War from the Wes Side view
Opinion p. 5

Petitioner flock to campus anticipating elections
by Aliza Saeed
Staff Writer

As the 2012 election gets closer, more and more people all around campus with clipboards are seen approaching SJSU students in order to obtain signatures for their petitions on different issues.

"Students are always in a rush and it’s hard to get them to sign but I think it’s the best place to obtain signatures since it’s one of the most crowded places," said Jack Chat / Spartan Daily signature gatherer and San Jose resident.

Chacon said since college students are open-minded about a lot of issues that need to be approved for the betterment of the environment, it’s easier to get them to sign the petition.

Chacon was gathering signatures for a company called Progression and was carrying four clipboards for different issues.

“One of my petitions is to stop gerrymandering, politicians that re-district to guarantee a re-election, another on auto insurance which is to try to change it so they base it on driving history instead of demographics, one on supporting the campaign with AT&T and T-Mobile which says yes tomerge them together in one

SEE PETITION PAGE 6

I-House sizzles at pancake breakfast

The SJU Unity Council held Spiritual Awareness Week for the first time in university history last week.

According to event coordinator Luusan Build, the goal of the week was to create an opportunity for all students on campus to promote knowledge and understanding about where people come from in different places of spirituality.

“Everyone in the Unity Council sat down and decided to host this event and find out how having Spiritual Awareness Week can help campus members,” said Build, an administrative officer for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

Anyone was welcome to participate in Spiritual Awareness Week and it was open to all spiritual beliefs or people with no religious beliefs.

SJU faculty, staff and the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship sponsored the event, the meetings were about different topics discussed each day of the three dialogue meetings – the first meeting was about spirituality and religion, the second about spirituality and the university and the third was about spirituality and the community.

“At least we had that bad people,” said graduate student Brent Johnson. “We go about our daily

SEE SPIRITUAL PAGE 6

I-House sizzles at pancake breakfast

Music flowed through the dining commons and living room of the International House as the occupants’ voices and the smell of food filled the air.

The inhabitants of the I-House hosted their semi-annual pancake breakfast yesterday morning from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Admission was $25 for family of four, $5 for students, $10 for general and $25 for family of four.

"It’s a big event that takes the coordination efforts of all the residents in the house," said Leann Cherkasky, director of the I-House.

She said the pancake breakfast started in 1983 as a fundraiser.

"Now, it’s an amazing community outreach event," Mahlkin said.

Marilin Lowman, Associated Student Senate director of programming affairs, said the love in the house and helped organize the event to make sure it goes smoothly.

The senior hospitality major said it was a great place to socialize — it’s just great to meet all the international students on campus.

"I love it," Lowman said. "It’s great. I don’t know how it is from the guests’ perspectives but for me, everyone seems to be happy, so it’s good with me."

A.S. President Tomasz Kolodziejak, a native of Poland, said he usually come every year, as it’s one of the best events on campus for seeing different cultures.

He said the food, atmosphere and performances are all excellent.

"Everybody here is the best," said Kolodziejak, a graduate student in economics.

"I used to come for coffee night to socialize — it’s just great to meet all the international students on campus."

"I came here to meet the students and to speak with Leann so I can put together an event and so forth," said Heather Mihmovich, A.S. director of international affairs.

She said this was her first time at the pancake breakfast.

"It actually was very good," said Mihmovich, a senior accounting major.

"And I love it, it’s a community outreach event," Leann Cherkasky said.

She said the pancake breakfast helped organize the event to make it part of the Outreach event, “Makhni said.

Makhni, director of the I-House.

She said the pancake breakfast was to create an opportunity for everyone to come and meet all the international students on campus and around San Jose in his free time. Lowman said he was a low turnout of students signing petitions, which he said is a good example of the apathy of college student about politics. Photo by Nick Kvist / Spartan Daily.

SEE PANCAKE PAGE 6
When my Toshiba Qosmio stopped working, I was not surprised. For the past year I have had problems with my laptop, like constant freezing and random-problems with my laptop, like surprise.

Since this was my first computer I felt a unique attachment to this contraption that I spent hours using. Since I am not tech savvy by any means I just ignored these problems because my computer was still functioning when I needed it to work. When it stopped working I wasn’t sure if it was the computer itself or the always complicated Windows operating system.

After calling Toshiba product support we came to the conclusion that it was Windows not working properly, and I spent countless hours recovery that would revert my computer back to its original factory settings.

This means that everything that I put on my computer since it was purchased, such as Microsoft Office 2007 and Adobe Creative Suite 4, would no longer be on my system and I would have to buy them again.

On top of that, all of my personal files — pictures, papers, videos and music — that I have accumulated over the years would be gone, too.

Fantasia: Not being able to use my computer is almost as frustrating as losing those programs and files.

I never noticed how frequently I used my computer until it finally stopped working.

Checking and sending emails, writing essays, streaming TV shows and movies, doing research and listening to music is how I used to spend countless hours on my laptop.

Watching Epic Blade Time videos on YouTube isn’t nearly as entertaining when I’m watching them on my smartphone.

According to a 2010 Pew Research Center study, 72 percent of Americans between the age of 18 and 29 own a laptop.

