35 and more information can be found at his Web site.

WHITMORE | Prizes will be awarded to most improved teams

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exercise five days a week, or 20 minutes of intense cardio exercise three days a week in conjunction with strength exercise to maintain a physically healthy lifestyle and reduce the risk for chronic diseases.

Participants will record their weekly healthy habits on a spreadsheet, Kirkendall said. Four people will be on each team, but individuals are also encouraged to participate by themselves.

At the end of the challenge, prizes will be awarded to the winning and most improved teams. Kirkendall said she anticipates prizes will include SJSU gold points and gift certificates, and she hopes all

participants will receive T-shirts.

"With a healthier student body, we're all going to be more productive and more effective and more useful as citizens of this great community," Whitmore said. "So definitely I'm going to be apart of it and I'll have my wife saying 'Did you do your exercise today?'"

Lindsey Day Crossland, a senior communication studies major, said she thought the challenge would be helpful for many people in the SJSU community.

"It's definitely a good idea, especially at a time right now," she said. "People should start focusing on themselves and making them better to help them not think about the tough times that are going around locally, statewide, with the budget and nationally."

HOUSING | Other universities have similar check-in programs in place for more hours, some students say

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guests. The program also provides additional service to our residents because there is someone at the desk until 3:00 a.m. now between Thursday and Saturday."

Jerrold Zapata, a freshman kinesiology major and a resident of the Campus Village Suites, said he has heard of similar programs at other schools.

"I've been to other campuses, like UCLA and LMU, and they have something like that," he said. "You check in your guests at night and then you have, like, a guest pass and basically that's it."

Zapata said it shouldn't be a hassle for students to go through this procedure on the given nights.

"It depends, because they have specific hours for it, so it's not much of a hassle unless you bring a guest pretty late," he said.

Chris Carvajal, a freshman kinesiology major and an office assistant at the Suites, said it shouldn't be a hassle for the residents to check in.

"They should have to do it," he said. "All the other state schools do it. I know that SDSU does it, and they got to do it 24/7. So it's really not going to be that bad."

Kimberly Brady, a freshman

biochemistry major and a housing resident, said there shouldn't be a curfew.

"It is because this is our house and not supposed to have a curfew, but they are kind of making us have a curfew a little bit," she said.

Regarding the campus safety aspect of the program, Brady said it's not better for students who don't do anything wrong.

"It's better for campus safety but not better for the students, because I'm not doing anything wrong," she said.

Carvajal said the program could help reduce alcohol abuse by students and make Campus Village a safer place for them.

"Hopefully, it will keep the

alcohol abuse down that's going around inside the dorms, because I know a lot of people that are getting drunk on the weekends," he said. "So it will make it a safer environment for the students that live inside the building."



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Spartans sophomore savior seeks to play in NBA

JESSICA FROMM
Staff Writer

In the frantic swarm of flailing fingers and limbs and high-top sneakers squeaking as they dart across the polished wood floor, a blur of gold soars up from the throng.

A single arm rises up from behind the 3-point arc and flings the ball into the basket in one fell swoop.

Adrian Oliver has scored his fourth 3-pointer of the game, and the crowd goes wild.

It was no secret that all eyes were on Oliver during Saturday's Spartan men's basketball game against Boise State. In his second game against the Broncos this season, guard Oliver scored a career-high of 37 points. By the first half, he had already racked up 23 points, and was perfect from 3-point range, going 3-3.

Oliver is ready to roll. SJSU hasn't had a winning basketball season in more than two decades, and he said he wants to be the man who brings the program into the national spotlight.

"We're trying to build from the foundation here. When it's all said and done, I want people to say 'he was one of the guys that helped turn this program around,'" Oliver said.

With all the buzz surrounding Oliver, it's easy to forget that he's still just a sophomore. Clean shaven and tattoo-less, Adrian's wiry six foot, four-inch frame is slight in comparison to the other muscled, physically intimidating players on SJSU's men's basketball team. At 20 years old, Oliver still has a boyishness about him that masks his confidence and tenacity on the court.

But playing against the big boys isn't something new for Oliver, a sociology major. From the time he was five years old, Oliver was on the court with players twice his size. His mother Brenda, a single parent who worked night shifts at a Frito Lay factory, drove him from tournament to tournament every weekend when he was growing up. Basketball was a family obsession, and Oliver's talent blossomed with the help and support of his uncle Allen, grandparents Al and Genevieve and cousins.

At Modesto Christian High School, he played on the varsity team during his freshman year. By his senior year, Oliver was getting bombarded by calls from college basketball coaches around the country. He became one of the most sought-after high school recruits for 2006, ranked No. 11 in California by Rivals.com, a Web site that evaluates college recruits.

