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THE WIRE

BAY AREA

Officer injured after crashing car into house

PITTSBURG — An Antioch police officer is expected to recover after he suffered serious injuries when his patrol car crashed into a house in Pittsburg during a chase. Pittsburg police say the unidentified officer was airlifted to John Muir Medical Center after Monday night's crash. The pursuit began about 11:20 p.m. after police say an officer recognized a parolee driving a vehicle whose license plate did not match the vehicle's description.

- Associated Press

Interstate 580 closed for an hour after shooting

RICHMOND — A Bay Area freeway was shutdown for more than one hour during the evening rush hour following a shooting that injured two people. The California Highway Patrol says a red van pulled up alongside a car on eastbound Interstate 580 in Richmond on Tuesday and fired as many as 10 rounds from a semiautomatic weapon.

- Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL

Suicide bombing kills 33 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD — A suicide bomber struck Sunni and Shiite tribal leaders touring an outdoor market after a reconciliation meeting in a Baghdad suburb Tuesday, killing up to 33 people in the second major attack in the capital area in three days.

- Associated Press

9/11 suspects: 'We are terrorists to the bone'

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The self-professed mastermind and four other men charged in the Sept. 11 attacks declared they are "terrorists to the bone" in a statement that mocked the U.S. failure to prevent the killings and predicted America will fall like "the towers on the blessed 9/11 day." In a rambling response to the government's case, the men also sought to justify the attacks, citing a violent interpretation of Islam and a series of grievances against the U.S.

- Associated Press

SPORTS



NOT PULLING PUNCHES

SJSU boxing club opens up to all as it preps for its next tournament • See SPORTS, page 6

Alan Cheng (left), a junior mechanical engineering major, and Armando Garil (right) spar at the San Jose Police Activities Gym on Thursday. Sparring consists of short practice rounds that simulate a real fight. SANDRA SANTOS / Spartan Daily

DISCUSSION

Politics tops talk about sexual diversity

Workshop focuses on Prop. 8, health and community involvement

DAN LU
Staff Writer

It was standing room only as crowd of more than 150 listened to speakers in the University Room on Monday evening at the 11th annual Sexual Diversity Day workshop.

The event featured a discussion about the impact Proposition 8 has had on the lives of the gay, lesbian, bisexual

and transgender community, health and being involved in the community.

In addition, the discussion featured keynote speaker Evan Low, who is Campbell's vice mayor, a Campbell city council member and an SJSU alumnus.

Michele Mashburn, Master of Public Health Student Association Sexual Diversity committee chair and organizer of the event, said each year there have been different topics and different speakers at the Sexual Diversity Day workshop.

Mashburn said the event was open to students, faculty and staff.

"We also open it up to some community members for them to come and hear the voices of the minority group that are being represented here," Mashburn said. "This is a forum that's open for agreement and disagreement."

Most of the attendees were public health students, and although the lecture was about Proposition 8, many of the speeches and comments made were about knowing who the politicians are and the issues that affect the community.

Angela Hover, a senior nursing major, said she took notes during the lecture as reference

and thought the lecture was informative.

"I learned more about government politics and how to reach (politicians)," she said, "who to look for, to stand for, who affects my life and who affects the lives of my community."

Although the discussion focused on Proposition 8's impact, the majority of Low's speech was about politics.

Low explained to the crowd how his family has experienced all types of discrimination. He said his grandparents were not able

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CAREER

Entrepreneurs discuss bootstrapping businesses

JUSTIN PERRY
Staff Writer

More than 100 SJSU students heard successful Silicon Valley entrepreneurs speak about "bootstrapping" startup companies in a panel discussion on Monday night in the Engineering auditorium.

The discussion was presented by the Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship, and moderated by accounting and finance lecturer Steve Bennet.

"Bootstrapping traditionally means growing your business as a function of your revenue or

your progress, rather than taking in investment capital," said panelist Jon Fisher, CEO and founder of Bharosa.com.

The panel also included Ilya Ronin, the co-founder and business development manager of Marpo Kinetics Inc., and Gustavo Alberelli, director of Kennet Partners.

The panelists discussed the significance of bootstrapping and shared strategies and personal experiences starting companies with little or no capital.