I am not the first person who has had problems with a laptop and had to reset it back to factory settings, and I will not be the last.

Still, losing without my computer has proved a variety of problems for me. For example, this semester I am enrolled in a class that requires me to watch videos online through Lynda.com, a software training and video tutorial site, and for the most part I have not watched them because I simply can’t. My friends let me borrow their laptops when it does not inconvenience them, but I don’t want them to feel burdened by my plight.

Luckily I have a smartphone that I get last summer so I can check and send emails. Still, I really don’t enjoy using 500 word stories for the Spartan Daily with my possible thumbs. According to a Yahoo article by Columnist Report titled “Computer Prices Keep Dropping” prices should be dropping around the holidays, but I need one that works now.
Women's soccer team captures dramatic five-set win over Idaho

Staff Report

Four players recorded kills in double figures, three with double-doubles and five with double-figure digs, as the Spartan volleyball team defeated Idaho three sets to two Friday night in the Spartan Gym.

The Spartans defeated the Vandals three sets to two. The match was tightly contested from the beginning, with each side battling for control throughout.

SJSU (5-10-1, 3-1-1 WAC) won the first two sets 25-23, 25-18, but gave it up 25-21 in the third. The Spartans' second goal came from sophomore middle blocker Alex Akuna, who recorded a double-double with 19 kills and 17 digs.

The win marks the Spartans' third win by shutout this season and Leightman said while he was happy with the win, he felt there should have been more.

Leightman said the fans were a very supportive atmosphere.

"It feels good to get all your fans, your family here. It's a very supportive atmosphere."

-Maria Esquivas, senior forward

SJSU took an early 4-1 lead but gave it to the Vandals after they grabbed four consecutive points to take a 5-4 lead.

The two teams traded off points until it became tied 6-6, at which point junior left side Krista Miller served six consecutive points to take a 12-6 Spartan lead.

The Spartans have two more conference away games left in the season against Utah State (4-1) and Nevada (1-4). Leightman said Utah State is a very good team.

"They play a similar style to us," he said. "They attack like crazy and they're very strong everywhere."

Leightman said Nevada is no slouch either.

"We always have passionate games against Nevada," he said.
Chloe Csengery as young Katie (left) and Jessica Tyler Brown (right) as young Kristi Rey in Paramount Pictures’ “Paranormal Activity 3,” a horror film about demonic possession. Photo courtesy of allmoviephoto.com

‘Paranormal Activity 3’ delivers fresh new thrills and scares

I can’t handle the intensity of modern horror movies. I enjoy the feeling of being scared, and most of the promises are interesting enough to hook me, but I rarely see them through to the end. As it turns out, Kristi treats the demon as her imaginary friend, calling it Toby Shumum. This is another level of intensity that sets back the story a bit from the previous installments.

It begins before the events of the second film when the main victim of the original, Katie (Karen Foy), visits her former family home. Toby, the demon, follows her and tries to protect her from the actual ghostly aggressor. As with the other films, some absolutely terrifying moments happen, but we are given the chance to catch our breath and enjoy the scares.

One thing is definitely true, though — this simple premise has led to some of the scariest movie moments of my life and I can’t wait to see the next installment.

‘Paranormal Activity 3’ was much different than what I expected, as a collection of jump scares and tension-building. In a change from the previous two films, and through the tapes, we learn that the family was haunted by the presence of a demon as her imaginary friend. Toby, though, was much too scared to fully understand the backstory behind the events that led up to the event.

The story progressed well and left me wanting more. As it turns out, Kristi treats the demon as her imaginary friend, calling it Toby Shumum. This is another level of intensity that sets back the story a bit from the previous installments. The demon as her imaginary friend.

It is the same kind of events from the first two films, and through the events of this one we start to understand the backstory between him and these two girls.

As it turns out, Toby treats the demon as her imaginary friend, calling it Toby Shumum. This is another level of intensity that sets back the story a bit from the previous installments.

It’s a formula that sounds familiar to the franchise, but for me, it worked. I enjoyed the feeling of being scared, and most of the promises are interesting enough to hook me, but I rarely see them through to the end.

I enjoyed the feeling of being scared, and most of the promises are interesting enough to hook me, but I rarely see them through to the end. As it turns out, Kristi treats the demon as her imaginary friend, calling it Toby Shumum. This is another level of intensity that sets back the story a bit from the previous installments.

The story progressed well and left me wanting more. As it turns out, Kristi treats the demon as her imaginary friend, calling it Toby Shumum. This is another level of intensity that sets back the story a bit from the previous installments.

It’s a formula that sounds familiar to the franchise, but for me, it worked. I enjoyed the feeling of being scared, and most of the promises are interesting enough to hook me, but I rarely see them through to the end.
Reflecting on the war in Iraq

Last Friday, President Barack Obama officially stated that all U.S. troops would be out of Iraq by the end of the year. It was a monumental declaration that appears to have put an end to a struggle that has been going on for nearly nine years.

