The Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineers (BASE) at San Jose State University, and the Society of Latino Engineers and Scientists (SOLES), are two organizations working to increase the number of minorities graduating with a degree in engineering at SJSU.

In 2010-11, there have been a total of 76 African American students who have graduated with a degree in Engineering and 49 Hispanic students who have done so.

“Many are very active student organizations in the study of engineering,” said Belle Wei, the Dean of the College of Engineering at SJSU. Wei said engineering is one of the harder fields on campus and is impeded by how the two organizations juggle both school and their respective organizations. Both SOLES and BASE are a part of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), an academic program that supports educationally disadvantaged and first-generation college students working towards degrees in engineering or computer science, according to their websites.

SOLES recently won the “Chapter of the Year” Award at the 36th annual West Coast Conference. SOLES, which compiles with 31 AIAE student chapters across the country including those centered from Stanford, Harvard and MIT.

SOLES president Matthew Koide said the award recognizes the magnitude and impact of events sponsored by SOLES, and their commitment to motivating middle school students to pursue a college education and science majors. “The purpose of our organization is to provide fellowship among Latinos entering the engineering and science professions.”

Koide said, “Our organization also encourages high school and junior high students to pursue careers in mathematics, science, and engineering through programs and events we host.”

He said the organization now has over 30 members and continues to grow. "One of the bigger events that SOLES looks forward to is the annual Science Extravaganza, " he said. "It’s a hands-on academic enrichment experience for over 450 middle and high school students.”

Koide said the one-day event provides SOLES members an opportunity to spark the interest of youth on technical fields and reinforce the benefits of higher education.

Latinx students make up nearly 19 percent of the student population at SJSU, according to Wei, and SOLES is very active in the community and with the schools in the area. “SOLES encourages our members to intern with other organizations, as well as participate in the events the other organizations have to offer to gain experience,” he said. “One of those organizations that SOLES works closely with is BASE.”

“Our mission is to increase the amount of black engineers impacting the public,” said BASE president Charita Young. Young said the organization focuses on helping the community through events in the area, as well as establish- ing relationships with nearby companies to increase the likelihood of candidates for BASE members.

“We work closely with companies to showcase the diversity of students at SJSU,” she said. “It helps build relationships with those companies for the future.”

Wei said the African-American population makes up three percent of the SJSU population.

“Programs like SHPE give minority student groups more outreach activities and get connections with companies in order to recruit African American students,” said Wei. Koide and Young said the two organizations share many of the same goals and organize events together.

“We’re very imperative programs, ” Young said. “It’s good to have that support group.”

Wei said the two organizations act as ambassadors to SJSU.

“They’re very important because we want our students to have a sense of belonging in the engineering department at and SHPE,” she said.

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Fearin' the need for speed

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**SJSU professor presents findings from studies of fallen space debris**

Monika Kress lectures in the King Library regarding various meteorite specimens

_by Adaron Wright_

The final installment of the Fall 2011 University Scholar Series, “Meteorites and the Origin of Habitable Worlds,” crashed in to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library on Wednesday.

The otherworldly speech was given by featured speaker Monika Kress, a physics and astronomy associate professor.

More than 60 students, faculty and members of the community were in attendance for Kress’ hour-long lecture regarding meteorites, extraterrestrial rocks and dust that enter the Earth’s atmosphere or fall to the surface.

Kress said most of these objects that fall to Earth’s surface can be close to finding the type of solar system materials that formed the inner planets Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars.

“If we can get some of those rocks from the quarry from which the solar system materials formed, we can tell us a lot about the origin of the solar system, in particular Earth,” she said.

Kress said many of these meteorites have been proven to contain significant quantities of organic material in them, including amino acids and nucleic acids, which are the building blocks of DNA.

These chemicals have been found in the fallen meteorites, and they are known to be able to have an observable effect on the atmosphere as it enters from space, playing a role in the makeup of the planet’s climate chemistry as well as in the formation of the atmosphere. Kress said.

About 90 million kilograms of debris falls to Earth each year, which Kress said is enough to fill about 10 Olympic-size swimming pools.

All this free material can yield a lot of data about the solar system, and gathering it from the surface of the Earth proves to be much less expensive than collecting it from the actual planetary bodies themselves, Kress said.

“If you think about the three missions that humankind has launched to gather meteorites from space, they pass through the atmosphere of the Earth, the surface of the rocket re-enters the Earth’s atmosphere or fall to the surface of the Earth, “ she said.