"Bootstrapping, no matter what kind of entrepreneur you are, is the default method," Fisher said. "You're not raising

traditional forms of capital, you are just getting started with the resources that you have."

"We believe bootstrap companies, long term, are better companies," Alberelli said.

The panelists explained how bootstrap companies can be stronger and more successful because the lack of capital forces the company to focus on profits.

Fisher said the lack of capital also forces bootstrap companies to focus more on customer needs because of the pressure to sell products.

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Courtesy of Bizjournals.com
Jon Fisher, CEO and founder of Bharosa.com.

FINANCIAL AID

Obama seeks to change Pell Grants

RALPH WARNER
Staff Writer

Eligible financial aid students at SJSU and universities across the nation may feel some relief next year if President Barack Obama's budget proposal to adjust the federal Pell Grant to the rate of inflation is approved.

Currently, the Pell Grant's maximum amount is determined by a congressional vote on how much money should be allocated to the program. The last few years the amount approved by Congress has not kept up with the rate of inflation. If approved, the money used to adjust the Pell Grant to the rate of inflation would come from the removal of \$4 billion in yearly government support to private makes who make student loans.

Jeff Sloan, a senior accounting major, said he currently receives financial aid and believes changes such as these are needed.

"I think it's a good thing," Sloan said. "Student assistance from the government in various forms is not enough to cover the basic expenses for college even as they are now, so any increase is appreciated."

The Pell Grant provides government assistance to low-income students at the collegiate level who meet the U.S. Department of Education's requirements for financial aid. The requirements included are based on the income and assets of independent students, the income and assets of a dependent student's parents, size of a student's family, and number of family members who attend college.

Coleetta McElroy, the SJSU interim director of financial aid and scholarships, said the change to the Pell Grant program would be one of the biggest changes she's seen since being involved in financial aid, and annual increases to student expenses makes the change necessary.

"Tuition and fee charges have increased drastically over the last five years which has outpaced the amount of grant monies available to students," McElroy said. "This budget proposal comes as a welcome relief to meeting the costs of education and keeping it accessible to all students, especially those from low to moderate-income families."

On July 1, the Pell Grant maximum amount will increase from \$4,730 to \$5,350 because of its in-

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Audio slideshow: Have a look at the hair and flash of 'Beach Blanket Babylon'

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SPARTA GUIDE

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Bible Study

Acts 2 Christian Fellowship hosts a weekly study. 7 p.m. in the Pacific Room of the Student Union. Contact Justin Foon at jfoon1@yahoo.com

Meditation Group

5 p.m. in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library. Contact Harrison at hhaarrriissoon@gmail.com

Movie Night

"007: Quantum of Solace." 8:30 p.m. at Campus Village Quad.

Symphony Orchestra Concert

The university orchestra presents two new works by student composers. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall. Contact Beeri Moalem at beerimoalem@gmail.com

Young and in Politics

A panel discussion with local politicians. 5 p.m. in the Costanoan Room of the Student Union. Contact Erica at emarie148@inbox.com

Zen Buddhism Club

Becoming aware of obsession. 3:30 p.m. in the Costanoan Room of the Student Union. Contact Justin at 677-8681 or jstnjc@gmail.com

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Akbayan of SJSU

General meeting. 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Almaden Room of the Student Union. Contact Justin Lacap at j_lacap@yahoo.com

San Jose Chamber Orchestra

String quartet pieces by student composers. 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Music Building Concert Hall. Contact 924-4673 for more information.

Scholarship Application Workshop

Be proud of your accomplishments and apply for a scholarship. Free. 1:30, 3 and 4 p.m. in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, Room 257. Contact Maria Romo at eopsjsu@yahoo.com

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Robotics Competition

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LGBTQI Discussion Group

Co-sponsored by LGBT Resource Center and Counseling Services. Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the LGBT Resource Center. For more information, call 924-6158 or 924-5910.

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GRANT | Amount will increase to \$5,350 because of economic stimulus plan

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clusion in the economic stimulus bill. That increase will be the most in the history of the Pell Grant.

Jesse Ramirez, a Spanish graduate student who currently is a recipient of the Pell Grant, said such increases are essential during trying economic times.

"We're facing a very horrible crisis right now so I'm not sure if the government can give the schools the benefits that they're used to giving," he said. "So it's going to be very hard for the next few years — things like this change to the Pell Grant are necessary."

