

Hockey team under interim suspension

President Kassing orders investigation into allegations of misconduct

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An anonymous phone call made Jan. 27 to university officials has triggered an interim suspension of the SJSU hockey club after allegations of drinking were made, according to university spokeswoman Pat Lopes Harris.

The interim suspension was placed on the team on Feb. 3 after the allegations were heard by university President Don Kassing.

“There is a code of conduct that is a fundamental part of any club organizations at our university,” Kassing said. “If you violate the principles in that document then you have to expect some kind of an outcome that could alter how that club performs.”

According to the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development’s Executive Order No. 1043, Article VI, an interim suspension can be ordered by the president when there is “reasonable cause to believe that the separation of a student is necessary to protect the personal safety of persons within the university community.”

“The interim suspension was put in place for the sake of student safety,” Harris said. “It is entirely possible the team will be exonerated.”

Staci Gunner, the interim director for the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development, declined to comment on any of the office’s protocol or procedure during investigations.



Photo: Vernon McKnight / Spartan Daily

The Spartans (above) beat Northern Arizona last October. The team is currently on interim suspension pending an investigation of a breach of the code of conduct.

Once an interim suspension has been placed on a student, the article states in the “Denial of Presence on Campus” section that “the student charged may not, without prior written permission from his/her campus president, enter any campus of the California State University other than to attend the hearing regarding the merits of his/her suspension.”

Andy Dickerson, SJSU’s club hockey team president, stated in an

e-mail that an interim suspension was placed on the team and not on any specific student.

Violation of any condition of interim suspension is grounds for expulsion, according to the Executive Order.

The hockey club was slated to host the men’s Division II - national championship on March 15 and has received no timetable as to when the investigation will be completed.

Dickerson has said he stands by his statement made in a news release on the team’s website.

“The team is endeavoring to comply fully with the university’s investigation in order to resolve the situation in as timely a matter as possible,” Dickerson stated in the release.

Dickerson also declined further comment about the situation until the investigation is completed.

Kassing: Double cuts if vote fails

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The California State University chancellor is proposing to cut enrollment throughout the CSU system in lieu of increasing student fees because of a possible \$500 million cut to the CSU budget proposed by Gov. Jerry Brown.

The amount of enrollment cuts, however, is not yet known.

This proposal to make enrollment cuts instead of increasing fees will only pass based on the passing of Brown’s plan to extend tax increases.

SJSU President Don Kassing said he knows the importance of passing the tax increase.

“The tax extension is worth about \$12 billion and that’s about half the budget crisis,” he said. “We interpret that if it does not pass, our cuts would possibly double.”

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San Bruno inquiry yet to reveal cause of fire

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Since the day of the San Bruno explosion on Sept. 9, 2010, Pacific Gas and Electric Company has partnered with the National Transportation Safety Board to conduct multiple investigations into the cause of the accident as well as the quality of the remaining pipelines throughout the state.

Chris Johns, president of PG&E, released a statement on Dec. 14, 2010 on the status of the investigation in cooperation with NTSB officials.

“Our attention and resources have been focused on three priorities,” he said. “Getting help to families, individuals and the community affected, ensure the safety of our system and cooperating fully with any and all investigations in the causes of this terrible accident.”

According to a preliminary report done by the NTSB on Jan. 21,

a technological malfunction occurred when an electronic signal was cut off to the pipe that eventually burst, causing the valve of the pipeline to open fully, and increasing pressure throughout the system.

The blast released a total of 47.6 million cubic feet of natural gas into the air and sent a 28-foot-long pipe segment flying 100 feet through the air, creating its own crater when it landed. The natural gas sent into the air was ignited, causing a fire that burned from the time of the explosion at 6:11 p.m. to about 11:30 p.m. that same night, according to the NTSB.

“This accident raised concerns among our customers about the safety of natural gas pipelines,”

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Lecturer addresses ethics of capitalist systems

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Economist P.J. Hill spoke on the morality of capitalism to a crowd of 175 people in the Morris Dailey Auditorium yesterday.

The lecture was a part of the SJSU department of economics’ David S. Saurman Provocative Lecture series.

Hill, the George F. Bennett Professor of economics at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill., received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago School of Economics.

He said his ideas are rooted in the need for individual property rights, and he has written scholarly journals on the subject.

Hill lectured about how capitalism acts morally, despite criticisms of a tendency toward greed and inequality.