Kress spoke at length about a scientific trip that she participated in before joining the faculty at SJSU in 2004, in which she and a group of scientists went to Antarctica to gather meteorites there, preserved for years in the layers of snow by the unique climate.

For two months, she and her team traveled across the frigid Antarctic landscape on snowmobiles, searching for blackened space rocks atop the pale white terrain.

Kress said meteorites found in the snow can be identified by their burned crust and rounded shape because as they pass through the atmosphere of the Earth, the surface of the rock re-enters the Earth’s atmosphere or fall to the surface of the Earth.

One of the most exciting moments of the trip Kress said was her discovery of a sparkling black flecked specimen in the snow that she later found to be a special meteorite, a rare type of meteorite that originated from Mars.

Andrew Cuba, a senior mechanical engineering major and student in Kress’ Physics 50 class, said he came to the lecture to gain more understanding about the professor’s favorite field of interest.

“I took an astronomy class before, but I never actually learned about the meteorites, so that was pretty interesting, learning all the details,” Cuba said.

For the last 16 years, the series has been hosted jointly by the Office of the Provost, the King Library and by the Spartan Bookstore.

Since its inception, the public series has strived to provide a place for invited faculty to share their work with the SJSU community.

A year ago, the series was expanded to include members of faculty who may not have published books, but are engaged in significant scholarship.

“We think that university scholars are not just people who write books,” said Provost Gerry Selter, who has hosted the series for the last five consecutive semesters. “Faculty who are engaged in significant scholarship, we have a lot of them in the colleges, largely science and engineering and some in CBA who don’t tend to write books.”

“This lecture is the third of this semester. The first featured Houston Damani Alonso on her book ‘Daily Life of Women during the Civil Rights Era’ in September, and the second was on the topic of social justice, speaking on the application of Zolla codes in forensics for October.”

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5 to 7 p.m.

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World AIDS Day
Santa Clara County HIV Planning Council
Thursday, Dec. 1

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

San Jose City Hall Rotunda, 200 E. Santa Clara St.

Aerosol 2012

Aerobics section, Department of Kinesiology
Friday, Dec. 2

4 to 6 p.m.

Spartan Complex C Room 448

Admission is $5 per person

Cheek swabbing and bone marrow drive

SJSU school of nursing

Monday, Dec. 5

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pacific Room, third floor of the Student Union

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Environmentalists pressure U.S. to talk more at climate talks

McClatchy Washington Bureau

In the United States leading or blocking progress toward stopping global warming. It’s a key question this week as officials from more than 190 countries begin the latest round of negotiations seeking an eventual global climate protection plan.

Environmentalists say that one of this round’s main accomplishments could be the creation of a “green climate fund” to help developing countries adapt to climate change. Another might be an agreement to slash emissions, even if the details get left until later.

“The United States is going to have to talk the talks, and environmental activists want it to stop blocking progress on both issues,” said Kevin Knobloch, the president of the Union of Concerned Scientists.

He said the U.S. position doesn’t match up to the nations’ new deal of reducing greenhouse gases.

On Wednesday, the student services center held an open forum for campus community for one of the finalists, Rob Seltzer, for the associate vice president of enrollment services position.

On Nov. 28, a search committee announced the two final candidates for the position being vacated by current AVP Collin Brown, who will be retiring after three years.

The search committee is composed of department heads from University Advancement, Associated Students, and the Student Health Center and Enrollment Services.

Seltzer is currently an educational consultant, and was formerly a special assistant for enrollment management at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he was also the director of admissions from 1998 to 2009.

Seltzer talked about why he would make a good candidate for the position and what development the Enrollment Services Department needs in the future.

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The drive to win

Story by Cynthia Ly / Photos by Jasper Rubenstein / Layout by Leo Pos

Top: The SAE Formula Hybrid team will be working through the winter break to design and weld a new chassis and drivetrain.

Left: Engineering students on the SAE race team discuss different mounting locations for various electronic components.

Bottom left: The SAE Formula Hybrid team sometimes uses a Toyota pickup to transport their race car.

Bottom center: SAE is a grassroots race team, and without large financial backing, it relies on sponsorship and donated equipment like this full set of racing slick Hoosier tires.

Bottom right: SAE team members hold weekly meetings in the engineering department to discuss every aspect of their design.
The driver, held in the welded-steel frame by a five-point safety belt, has already donned a helmet, protective gloves and blue racing suit. After a few rough starts, Nike, named after the Greek goddess of victory and the original car of SJSU’s Spartan Racing Electric Team, speeds along a line of neon orange cones marking an impromptu race track.