After he and his family met coach Lorenzo Romar of the University of Washington, Oliver said he decided to take a promising scholarship at the Seattle-based University. But things didn't go as swimmingly as expected.

FAR FROM HOME

Like many young people who find themselves living far from home right out of high school, Oliver said he found the adjustment difficult.

He said he missed his family, and that Washington's cold, rainy weather and early darkness was gloomy and depressing. Most troublingly to Oliver, the game he loved was becoming just work. After getting word that his grandparents were battling illness, Oliver decided it was time to transfer to a school closer to home.

"It was a tough decision, but family comes first to me," Oliver said. "I felt like I needed to come back home."

While searching for potential schools in California, Oliver came across SJSU. He said he didn't know anything about the school's basketball program, except that his longtime friend Justin Graham attended the school.

Upon visiting the campus, he

discovered that he knew many of the team members already from his California tournament days and high school. But it was when Oliver met SJSU basketball coach George Nessman that he really felt a connection.

"I really clicked with him," Oliver said. "He said that they needed a player like me. They needed a leader, and I felt I could provide that. And I knew basically all the guys on the team, so it was a pretty easy choice."

GAINING A REPUTATION

Since transferring to SJSU last year, Oliver has also gained a reputation as a team leader and play maker, something the SJSU basketball team desperately needed.

"He works harder than any player in our program off the court," Nessman said. "He spends an enormous amount of time working on his skills. We actually had to shut him down in the offseason for a week because he was working too hard, developing a case of tendonitis. He fought us on that. He wants to be in the gym. Adrian has that drive."

It is his competitive toughness and willingness to work that sets Adrian apart from his teammates, Nessman said.

'THE HARDEST THING'

Because he was a mid-semester transfer, Oliver got to practice with the basketball team, but he was banned from playing any games for a year, in conjunction with NCAA policy. He said that sitting on the bench all last season was almost unbearable.

"By far, it was the hardest thing I have ever done in my life," the sophomore guard said. "I had never really sat on the bench that much before. It was really tough having to sit there for 15 games, knowing I could have helped that team last year."

Oliver said he had trouble sleeping at night because he was so frustrated that he wasn't allowed to play.

"I would treat practice so seriously, and the guys would ask me why, and I was like 'This is my game.' I think that year really helped, though, because it taught me how to be patient," he said.

Still, Oliver finds it difficult to tame his competitive edge. Only three games into this season, he injured his knee when he sprained the ACL in his left leg.

Against the advice of Scott Shaw, director of sports medicine at SJSU, Oliver decided to sustain the pain to support his team. He played hurt for the next four games, but halfway through the team's first confrontation with Boise, it was obvious that Oliver's injury wasn't getting better.