McElroy said the change is appreciated, but the effect of the increase may not be felt as greatly for students in the Bay Area.

"What should be remembered is that the grant amount will increase for those that already qualify for the grant based on the federal eligibility formula but we do not expect to see a large increase in new recipients getting large grants," McElroy said. "My hope for the future is that the federal government will review the eligibility formula for possible adjustments so that students within higher income areas, such as the Bay Area, may qualify for the grants."

Pell Grant by the numbers

Current maximum amount for Pell Grant: \$4,731
Maximum by July 1: \$5,350
Maximum proposed by 2010: \$5,550

Factors that Pell Grant amounts are based on

The student's expected family contribution. It is based on the percentage of net income and net assets of the student and their family if they are dependent.

- Tuition and fees for the university in which they are enrolled.
- Whether the individual is a full or part-time student.

- The number of semesters or quarters the individual attends their institution during the academic year. Different financial evaluation rates are based on whether individuals are independent students, dependent students or independent students with dependents.

Source / U.S. Dept. of Education

Despite the guaranteed increase in July, one student remains skeptical as to whether such changes will actually happen.

"I think it will help, but I don't think they're actually going to make the change due to the recession we're in," said a financial aid student who wished to remain anonymous.

Sloan said he can see changes from the increase having more than an economic effect on students.

"Maybe students won't have to work as much while their going to school," he said. "So it's going to give them more time studying or using it to pay their bills

so that they can do better in their classes."

Dean Kulju, the California State University director of student financial aid programs, said he hopes changes such as the one in the president's proposal become more common in the future.

"It's nice to see it hopefully getting funded at the proper level and it's good for our students because costs keeping going up for students whether it's tuition and fees, gas, rent or whatever it may be," Kulju said. "So it offsets a larger portion of their total educational expenses and hopefully it sets a good trend or benchmark that will keep going in the future."

SPEAKER | Speech inspired, student says

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Fisher said bootstrap companies are an integral part of our economic future.

"In this economy and the effects we are going to experience from this economy, I think entrepreneurs are really the silver bullet," he said. "These are the people who are going to lead us out of this recession. They're gonna create jobs, they're gonna create their own stimulus by putting good products and services into the market and we need to embrace them and protect them."

Michael Walters, a senior entrepreneurship major and presi-

dent of the Entrepreneurial Society at SJSU, said presentations like the panel discussion help students gain valuable insights into real world of business.

"A huge value to events like these is you bring in someone who's been there and who's done it," he said. "It's a way to experience, with a closer perspective, what it's like and how possible it is and that it really is possible to do something bold like go out and start a business."

Students felt that this presentation was beneficial and gave them a lot of important advice.

"It's great to hear from people that are actually doing business," said Alejandro Cabrera, a junior business major. "It gives you a dif-

ferent point of view. It helps you get a perspective for when we graduate."

Tomer Fishel, a senior finance major, agreed.

"I think it was very inspiring," he said. "When you enter a market with either a product or a service, or some sort of a benefit, in order to gain capital it's very, very difficult."

Walters said it doesn't take a special type of person to be an entrepreneur, and that anyone is capable.

"The best thing about you is that you're unique, and events like these show people that normal people, who were at some point just students like themselves, can go out and start a business," he said.

SEX | Prejudice was focus of discussion

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to own property due to the Chinese Exclusion Act, an act passed in 1882 that restricted free immigration from China to the U.S.

His Chinese mother and Irish stepfather were not allowed to marry because of laws banning interracial marriage.

Low, whose parents have been married for 32 years, asked the audience to look at his generation and said that as an openly gay Asian-American, he is not allowed the right to get married.

"The discrimination will end with me," Low said. "Until it impacts you, that's when you get involved."

The discussion also highlighted a group of panelists speaking about their experiences and thoughts on issues relating to the LGBT community.

During the panel discussion, Rev. R. Richard Roe, a minister of the United Church of Christ, spoke on his thoughts about Proposition 8, while Gloria Nieto, a representative of Marriage Equality Silicon Valley spoke about her political organizing and campaigning.