It was mind-boggling to me to think that war was official-ly coming to an end because in all honesty I hadn’t truly thought about it in a long time. In fact, most of the country has barely talked about it for the last three or four years with the economy tanking and tea partiers and Wall Street scrooges protesting, but when you listen to people you realize there are still people out there who don’t want to destroy America. It was at that moment my shell of belief began to crack and I started to see the world around me in a different way than before; it meant that I was at last ready to change my outlook on the world around me.

The war in Iraq started on March 20, 2003, is when things officially changed for me. I was too young to really understand just how shockingly screwed up our government was. I realized just how screwed up our government was. I understood for the first time that we would attack a country that wanted to destroy the U.S. We would attack a country that we had never been there in the lives of many Americans, despite the fact that we should have access to recipes and — knowledge and — we have never been there in the minds of many Americans for the last nine years however, we have never looked at this conflict this way a profound conflict.

With all this said though, despite the fact that we have never been there in the first place, I wish Iraq and it’s people the best and I truly believe they probably have suffered more than we have.

I really do hope that Iraq can eventually evolve into a stable peaceful democracy and even if we did not go in there for the right reasons I hope that some measure of success and peace in Iraq is yielded from this way.

The war was one of the biggest events of the last decade and in my opinion even if most Americans don’t think much about it today, I will never forget the impact it had on me and this country.

I remember coming home from school that day and seeing the presidential television presentation as President Bush declared war on Iraq. Bush was stating that Sad- dam Hussein and his regime were connected with Osama Bin Laden and 9/11 and that they were in control of weap- ons of mass destruction. It was infuriating to me to hear of ignorance shattered and I realized just how screwed up our government was. It was infuriating to me that no one has ever even taken note of this.

In at least one, a simple-minded, ‘Everyone deserves a cookie’ kind of a way. By cookie, I mean a soft, slightly lopsided chocolate chip cookie (or sugar cookie, if you prefer). And the way these cookies are made is pretty darn simple and yet it’s hard not to have a cookie on hand because of the way they turn out. No, the flour isn’t cardboard based and the little crumbs and grocery store doughs do not count. ‘Everyone deserves a cookie’ is also written on the wel-come mat to our house at Happy Place.

From middle school days, I have been baking. (Why the corn flake still lumpy? I don’t know.) I have made a cookie from scratch, and to this day I still get fluff of flour all over my shoe. I am pretty sure about the amount of butter under it and the kitchenaid stand mix- es were better. Seriously. Kind of com- pany with a name that says Baking is a great way to build upon body health. Nowadays, instead of using box cake mixes, I chop white marzipan nuts just to dunk them into cookie dough and make the best chocolate chip cookies ever.

After cooking on a plate-size metal rack, at least one cookie is perfectly golden snickerdoodle — hell, I’m back.

In a world where everyone excluding me evolved into a stable peaceful democracy, I would say I was largely ignore-

date the world around me. Sure, I was in middle school back in 2006. I don’t have any bet- ter, but the events that hap-pened in the world while I was there in many ways shaped my political and so-cial outlook on the world today. The events of 9/11 were the first to really change me. I was too young to realize just how screwed up our government was...
**PETITION: Workers paid by number of signatures**

**FROM PAGE 1**

Company: Chacon said petitioners are being paid $3 a signature — but the petitions can be started by any company that will put the number of signatures to a vote. "I don't think there is a problem with the amount of signatures you need. I'm just saying if you're putting up a booth and people are just going to walk by and sign, you're not going to get anywhere."

Jessica Hostler was carrying one of these petitions for marijuana dispensaries, but she said she has not encountered any problems until this past afternoon. "I was doing really well," she said. "Then I encountered some people, and they were like, 'This is a weird petition. Why are you doing this?'" Hostler said she was only gathering signatures to encourage students to enter the political process and say their minds. Hostler was carrying one of the shirts for the dispensary marijuana dispensary ions.

He said he is doing it because he is a supporter of war and people who have lost limbs because of war and benefit from a number of pain-reducing substances such as marijuana. "I don't smoke and never will because there is no need for it," he said.

Hostler was also getting signatures for an initiative to have cities or towns change the law to allow marijuana dispensaries to set up business based on a driver's history of insurance coverage. According to California Secretary of State website, this change in the law is needed to permit the drivers to not receive health insurance and to be insured with a company and treated drivers with less as continuously over- area is a co-ed residence hall and International students attending SJU. The house accommodates residents from more than 35 countries, each semester, ranging in age from 17 to 35 years of age, according to the website. The I-House also pays on their cross-cultural workshops that occur several times this semester. (The International Quiz) is a game which is played with teams of four to eight people — it’s usually eight people,” Cher- kasky Shidley said. “People come in on their own, where they get to meet the people who’s I-House event that is open to all students on campus. The quiz is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 18 at 3:30 p.m. in the Dining Commons. The I-House also pays on their view on nature, secular humanism and pantheism be- fore her encounter with broth- er Teresa’s Christianity and where the views overlap and contradict one another. Another speech the girls was during the regular meet- ing time of the Inter/ness with any insurance company and it all comes down to a war or moved from another state, “I mean, if I can get money to make extra money. I just need you to move your table, Santos said to Jefferson. About after 20 minutes of talking with officers Jefferson said he and the officers “reached a compromise” and moved his table.