ON THE BENCH AGAIN

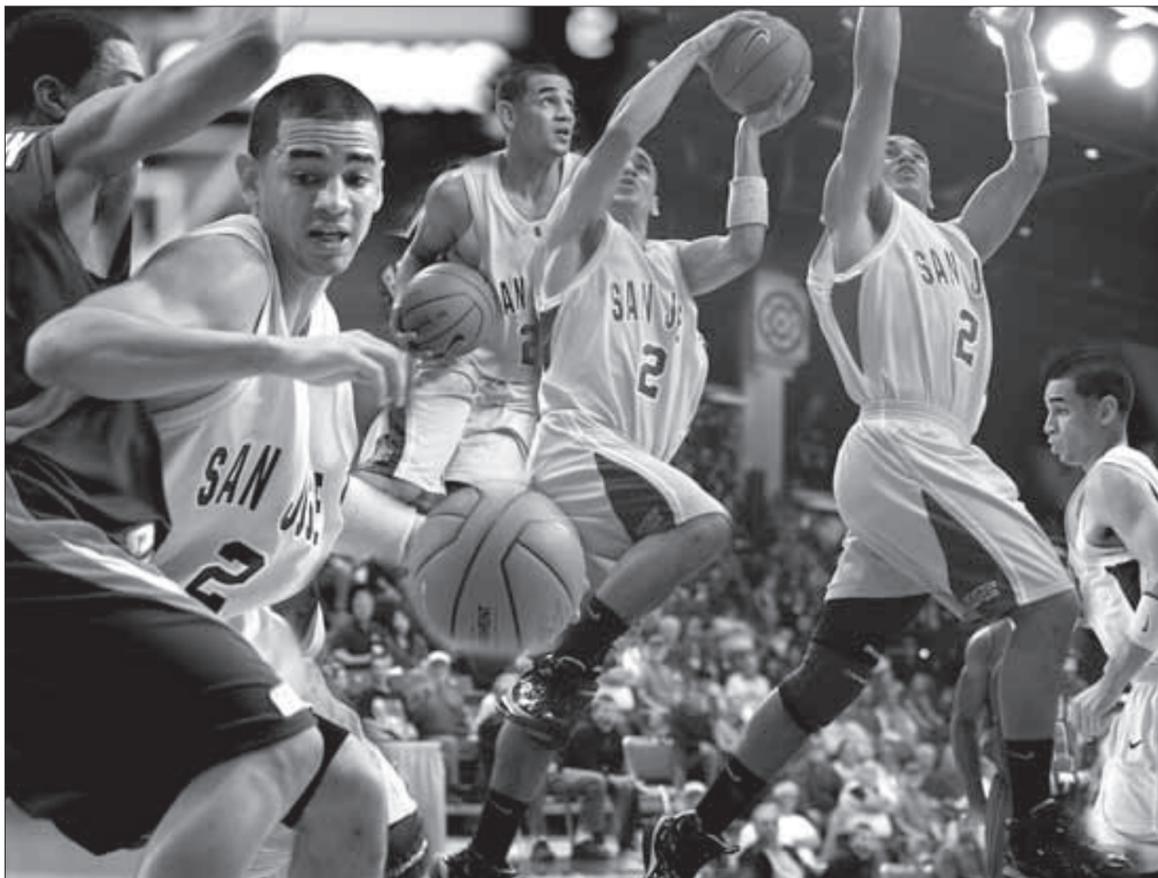
"I just told him 'You're done, you're sitting out, this isn't working, we need to back off.' He was delaying the healing," Nessman said.

The highest scorer on the team for the first three games he played for SJSU, Oliver was extremely frustrated with not being on his A-game after the injury.

"I could barely push off my leg," Oliver said. "I was feeling like I was starting to hurt my team, not help them produce. Once again, I had to be patient. I wasn't patient those four games, I was just being ignorant saying I could play hurt."

Oliver's determination to stay in the game and sacrifice himself to help the team are telling of his general work ethic and approach to basketball. In the second half of Saturday's game, Oliver rolled his ankle when trying to make a shot in the second half. Oliver took the pain and played for the rest of the game.

"That's the competitor in him, he really wants the program to succeed," Nessman said.



Compiled photos of Adrian Oliver from Saturday's SJSU-Fresno State men's basketball game.

Photo illustration by Carlos A. Moreno
Photos by Andrew Villa

'HE'S REAL SERIOUS'

Fellow SJSU guard Graham, who has been a buddy of Adrian's since the second grade, said the fact that Oliver is so serious about his game is a positive influence on the whole team. He remembers a trip to Las Vegas, where instead of joining his teammates to party on the strip, Oliver made the decision to do nothing but chill the entire day before the game.

"Rather than doing all of the touristy things and wearing himself out, Adrian was in the hotel room the whole time, just resting and getting ready for the game," Graham said. "That was shocking to me, because I was definitely one of those guys out there, trying to live it up."

Graham said that before Oliver came on board, the basketball team wasn't as hard working or committed, because the possibility of being a serious contender never seemed attainable. Things are different now, he said.

"He's real serious about basketball, which helps me be more serious," said Graham. "In previous seasons, I think guys didn't get that, because it didn't feel like we were playing for something. Now it feels like we're playing for something."

'A COUCH POTATO'

Off the court, Oliver has three addictions: "Entourage," "Nip/Tuck" and "Lost."

A self-described "couch potato," he first got hooked on the HBO series, "Entourage," during his freshman year at Washington, and has been following it ever since. The three shows are now his personal golden trinity, that he uses to relax because the other parts of his life are "so hectic."

His mother Brenda does not approve of his devotion to these TV shows.

"When he went off to Washington, he started watching this 'Entourage' and all of that," she said. "I saw one episode and was like 'Oh, change this.' I really don't like him watching it, but he's going to be 21 years old."

If there is one thing that Oliver has, it's family support. All his relatives come out whenever he has home games, where his cousins, uncle and grandparents join his mom to help cheer him on. Coach Romar was even there to see him at Saturday's game.

Currently, Oliver shares a house with four other guys off campus.

On their days off of work, his mother and his grandmother

Genevieve often drive from Modesto to San Jose to make sure their "boy" is comfortable.