Carol Pollard, a mother and a representative of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays — a nonprofit organization that aims to promote the health

and well-being of LGBT community — spoke about her Catholic background and how it took her time to accept her lesbian daughter. The panel discussion concluded with Megan Thompson, a senior clinical psychology major and chair of Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice.

Thompson said she wanted the audience to understand how they can make an impact on others, public policy, health and other programs.

"I hope the people understand that they have the ability to make change by themselves or even starting organizations like Q-TIP (Queers Thoughtfully Interrupting Prejudice)," she said. "It's just a few people but we make profound differences on campus and that's really important."

Low said he hoped his speech would be a call to action that would turn on some light bulbs.

"I laid out how you can continue to make a positive impact and try to put it upon themselves, and give them back that ownership to say, 'here's what I need to do, here's what I want to do and here's how to go about doing it,'" Low said.

Mike Grasso, a public health graduate student, said he thought it was a good panel discussion about issues beyond Proposition 8.

"I think each one had a different message and they could re-

late to everyone in the audience tonight," Grasso said.

Gloria Pham, a senior health science major, said she thought the lecture was thought provoking. She said it brought up a point that many people only take action in issues that affect them directly and they don't take action until the issues hit home.

"I feel it is important for everyone here tonight to continue to spread the word about what we learned here and be more involved even if it doesn't affect us directly," she said.

CAMPUS IMAGES



Juniors Robert Krakower, radio, and MICHELLE TERRIS / Spartan Daily television, film and communications double major, and Jeff Odnert, a humanities major, practice some of their aikido moves in the Event Center Sport Club. Both students have been taking the course since the beginning of semester.

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PLAY REVIEW: 'BEACH BLANKET BABYLON'

Big hair and big hats raise big money for SJSU scholarship fund

HOLLY SZKOROPAD
Staff Writer

Fashion police were nowhere to be found when outrageously large hair made a one-night appearance in San Jose on Monday night.

Instead, tackiness prevailed when heroines, sequined with fabulous absurdity, took the California Theatre by storm.

A crowd of more than 1000 SJSU alumni and community members didn't seem to mind as they watched the scene unfold at a sold-out, custom performance of "Beach Blanket Babylon."

This may not give it justice, but for those unfamiliar with the quasi-musical-laugh-o-palooza, "Beach Blanket Babylon" is a zany take on the life of Snow White, who travels the world in need of a man while taking help from an odd mix of folks along the way.

Dash in random appearances of a dancing peanut, a gun-toting Sarah Palin, a triplet of poodles, and out comes a delight that made the entire crowd roar with laughter.

The fundraiser, which generated funds for the Alumni Association's scholarship fund, exploded with hats and hair of all shapes and sizes and celebrity lampoons from then and now. Underneath the guise of them all, a troupe of talented performers made it all happen.

Renee Lubin, an SJSU alum-

na who has been with the show since 1986, said it felt good to be back on stage in San Jose.

"It was nice to be among my peers," Lubin said after the show's standing ovation.

Lubin and the other performers guided Snow White, who they jokingly referred to as "snow blower" and "snow ho," and gave love advice from around the world.

Dragged through a pizzeria, the Wild West and Paris, Snow White finally finds her true love in rock 'n' roll heartthrob Elvis Presley.

To make the engagement unique, "Beach Blanket Babylon" included a never-before-heard song that thanked, acknowledged and poked fun at famous SJSU alumni, donors and the university.

Between the explosive applause, a member of the audience shouted, "You're fabulous" to Kenny Mazlow, the show's director and performer of the ode to San Jose.

Outfitted in a loud, pink Louis the XIV costume, Mazlow belted out the song that harked back to the opera roots of the California Theatre, which Mazlow said was the inspiration for the tune.

Paul Richardson, executive director for the Alumni Association, said the song was the highlight of the night.

"I think it was a surprise for the entire audience," he said. "Overall, I'm very, very happy. I

think that everyone had a good time. The audience reaction seemed to be very positive."

Jon Whitmore, president of SJSU and holder of a doctorate in theater history, attended the show with the knowledge of what makes a performance brilliant.

"This is a product of someone who graduated from our university, and their dream to do something special and really accomplish that," Whitmore said. "Seeing that in action was pretty special."

The fundraiser netted nearly \$80,000 for the Alumni Association's scholarship fund and memorialized the show's creator and SJSU alumnus, Steve Silver, who died in 1995.