According to the competition website, “(Teams) must design, build, and compete an open-wheel, single-seat, electric or plug-in hybrid electric race car.”

Sanjil Karki, who drove Nike for the first time on Nov. 12 and has always wanted to build a car, said “It’s not car racing, you don’t know,” he said about the choice of creating a car. Although he wanted to join last semester, Karki, a senior mechanical engineering major, said he joined the club this semester.

“Nobody knows about different aspects of a car, he said about his experience with the team. “And you get to choose what you want to do.”

This is the first year the team has decided to go with an all-electric engine. Team manager Manuel Mangrobang said, “We spent about two months designing the chassis for an all-electric car.”

“Even if you’re not going into the electric car economy, we’re still building better engineers – people who have an idea what a real project is like.” – Morgan Crouch, senior mechanical engineering major
Spartans stage a comeback.
Kinney scores 17 second-half points to lead Spartans past Roadrunners.

by Scott Spenner

The SJU men’s basketball team overcame a 14-point deficit midway through the first half and defeated the University of Texas at San Antonio Roadrunners 72-66 on Wednesday night at the Event Center.

“It was an intense game, which was good,” said head coach George Nessman. “It really helps you prepare for the grind ahead.”

Junior guard James Kinney finished with 30 points on the night, including 17 points in the second half, on the Spartans’ way to a come-from-behind victory.

“James had another big night,” Nessman said. “As I told people, that shouldn’t surprise anybody on our team. Maybe for everybody in the stands who is seeing (Kinney) for the first couple times, but he is an all-star player that can put them up in a hurry.”

UTSA (4-4), who is less than a year removed from an appearance in the 2011 NCAA Tournament, accepted an invitation earlier this year to play them in the WAC next season.

However, the UTSA defense put them up in a hurry. “It was the Spartans’ first lead of the game. It felt really good,” Kinney said. “Just to know that I was in the lead. I think we did a good job of defending our home court tonight.”

The Spartans improved their record to 3-4 with the win and will travel to Ogden, Utah, to play Weber State on Saturday.

“I saw the guy looking at the point guard. He just flied it to him and I got the steal, and one.”

- Keith Shamburger, sophomore guard
Hitting up Santana Row is the perfect plan

by Angelica Valera

After being in a relationship for almost eight years now, dating just isn't much of a factor. Just being with one another suffices for both of us. We're used to being a low maintenance couple, so trying anything new means to go on a more elaborate date.

Whenever we did go out on a "date" in San Jose, we'd usually get lunch or dinner and a catch movie. Other times, we'd just go around Valley Fair and window shop.

Then again, if we had a little more money for a date, my boyfriend and I would probably pick out on sushi at the best Japanese restaurant in San Jose rated by Yelp and other friends, head over to Santana Row or Valley Fair and buy each other something we wanted then watch new interesting movie at the theater.

Right after, my boyfriend would probably drive us out to see the mountains near the city and just talk.

If I could only pick up a more specific date night, we'd check into one of the nearest hotels—either Santana Row's Hotel Valencia or The Sainte Claire, go to one the spa salons for a relaxation package, then get back to the hotel and have dinner and a movie.

Soon after, we'd go out and watch a new movie at Cinemark or one of the Century theaters, then shop at Santana Row for each other. I would purchase anything he wanted from Best Buy because he's a computer and gaming nerd, and he'd get anything for me at Santana Row's hole-in-the-wall organic cosmetics store, 100% Pure.

I suppose it's great from my parents, because they don't go out as a couple, but we're minutes away from each other, so there's a bonus.

Before we finished our coffee, we'd drive to the mall. My brothers and sisters do to decorate the many trees. Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, the best time to experience Christmas in the Park is during the evening with someone; there are a bunch of events that go on, such as Sabor or Loft Bar & Bistro.

As a child during a first grade field trip to the Tech Museum, it was the first time I've been to this place was a child as a child during a first grade field trip to the Tech Museum. I wasn't impressed, but then again, it was during the day.

The perfect date to me consists of a movie, then go for a relaxation treatment, then get back to the hotel and have dinner and a movie. But given the area we're in, why stop there?

Surrounding Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park are the San Jose Museum of Art, the Tech Museum of Innovation, and the Children's Discovery Museum just a bit farther away.