"Adrian's very clean. His room is always clean. But with the other boys, it's the rest of the house that's just ough," Brenda Oliver said. "So, me and my momma will take a trip down there. She'll make him a big ol' enchilada casserole and peach cobbler that will last him a couple of days, and we'll clean the house, because I don't like him living in a dirty house like that."

BIG NBA DREAMS

In a way, Oliver's family is assuring their own future by making sure he is taken care of now. He aspires to play in the NBA, and sees his time at SJSU as just another stepping stone to the most lucrative paychecks in professional sports.

"That's what I'm working for, I just want to pay her back, and my

grandfather, grandma and uncle. They all just put so much time into me," said Oliver.

Playing for the Los Angeles Lakers would be the fulfillment of Oliver's biggest dream.

"I have a goal, and this is just a step to my goal. I want to play beyond this. The lead guys, they're always working on their game, thinking about their game. I'm just so obsessed with the game, I'm always thinking about it," Oliver said.

Oliver said there have been NBA scouts at Spartan games recently, who suggested he might be an NBA prospect.

"If I have them saying that now, and I still have three years left here, it keeps me focused on the bigger picture in the back of my mind," he said.

Nessman said that turning pro is a real possibility for Oliver.

"I think he's going to play professionally. He's going to play for a serious paycheck in

basketball," he said. "We'll see if he makes it to the highest level. I think he has a good shot at that. He's aspiring to play in the NBA, and I think that is a realistic goal of his. But at this point, it is not a certainty."

But for Oliver's family, the most important thing is that Adrian has found a place where he's finally happy.

"Adrian should have stayed closer to home from the beginning, because he's such a family boy," Brenda said. "We're really happy he's home, and I'm just glad that he's glad."

Oliver said that he is finally happy at SJSU.

"I play much better when I'm happy. Those last couple years at Washington, I felt like I was falling out of love with it (basketball) sometimes," he said. "I wanted to go to a place where I could be happy and just have fun with the game, so coming here and having fun again just makes me play better."

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COMMENTARY

MLB player tries to come clean after admitting a 'roid rage



JOEY AKELEY
Beyond the Game

"I was young. I was stupid. I was naive."

Yes, you were, Alex Rodriguez. Monday, in an ESPN conversation, Rodriguez admitted to the use of performance-enhancing drugs between 2001 and 2003. He said the pressure to be the player everyone wanted him to be — and the \$252 million contract he signed with the Texas Rang-

ers in the 2000 offseason — got to him, which led to his use of performance-enhancing drugs.

And it should come as no surprise that the future home run king is who we thought he was — just another cheater.

Rodriguez, 33, has been called out for his actions on and off the field before.

According to Us Magazine, Rodriguez visited Madonna shortly after his wife gave birth. Also, Rodriguez faced a cheating scandal with a stripper in the year 2007.

I can't prove that Rodriguez had an affair with Madonna or a stripper. But, I can prove that Rodriguez has struggled to play fairly on the field.

In Game 6 of the 2004 ALCS against the Boston Red Sox, Ro-

driguez, now a New York Yankee, hit a ground ball to the right side of the infield. First baseman Doug Mientkiewicz fielded the ball and his throw beat Rodriguez to first, but before the umpire could call him out, A-Rod slapped the ball out of pitcher Bronson Arroyo's glove.

After the play, the umpires huddled and correctly called Rodriguez out. After the game, Rodriguez said that he did nothing wrong, and the umpire made a bad call.

In a 2007 game against the Toronto Blue Jays, Rodriguez was on second base when teammate Jorge Posada hit a pop-up between shortstop John McDonald and third baseman Howie Clark. As both players jogged under the ball,

Rodriguez yelled aloud, making both players believe that they had called each other off to catch the ball, resulting in the ball dropping to the ground. Although there is clear evidence of Rodriguez's unsportsmanlike act, he has denied any wrongdoing.

In each case, Rodriguez's bush-league plays were seen on national television. Yet, somehow, he denied both of them.

So, when "A-Roid" denied ever having used performance-enhancing drugs in a 60 minutes interview in 2007, we had no reason to believe him. He was a liar then and continues to be a liar now.

What bothers me the most is that Rodriguez was on his way to becoming one of the greatest baseball players of all time be-

fore he first took performance-enhancing drugs.

In 2000, Rodriguez had 41 home runs and 126 runs batted in for the Seattle Mariners, and finished third in votes for the AL MVP. That offseason, he signed the most lucrative contract in baseball history, but apparently it was not enough for him.

My best guess about "A-Roid's" drug use is a burned ego, as he watched Mark McGwire break the single-season home run record in 1998 and Barry Bonds re-break it in 2001. During these seasons, Bonds and McGwire received more attention than any other player.