A dean's scholarship, named after Silver, will support one SJSU student to pursue a passion in the arts each year.

The show, which is usually performed in San Francisco's Club Fugazi, is so legendary that it has a street named after it in the city.

"Beach Blanket Babylon" makes each performance a new experience by constantly changing to include the latest news and most laugh-worthy current events.

With shows in San Francisco since 1974, America's longest-running musical revue continues to make a scene at Club Fugazi, with shows being performed Wednesday through Sunday.



Renee Lubin playing as Whitney Houston

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Ellen Toscano and Phillip Percy Williams performing a political skit for "Beach Blanket Babylon."

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Tammy Nelson performing as a cowgirl in "Beach Blanket Babylon."

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GAME REVIEW: 'KILLZONE 2'

Sony's new shooter sequel nails a head shot

SCOTT REYBURN
Staff Writer

Notice to all PlayStation 3 owners: The wait is over.

After about four years since its announcement, the science fiction militaristic first-person shooter "Killzone 2" invaded PlayStation 3 consoles Feb. 27.

"Killzone 2," developed by Guerrilla Games, is not the "Halo-killer," a term given to high-profile first-person shooters that look remotely promising to stack up to Xbox's "Halo."

From the moment the game is first booted up, the opening scene is pure beauty graphically and sets the scene for the good guys, the Interplanetary Strategic Alliance (ISA) colony, and their invasion of the enemy home-world of Helghan.

In the single player campaign you take the role of ISA soldier Sgt. Tomas "Sev" Sevchenko.

It's not clear what kind of a person Sev is at the beginning, foreshadowing the not-so-stellar story in "Killzone 2," only there to give a half-assed, no substance reason to move the player from mission to mission.

Sev, along with his squad mates Rico, Natko and Garza, begins the story crash landing on



A screenshot of "Sev" and his team on planet Helghan.

Courtesy of Official U.S. PlayStation Web site

a shuttle ship right in the thick of the invasion of Helghan.

Typical of a ragtag bunch of war grizzled soldiers, profanity is not hard to come by with expletives flying around as frequent as bullet slugs.

The set-pieces in the single player, such as having to defend an important area of the warzone, are just the right amount of time where it would not tire

or leave the player unsatisfied.

"Killzone 2" is strictly a first-person shooter. It has the standard variety of weaponry with a host of machine guns, a shotgun, a sniper rifle and others, but all the shooting in general is just fun to do. The nail gun, a unique and satisfying weapon, fires nails at an extreme velocity, and has the ability to stick enemies right to the wall.

The approach to game play in "Killzone 2" would be best from a distance. Close encounters with Helghast soldiers will get the player killed in a hurry.

This game has weight. Weapons feel weighted when the player has to turn and aim. It can feel awkward compared to a snapping first-person shooter, but it takes time to get used to.

There are turret and vehicle

set pieces that break up the monotony of fighting on foot. Players can take control of vehicles such as a tank and spaceship turrets.

In the single-player mode there is a cover system allowing players to shield themselves behind objects in first-person and the player can peek over and squeeze off shots. Oddly though, the cover system was not put into the multiplayer mode.

To make things clear, "Killzone 2" has the best graphics for any console game released to this day, and maybe even comparable only to the PC game "Crysis."

Thanks to the superb graphics and design, the environments in "Killzone 2" look like they've been around for years and years gathering the wear and tear of the world. Similar to the dirtiness and griminess on everything that gave the "Star Wars" movies life and realism.

Another layer of life in "Killzone 2" is the debris swirling in the air, giving a claustrophobic feeling traveling through a battlefield.

Even something as minuscule as the super-detailed animations of the weapon reloading display are a testament to the effort put into "Killzone 2." There is a blur

effect on the gun giving a greater sense of depth and realism, adding to the fun factor.

On any of the eight maps, players can choose between combating real online players or artificial intelligence controlled bots.

The online multiplayer is team based and has a maximum of 32 players, 16 versus 16.

There is the standard fare of team deathmatch, capture the flag and assassination, where points are scored by killing the leader of the opposing team, but also search and destroy, which is planting a bomb in the opposing team's base.