With any date, you want to be able to speak to and be comfortable with each other. Regardless driving or briskly walking to any destination during a date doesn't make a moment of conversation. Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, it's a great place to go for conversation and to appreciate the work that San Jose-based organizations do to decorate the many trees.

I'm not particularly fancy when it comes to a moment of conversation. Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, it's a great place to go for conversation and to appreciate the work that San Jose-based organizations do to decorate the many trees.
Is there a theme more ubiquitous in American media today than sex? Advertisers love it because it attracts attention, causes consumers to try to buy images and behaviors and generally sells goods and services.

Storytellers in our culture love sex because it resonates with some of our deepest emotions and desires — it is something people all over the place want to hear about.

However, after gathering information and processing responses to the questionnaires I asked, I was often surprised by the responses.

The age at which people lost their virginity, the number of dates before people felt comfortable with intimate and the sense of whether people hadisted on their significant other were scattered all over the place.

Most shockingly however few respondents were getting tested for sexually transmitted infections more than once a year.

While I choose not to be sexually active, the number of people getting tested was frighteningly low. I have heard from friends that it was made to make sure I have never low and I have resolved to get tested all over the place.

When it comes to whether people had cheated on their partners are getting tested for their own, no one else’s.

Two sets of responses were exactly the same and each person’s responses characterized a unique and different person.

Rather than using this data to compare, I hope readers will realize that each person who filled out this data contributed to a larger whole which this data represents a group of students who are all similar in some ways and different in others.

It’s important for people to come to the conclusion that their decisions are unique, no one else’s.

I would like to extend a personal thanks to everyone who participated in the questionnaire and an apology to anyone who thought the results would represent students from various majors.

I’m getting ahead of myself.

I’ve never been in a serious romantic relationship. I shouldn’t pretend to be an expert on how to love each other especially when they’re in “love.”

The problem with love is that it’s easy. Relationships are complex — filled with emotional bombarding, tantrums and hand-to-hand combat.

The questionnaire is meant to function only as an observation of the sexual patterns of a limited group of students, and an observation of trends and correlations in this limited sample.

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If you, or people you know, would be interested in seeing a more comprehensive random-sample survey please write us a letter, send us an email or visit our newswroom and tell us personally and we will use the data collected for such a venture would justify the substantial efforts it would require.

Likewise, if you are interested in any survey or unanswerable about this issue, or any results another have done, let us know, either by doing the things above, or by yelling loud enough

but its all and then they’re on the way.

The code of love is like Barbie.

Barbie, in doll-size, is every woman’s wish come true. She is beautiful in her way and variety made to prefer.

Barbie, in life-size, is supposed by your women, he acquired that but what causes real women headaches and desperately needs a cookie or two.

The doll even developed a commitment issues. In 2009, Barbie and her born split, according to Mattel Inc., the company that created her.

The two got back together in 2006 — after Ken developed a just-this-side-of-washboard chest and updated his hair.

It’s easy.

The love triangle of evil is not something we have done, let us thing else we have done, let us thing else we have done, let us.

I just imagine a romantic relationship looking suspiciously like a mix of friendship, tolerance of affection and, love.

Love makes inside jokes, and inside jokes make us feel lonesome. Love feels like a fairytale.

White heights and happy people, and of course I would like to have them.

But I also imagine my sign being installed in a public place.

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It isn’t sex or relationships that truly terrified and confuse morality — it’s love.

Love makes us all these different to team up team up but blows aside rules and ruled with an iron hand over all humanity. It still does, even when experts say money/greed/ God makes the world go round.

Still, triangles are considered the most stable shape in architecture, supports buildings and TV dramas. They appear in bridges, support foundations and even show up in art: Apparently having a solid base in art. But what do I know? I’ve never been in love.

“Love lusts inside jokes, lessens shadows and makes silence bearable. Love feels like a fairytale.”
The lost treasure called love

By Leonard Lai

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Personally, my eyes turn to the successful relationships we’ve seen, where both people cared enough about each other to want to stay together. By our grandparents are one example; my aunt and uncle are another. I guess you could call me a romantic, as my parents recently divorced.

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With that said, middle and high school were rough years for me in that arena. Then came college. While I didn’t jump in and splash around in the promiscuous pool that is college life, I certainly enjoyed being in an atmosphere where, well, the other gender actually took interest in me. That interest wasn’t a great thing because it gave me a warrant to sleep with a high number of women, but rather because it meant I might actually find someone who would care about me as well.