Rodriguez claimed that the pressure of his contract forced him into his bad choices. There may be some truth to that, but I

believe Rodriguez wanted to bulk up so he could get as much publicity as Bonds.

At the end of the day, I realize Rodriguez is not the first person to ever cheat or lie. In fact, once upon a time, I took a quick peek at a neighbor's test. I bet you have told a lie at some point in your life as well.

But, until Rodriguez can learn to take the burden of his actions on and off the field, his legacy should always include the words young, stupid and naive.

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BASKETBALL

Spartan women lose again

Coach says team will 'keep fighting' for last six games of season

MERRIL GUZMAN
Staff Writer

The SJSU women's basketball team lost its eighth straight game to the conference-leading Fresno State Bulldogs 76-47 Sunday night at the Event Center.

"It was a tough game for us," head coach Pam DeCosta said. "I'm not going to make excuses about anything."

DeCosta said the Spartans can't "get on the same page."

"We'll have two or three players playing as hard as they can, and then we'll have some who are not into it mentally," she said.

The Bulldogs took an early lead in the first half thanks to

their defensive play. Fresno forced five turnovers and kept the Spartans to just two points for the first five minutes of the game until senior guard Natalie White made a jump shot making the score 12-4 Bulldogs.

White and junior guard Kelly Blair led the Spartans, scoring 11 points each. Sophomore guard Sayja Sumler contributed 10 points and had six rebounds — a team high.

"I did extra shooting this week because I knew I needed to," said Blair, who was 3-7 from behind the 3-point line.

After the first six minutes, the Bulldogs were up 17-5 after a 3-pointer by sophomore guard Jaleesa Ross. Ross had a game-high 17 points and was 4-4 on 3-point shot attempts.

For the Bulldogs, sophomore guard Marnique Arnold scored 11 points and junior guard and

Ashley Walker had 10.

The Bulldogs continued to pull away and ended the first half with a 17-point lead.

"We didn't follow the game plan that Coach Pam and the rest of the coaching staff had for us," White said. "We just didn't do what was told of us and that hurt us a lot."

In the second half, the Bulldogs scored 40 points.

The Spartans opened the half with a turnover by White. Blair hit a 3-pointer in the first minute that put the Spartans down 38-22, but the Bulldogs dominated the next six minutes, going up by 28 points and preventing the Spartans from scoring.

DeCosta said she was disappointed by the team's offense.

"We just didn't have good point guard play and we turned over the ball a lot. We

just didn't have a couple players in it like we needed them to," DeCosta said. "And when you're short-staffed and you don't have all your players, you don't have everybody here mentally."

The Spartans had 20 turnovers in the game, while the Bulldogs gave the ball away just eight times.

Junior Shaunna Ridge scored a three-pointer in the last 30 seconds of the game, but it was too late to matter.

"They're so athletic, they're so quick," DeCosta said of the Bulldogs.

She said this season has been frustrating.

"But these kids keep coming back," she said. "They keep coming back positive and doing the things we ask of them. You know, we've got six games left, but we've got to keep fighting."



SJSU forward Shaunna Ridge takes a blow to the face during Sunday night's game against Fresno State. The Spartans lost to the Bulldogs 76-47. STEFAN ARMJO / Spartan Daily

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Double standards prevail at SJSU



JUSTIN PERRY
Staff Writer

Although American society has come a long way since the 1950s, when women were relegated to domestic activities, a gender double standard still exists at SJSU.

Society's views of men and women are far from equal. Entirely different expectations exist for men than do for women in the same position.

Although we would like to think SJSU is a progressive campus, this double standard exists here.

Basketball games are an excellent example. I work at the Event Center, so I attend quite a few basketball games. I have noticed huge differences between the men's games and the women's games.

While working at a women's basketball game, I notice that the event operations staff closes off about half of the seating because they don't expect the seats to fill to capacity.

The venue is not intentionally discriminatory, and they promote the men's and women's games equally. The attendance of women's basketball games is simply less than that of men's games.

There are generally fewer concession stands open at women's games.

Again, this is not the venue discriminating against women, but there isn't enough business to justify keeping all of the stands open at women's games.

Section 11, Article 1 of the NCAA Basketball 2009 Men's and Women's Rules states: "Use

a 35-second shot clock for men and a 30-second shot clock for women."

Aren't men and women equally capable? Why do they need different rules when they are playing the exact same sport?

Why isn't there a women's baseball team? Why do women play softball instead? Why isn't there a men's softball team?

Sporting events are not the only place this double standard exists.