"Killzone 2" takes all these game types and mashes them in to one continuously streaming multiplayer match. A multiplayer match starts off as team deathmatch and five minutes later it could change to capture the flag or assassination.

A ranking system that allows players to unlock new weapons and classes that have their own unique skills is implemented into the multiplayer system and will keep them coming back for more.

Stellar presentation, solid single-player action and a fresh approach to standard hat multiplayer modes make "Killzone 2" a must-buy.

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BOXING

Club fights its way through college

JULIANNE SHAPIRO
Staff Writer

Professional boxer Victor Ortiz jumped rope and trained in his sweatsuit while students from the SJSU boxing club worked out alongside him on Thursday.

"I have to lose two pounds by tomorrow," he said, two days before his fight against Mike Arnaoutis at HP Pavilion on Saturday, which he won in the second round.

Ortiz said he turned down offers to work out in training facilities from many people, including boxer Oscar De La Hoya.

Members of the SJSU boxing club now use the San Jose Police Activities Gym in the east side of San Jose for their practices. A different facility is one of a few changes the club has made this season. Marc Sanchez, the boxing club's president, said another change to the club is instead of having tryouts, it is open to anyone joining.

"You do have to be a full-time or part-time student at San Jose State to compete," he said. "But if you want to do regionals, which are the actual championships, you need to be fulltime."

Sanchez also said that the club is open to San Jose City College students, but they need to be transferring to San Jose State University.

Vince Alvarez, who became an assistant coach of the team last year, said members of the club have faced a lot of challenges with getting club members together this season.

"We have a solid four guys," he said. "From the beginning, we had close to 30 people come out, and now we're going to have four who are actually going to be competing."

Sanchez said three out of five Spartans won at a California boxing invitational match in

Berkeley on Saturday. Both Sanchez, who is in the 132-pound weight class, and Favian Villalobos in the 147-pound weight class won by decision against Berkeley boxers. Alan Cheng defeated his opponent from Santa Clara in a 165-pound weight class fight.

Sanchez said the team is focusing on the National Collegiate Boxing Association's Western Regional Championships in Reno from March 19 to 21.

"The winners, the top two at the western regionals, advance to the national championships," he said.

Alvarez said members of the club are undergoing training to prepare for the western regional tournament so they have a chance to compete at the national collegiate boxing tournament in Annapolis, Md from April 2 to 4.

Oscar Gomez, a freshman mechanical engineering major, said he has been with the boxing club since last semester. He said members of the club practice Monday through Thursday inside the gym and outside on the track.

"We do a weight lifting circuit, like lift a tire and jump over it and then lift weights," he said. "We have to hit a sledgehammer against a tire."

Head coach Candelario Lopez, who was one of the trainers for the U.S. boxing team at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, said a lack of experience is the only thing that could hinder the team.

"We don't have the experience as some of the other schools due to the fact that we kind of started late," he said. "We haven't had the opportunity to compete that much. We've been to the gym, but haven't had competition."

Lopez, who became the head coach last year after serving as an assistant coach since 2001, said the club's biggest rivals are Air



Left to right, Armando Garil, a representative of San Jose's Police Athletic League, and Alan Cheng, a junior mechanical engineering major, spar at the San Jose Police Activities Gym in East San Jose on Thursday. SANDRA SANTOS / Spartan Daily

Force Academy and Nevada.

"They've been having a lot of competitions just to make the team," he said about Air Force Academy's boxing club. "We barely have enough to fill a team."

Lopez also said the goal for the club is to always fill a roster, which means 12 members, compared to five this season.

Boxing club members Marc Sanchez (132 pounds), Oscar Gomez (156 pounds), Alan Cheng (165 pounds), Favian Villalobos (147 pounds) will be representing the boxing club at the western regional tournament on March 19.

Samson Habib will also be attending as an alternative to the 156-pound weight class.



Achidi Sama, a senior business major, spars against Alan Cheng at a SJSU Boxing Club practice at the San Jose Police Activities League training facility on Thursday. STEFAN ARMJIO / Spartan Daily

Sports in brief

Baseball

The SJSU baseball team lost its first game of the season by a score of 4-2 against the University of San Francisco. The team went down 4-1 in the sixth inning and could not recover. In the eighth inning the Spartans stranded runners on second and third with no outs. The Spartans will go against No. 16 Cal Poly today at Municipal Stadium at 6 p.m. Before Wednesday's game, SJSU was ranked 25th in the nation by the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper. Kyle Bellows was named Western Athletic Conference Hitter of the Week on Monday for his performance over the weekend.