To me, that was heavenly. You’re probably either relating to me or laughing at me. But the truth is, the chance to meet someone who I could be with was a golden opportunity. I’ve realized in the last year or so, however, that I’m not even sure what I need from a romantic partner. My attempts at “going steady” with girls I’ve made connec-

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Upon the entrance of the Student Union, on the right hand side, there is a table, chairs, pieces of paper cut out neatly on the table, a cup filled with almonds.
Sexual assaults and how to avoid them
by Chris Marian
20 percent to 25 percent of women will either be the victim of rape while on campus during their college careers, and 95 percent of victims do not report, according to statistics compiled by the United States Department of Justice. Sgt. Manuel Aguayo of the San Jose Police Department said in most of these cases, the victims will know their attackers, though often not well.
Aguayo said it's an archetypal assault -- the kind most frequently investigated by university police -- so taking place during or immediately after a social gathering, and almost inevitably involves the over-use of alcohol or other drugs.

Perpetrators are often friends or acquaintances of the victims who are also allowed into victim's home or dormitory by other friends. The perpetrators then isolate the victim from others and assault them while they are intoxicated and vulnerable.

Aguayo said that every assault case is unique. The features of his example represent an almost ubiquitous pattern in cases where students are assaulted by the victim and the perpetrator.

Unfortunately, students often don't want to talk about it, Aguayo said.

"A lot of the time people don't want to go to the police," he said.

Aguayo said any non-consensual sexual contact, including groping, is considered a felony assault in the state of California.

"A lot of times the victims don't realize what happened to them in illegal," he said.

He said the major reason for underreporting, however, was a sense of shame and fear on the part of the victim.

Ellen J. Lin, director of counseling services at SJSU, said calling the authorities can be a frightening and humiliating experience for many of those involved.

"It makes them feel like they did something wrong," Lin explained.

Sugiyama said sex and sexually transmitted infections are subjects that aren't openly discussed in her culture.

"I'm Indian, so sex isn't really talked about," Sugiyama said, a junior health science major. "We don't even know the birds and the bees. It's just something you learn about yourself.

The type of relationship students particularly struggle with is one that's not a lot of openness, it can be difficult for queer individuals to talk about things like physical, vaginas and sexually transmitted infections.

Martinez said reasons why sex is difficult to talk about openly vary for different people.

For some people, sex just isn't an issue that people who come up because we just assume either that everyone's doing it or no one's doing it," Martinez said. "(They assume) people are being safe.

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The ABCs of STIs
by Nick Celario

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After the poor health educators’ presentation, the attending students were divided into groups and were assigned to create a poster about a specific STI. Senior business management major Chen Sigmund said he attended because he was required to as a fraternity member.

“He was actually one of the better sex sessions and the group for him,” Sigmund said. “It was a lot more interactive than most of them. Most of (the sessions), you sit down through a boring lecture for like 45 minutes.”

Sigmund said he agrees that sex and STIs are difficult to discuss openly. “There’s a lot of things that people are aware of, but kind of just past I eep under the rug,” he said. “They think, ‘It won’t happen to me if I don’t’ and it’s not going to be part of my life.”

Martinez said the workshop was one of several events on campus leading up to World AIDS Day on Dec. 1 to raise awareness about AIDS, STIs and their prevention.

According to a study from Columbus University, 23 percent of students are either carriers or have been infected with an STI.

“We had this workshop to start bringing awareness to students about the services that are going to be available on World AIDS Day here on campus,” Martinez said.

One of the services will be the Santa Clara County HIV testing that is set to be located near the SJSU Aquatic Center. Martinez said the test will prevent swab HIV testing and results will be available within 20 minutes.

The workshop also discussed services available to SJSU students from the health center.

One of them is the Condom Co-op, which Deanshaw said is a service that provides free contraceptives to any student who brings their SJSU identification card. Students may choose to up to four items per day which include male and female condoms, dental dams and lubrication.

He said people can find ways to have a good time while discussing something like sex and STIs. “They would be more open to talk about it and the workshop was one of those ways,” he said.

He said sex education should be one of those things they have to poke fun at.”

“It’s one of those things that people have to engage in, but a better time and be more comfortable.”

The Spartan Daily Relationship Questionnaire is a non-scientific collection of 212 responses of students to questions related to sex.

Responses were not gathered from a random sample, and do not accurately reflect demographics of age, gender, ethnicity, marital status or majors of the entire student population at SJSU.

Data shown is from selected responses, as various responses were identified as invalid.

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