At the last graduation ceremony for the Childhood Development Program, two out of approximately 40 graduates were men.

This is not to say that the department doesn't accept men, or that men have a hard time graduating with degrees in early childhood development. Few men enroll in the program.

Society places expectations on each gender, and these expectations are reinforced through various cultural practices. This double standard can effectively prevent someone from meeting his or her full potential, and thus degrade the quality of life in society.

With each passing generation, gender barriers continue to break down. The fact that women are playing college sports at all is an improvement from the past, but our society still has a long way to go.

Although some change happens through legislation, like Title IX, which legally protects against gender discrimination in the education system, real change happens with the individual.

Society needs to continue to teach our children that women and men are equal, in order to improve the overall quality of life and progress society.

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Manufacturing love on a man-made holiday



SAMANTHA PATTERSON
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I love holidays.

I love decorating and taking every aspect of any holiday and celebrating it.

My roommate thinks it's a little ridiculous at times, but she will admit I get her into the spirit.

During the holiday season, we had an assortment of colorful Christmas trees, stockings and even icicle and snowflake lights hanging from the balcony.

I even dragged her out to purchase a live Christmas tree from a lot called Enchanted Christmas Trees.

But there is one holiday that I think is absolutely ridiculous. Thinking of it makes me nauseous — like, eating-a-whole-box-of-chocolates nauseous.

It's Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day is a superficial day that is built around stuffed animals, flowers and artificial "I love you" cards and candies. It's just another way for businesses to capitalize on nonsense.

Why is it consumers spend a vast amount of money on silly things that are supposed to show love?

What's more original than a big bear with a bow on it that could be purchased for \$10 at your local Wal-Mart? Or a chocolate rose that you might have bought at the corner gas station?

Thanks to Hallmark, we

have a few hundred sappy, cute, lovey-dovey cards from which to choose. Somehow, they are a way to portray deep thoughts and show how much someone really cares.

I'm sorry, but some simulated poem that someone else wrote isn't going to make my heart melt.

Add in some mystery, suspense and disappointment to see if one might receive a card from anyone at all.

Remember in elementary school, everyone was supposed to buy little valentine cards for the whole class? There was always one little boy or girl that didn't get one and it left them asking, "why not?"

Valentine's Day is a superficial day that is built around stuffed animals, flowers and artificial "I love you" cards and candies. It's just another way for businesses to capitalize on nonsense.

Valentine's Day is just a day when your significant other buys flowers, offers a night out for dinner and makes you feel special.

It's a little overrated. Shouldn't they be doing that all year long and not just one day? Why only celebrate love one day out of the each year?

Valentine's Day also comes with standards and expectations that can get messy if your date isn't on the same page.

If dating someone, worrying about if you need to buy

them something, and if so, then what to get them, can become an issue. Spending too much, or too little, might lead them on and ruin your chances.

Yes, most girls love flowers. But flowers are so cliché for Valentine's Day. It's not a holiday like Christmas, where creativity is an option and it's possible to get that special someone something that's useful or a present they will really want.

Businesses have built Valentine's Day up to be this holiday where the gifts are all about chocolate, roses, teddy bears and jewelry.

I know one thing: See's Candies will never go out of business as long as people celebrate Valentine's Day.

Then there's the trouble with the date and location. Booking reservations weeks in advance for any kind of suitable dinner for a big date can be a pain, all while hoping to meet their expectations and praying that you don't disappoint.

What about the people who don't have a significant other? Or a date?

Let's call Valentine's Day what UrbanDictionary.com calls it, National Singles Awareness Day.

The one day to celebrate being alone while others celebrate Valentine's Day with their boyfriend or girlfriend, wife or husband.

It's a reminder to those who don't have someone special in their lives — that he or she is single.

Straight up, Valentine's Day is overrated.

Samantha Patterson is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Being environmentally aware in the 21st century



ANGELO LANHAM
Yes, I Have a Point

Recently enough, I was conversing with a good friend of mine who lamented that the world is becoming "too green."

"I got a letter from my bank saying that they're green," he said. "What do I care about how green my bank is?"

My good friend, who oddly enough leans left, concluded that the appropriate level of "green" existed in the '90s — a weird conclusion, since the whole point of '90s green was to progress to a level of green similar to that which Americans enjoy today.

While it's funny when the likes of salsa jars and teddy bears proudly proclaim that their manufacturers are green, I can't see anything terribly wrong with a dash of environmental consciousness.

After all, I remember the development of the whole deal.

Hop into the Way Back Machine with me, back to the last few years when the phrase "going green" would mean throwing on a bright green sweater.