Softball

The SJSU softball team split Tuesday's doubleheader against Illinois State. The Spartans responded to a 14-2 loss in the first game with a 4-0 victory in the final game of the series. SJSU got complete game performances from each pitcher on Tuesday. Deana Mauer gave up seven earned runs and struck out three in game one. In the second game, Elyssa Fox pitched a shutout and struck out five, while allowing three hits. The Spartans' record is now 6-14. The team will play University of Vermont in a doubleheader today.

- STAFF REPORT

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

One and done for SJSU

DAVID ZUGNONI
Senior Staff Writer



RENO— The SJSU women's basketball team ended its season on a bitter note Tuesday, losing 70-57 to the Hawaii Rainbow Wahine in the play-in game of the Western Athletic Conference Tournament.

It was a tale of two halves, as the Spartans were down 39-24 at halftime but fought back in the second half, in which they forced 17 of the Rainbow Wahine's 23 turnovers.

"They kept fighting," said head coach Pam DeCosta of her players. "You wish they could have done it in the first half. It would have been a different story."

The Spartans (2-28) came into the tournament as the No. 9 seed, scored on their first three possessions to go up 7-6, but wouldn't have the lead for the rest of the game.

Hawaii (8-22) scored early and often on layups from players cutting to the basket and precise outside shooting, finishing 7-17 from behind the 3-point line and 24-48 from the field.

The Spartans seemed compelled to post up their center and forwards for inside scoring, but got only a handful of buckets close the basket.

"We started off slow on the defensive end," said Hawaii acting head coach Pat Charity.

"But then we got into that zone, and (SJSU) got really bothered by that zone."

It was up to guards Sayja Sumler and Ashley Brown to drive to the basket on many of the Spartans' possessions. Sumler finished with 12 points and a game-high seven rebounds, and Brown finished with nine points and six steals, the most of any WAC player in one game this season.

Even when the Spartans got the shots they wanted, one bad bounce after another left them heading back on defense without having put points on the board.

"Our offense has given us opportunities, but we've got to knock them down," DeCosta said.

A quick spurt at the beginning of the second half brought the Spartans to within 11, the closest they would come, as Hawaii seldom let up, leading by 24 at one point.

The Spartans appeared to have begun a comeback with three minutes to go in the game, forcing Hawaii into four turnovers in a row and narrowing the margin from 17 to 11 with 1:37 to go, but it was too little, too late. The Spartans themselves turned the ball over three times in the last three minutes and were caught overplaying the press, allowing Hawaii to seal the victory. Keisha Kanekoa, who had 18

Name	PTS.
SJSU	57
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S. Sumler	12
C. Shaver	10
A. Brown	9
Hawaii	70
K. Kanekoa	18
D. Liepkalne	12
A. Patterson	10
M. Tinnin	7

points on 6-8 shooting, led Hawaii. Dita Liepkalne added 12 points and five rebounds, and Allie Patterson had 10 points.

Junior forward Shaunna Ridge matched Sumler to lead the Spartans with 12 points, adding six rebounds, three steals and one block.

SJSU's lone senior Natalie White was shut down on Tuesday, shooting 0-8 with no points in 25 minutes.

"I was sad because it was my last game and I didn't see a whole lot of minutes, but it happens," she said. "There were other people on the team who were stepping up and making things happen, so you've got to be happy for them."

White has played in 118 games in her four years as a Spartan and



Spartans Shaunna Ridge and Chasity Shavers react in disgust during Tuesday's loss in the play-in game of the Western Athletic Conference Tournament against Hawaii. CHAD ZIEMENDORE / Spartan Daily

Team	1st	2nd	Total
Spartans	24	33	57
Rainbow Wahine	39	31	70

finished her career seventh on the school's all-time scoring list.

While Hawaii will go on to play first-place Fresno State today in the quarterfinals, the Spartans will look to next season.

"We're only losing one senior, and then I got all these guys back," DeCosta said. "We're looking forward to a little two-week break, and then coming back and getting better."