Back when I was a wee lad, all you had to do to be earth-friendly and garner praise was not litter.

If you threw something, say

a bottle, into a wastebasket instead of tossing it nonchalantly on the ground, teachers would cheer, give you a cupcake and throw a parade in your honor.

That was the world in 1989. Just try to throw a bottle into a wastebasket these days. I dare you. You won't take the dare because you know what will happen: An angry environmentalist will jump out from behind a bush, swat you on the head and give you a flier that was printed on recycled paper.

While it's funny when the likes of salsa jars and teddy bears proudly proclaim that their manufacturers are green, I can't see anything terribly wrong with a dash of environmental consciousness.

Recycling. It's just grand how easy it's all become and how nicely everyone has complied.

Global warming, though, is something else.

I remember a day during my time as a younger and feebler individual wherein I was standing outside a classroom at Ever-

green Valley College, waiting for the door to open.

The weather was muggy. To my right was an old guy. After a pregnant pause, I brought up the weather, as dictated by rules of social conduct.

"Muggy, eh?" said I. The old guy nodded.

"This greenhouse effect really makes it warm," I continued.

Keep in mind that I was not referring to global warming in any way, shape or form, but merely the scientific fact that as the sun comes out and begins to burn off a layer of clouds, a hole in said clouds typically forms and that through this hole, the sun shines and its rays hit the ground, bounce back off the clouds, back to the ground, back to the clouds, etc. — and voila. Hot. Muggy.

He must have thought I meant global warming, because I was made to endure a lengthy monologue about how global warming was a big crock invented by the liberals. After about a minute of spiel, he smiled smugly to himself and quieted.

I simply nodded and smiled, as was typical of my younger, feebler self.

I'd like to think, though, that these days I'd say, "You old fool, can't you see I was merely speaking of the momentary weather conditions that befall us currently? I have no interest in what you heard on redneck talk radio, sir, only in idle conversation designed to get us through this pregnant pause and into the classroom. Ignoramus!"

Even if I wouldn't say all that now, I've never understood the notion that global warming is a conspiracy. It would have to be the most ridiculously unprofitable conspiracy since the beginning of conspiracies.

I've heard tale that liberals invented it to promote socialism.

How?

"Well, John, the ice caps are melting."

"Yup. Sure is hot, Bob. Let's be socialists."

Then what will they do? Sell little bookmarks that say "Oh shit, we're gonna fry"?

Besides Al Gore, who stands to gain from pretending like global warming exists?

People are entitled to their opinions. The Daffy Duck regime that just left office certainly didn't put much stock into the theory. Of all things to be adamantly closed-minded

to, though, why would anyone be opposed to researching possible fixes for global warming? Isn't flat refusal to acknowledge its possibility such a giant risk to take?

Global warming has become a topic that, like religion and abortion, isn't brought up in mixed company. That is because it has been politicized, and that is strange.

If there is even the most minute possibility that we're all going to end up cooked like ants on the business end of a magnifying glass, I'd say that's worth at least a second glance.

Wouldn't you?

Angelo Lanham is a Spartan Daily copy editor. "Yes, I Have a Point" appears every Tuesday.

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The Hollywood sign was erected in 1923 as an advertisement for a housing development in the Hollywood hills? The sign originally read "HOLLYWOODLAND."

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Bestselling book and movie say when to let go

MOVIE REVIEW: 'HE'S JUST NOT INTO YOU'



From the "He's Just Not That Into You" movie poster.

Courtesy of New Line Cinema

KELLY ENOS
Staff Writer

A group of inter-connected Baltimore-based 20- and 30-somethings spend their days deciding if he is just not that into you.

Moving at an amusing pace, the movie "He's Just Not That Into You" doesn't allow for boredom. It even throws in a few chuckles that any person who has been in the dating world in the past century can relate to. From cyber-stalking to MySpace being the new booty call, it introduces the audience to a new networking aspect that has come to the dating scene.

Even though the movie portrays different real-life scenarios, it does not get around to the answer of what-if situations.

That was one of the most frustrating pieces to this otherwise comical and very explainable movie. You are left wanting to know what to do if you find

your husband cheating or if that guy never picks up the phone. That piece never comes into play to finish out each situation explained in the film.

The movie focuses on the round-robin effect of relationships, and if you have ever spent an evening staring at the phone waiting for that someone to call, you'll understand.

It follows the aspects of relationships in different phases, from Gigi's (Ginnifer Goodwin) want of a man who says he will call and does, to Beth's (Jennifer Aniston) obsession that the perfect relationship is bound in marriage, even though she has been in a relationship with Neil (Ben Affleck) for several years and Neil sees nothing wrong with their unmarried life.

Janine (Jennifer Connelly) is not sure she can trust her husband Ben (Bradley Cooper), who seems very unsure if he can trust himself around Anna.

Meanwhile, Anna (Scarlett Johansson) cannot decide between married Ben and platonic Conor (Kevin Connolly), who

can't get over the fact that he cannot have Anna and spends his time throughout the movie trying to win her over.

Then there is the ever-loving Mary (Drew Barrymore), who never gives up on the idea of true love, but gets stuck with all of the awkward new networking tools in order to try to connect with someone. From MySpace to e-mail, to her BlackBerry and back to her work phone, she cannot seem to connect with a man on face-to-face.

Viewers will find relatable scenes in this film that will have you laughing and saying, "Oh my God, I know someone who did that," or "I have done that myself."

The movie is definitely something every person can relate.

It just lacks the explanation for what to do in those hairy experiences you get yourself in.

If you are OK with a comical and close to real-life movie, then go for it. If you need a play-by-play of what to do then grab the book as a backup.

BOOK REVIEW: 'HE'S JUST NOT INTO YOU'

KELLY ENOS
Staff Writer

Almost every girl wants to know the secret to the male brain, and is constantly analyzing with their girlfriends why he's just not that into you.

The book "He's Just Not That Into You," by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo, goes to great lengths in 165 pages to simplify the trials and tribulations of dating.

Behrendt, a former writer from the popular show "Sex and the City," was one of the few male writers on a mostly female staff, who brought a male opinion to the table.

The first 11 chapters focus on a similar mainstream title, with "He's Just Not That Into You If..." and you fill in the blank. Some of the chapters focus on: if he's not calling you, if he's not dating you, if he's not having sex with you and even if he doesn't want to marry you.

The chapters all have a similar structure — a short introduction, and a situation from readers where they can send their questions and Behrendt answers.

At the end of each chapter, there is a cheat sheet of what you should have learned, and an activity page called a workbook to help you start on your journey of getting over why he isn't into you.

The book is a refreshing and empowering guide for women, which offers a no-holds-barred truth about why a guy never called when he said he would.

All too often, women are sitting by the phone waiting for that call that will never come, or sitting and analyzing with their

girlfriends about why the date went so perfectly and she never heard back from him.

Girls, pick up the book and you will find the answers to your questions — and they are not hard to understand.

Bottom line: If he was into you, he would be doing everything in his power to call and be with you.

So if the phone call never comes and you're waiting by the phone, go to your local bookstore and find the self-improvement section.

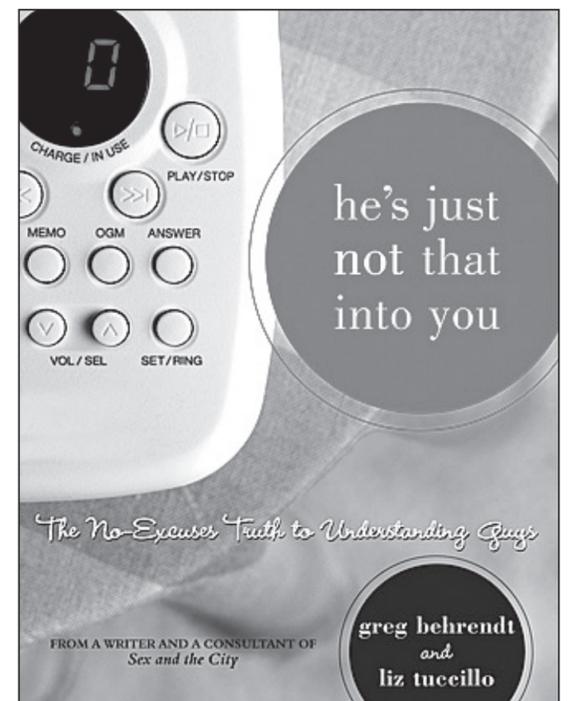
Look for "He's Just Not That Into You," its worth the money that you start empowering yourself and getting over the phone call

that will never come. Behrendt and Tuccillo make the adventure of finding out about why he isn't into you fun and refreshing, instead of dull and depressing.

It's funny and bright when it needs to be, but just as serious when needed, to make sure that every woman understands what his deal is.

The book offers insight in the simplest forms and is an easy read for anyone who wants to venture inside of the male brain.

You won't wonder why any longer, but will instead pass it on to your friends and make sure they understand why he just isn't that into you after all.



The "He's Just Not That Into You" book cover.

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