He said the economic conversation is always about efficiency, not morality.

“Capitalism is moral because it’s of a limited communal form,” Hill said.

Goods which are stolen, which violate property rights, violate the rule of law and are therefore not capitalism, he said.

“It isn’t capitalism if it’s immoral,” Hill said. “Human beings have the right of self and right of property. If identifiable property belongs to



Photo: Jesse Jones / Spartan Daily

Economist P.J. Hill lectures on the morality of markets, Tuesday in the Morris Dailey Auditorium.

an identifiable person, this property must be returned with restitution.”

He said that capitalism isn’t greed — it’s the trade of property protected under the rights enumerated in the rule of law. Maintaining a functional rule of law allows for transactions to occur easier and

more efficiently, a key point of economics.

“Economics is theoretical, sometimes too theoretical,” said senior economics major Manjot Singh.

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International

U.S. military welcomes rapidly falling violence in Iraq

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BAGHDAD — U.S. military commanders in Iraq on Tuesday praised the lowest levels of violence in Iraq since 2003, saying that Iraqi forces were making security gains while American forces prepare for final departure at the end of the year.

“There are many indicators of violence: attack trends (and) casualty trends, but certainly by all measures we believe there was about a 20 percent decrease in 2010 from 2009,” said Lt. Gen. Robert Cone, the deputy commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, as he handed authority on Tuesday to the last general likely to hold that post, Lt. Gen. Frank Helmick.

“That’s not to say we are happy with the security environment, that’s not to say there isn’t room for improvement.”

Cone credited Iraqis for taking a greater role in controlling the security situation.

The drop in violence, he pointed out, took place despite a steep cut in American troop strength during the year from 100,000 to less than 50,000 today, and despite an Iraqi election last March that resulted in nine months of political wrangling before a government was formed.

“That decrease (in violence) took place with the Iraqis playing the predominant role,” said Cone. “The Iraqis clearly shouldered a much greater share of the load” during the political transition.

National

ACLU challenges Twitter subpoena in WikiLeaks probe

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McClatchy Tribune

WASHINGTON — The unfolding battle between the United States government and WikiLeaks over the publication of hundreds of thousands of once-secret U.S. documents moved into a new phase Tuesday with the unsealing of court motions asking a federal magistrate in Virginia to quash a subpoena for the Twitter records of three people with ties to WikiLeaks.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Theresa C. Buchanan ordered the motions unsealed at the request of the American Civil Liberties Union and the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

The U.S. government is investigating whether it can charge WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange with a crime in connection with the organization’s publication of hundreds of thousands of classified and secret documents.

U.S. officials believe Army Pfc. Bradley Manning downloaded the documents while he was stationed as an intelligence specialist in Iraq and then passed them to WikiLeaks, which began publishing them online in April.

U.S. investigators have been unable to tie Manning to Assange, Pentagon officials briefed on the investigation have said, and Manning, who has been charged with eight criminal counts that could send him to prison for 52 years, is being held at the Marine Corps base at Quantico, Va.

In December, Buchanan issued the subpoena to Twitter, ordering it to produce information about the Twitter accounts of Manning and Assange, as well as three people who have worked with WikiLeaks, including Iceland parliament member Birgitta Jonsdottir, and computer programmers Rop Gonggrijp of the Netherlands and Jacob Appelbaum, an American.

Local

Despite financial woes, Caltrain CEO’s paycheck is \$400,000

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San Mateo County Times

Caltrain’s CEO, who has proposed shutting half the rail line’s stations and halting much of its service to survive financially, earns more than \$400,000 in salary — more than any transit boss in California.

Last year, Caltrain Chief Mike Scanlon took home 59 percent more than the median salary for a CEO of one of the state’s 23 largest transit operators, according to a Bay Area News Group review of salaries released by the State Controller’s Office this month.

Scanlon’s \$400,668 salary eclipsed the second-best-paid transit chief, BART General Manager Dorothy Dugger, by \$47,000, even though BART has four times more employees and riders.

Michael Burns, general manager of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, made \$291,192 in 2009, and turned down a bonus because of the agency’s budget struggles, his spokeswoman said.

Seminar: Enhance your job search using social networking

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A recent study conducted by Microsoft showed that “79 percent of all hiring managers and recruiters said they review candidate information online when making hiring decisions,” according to a counselor for the Career Center.

Anita Manuel hosted the “Job Search 2.0: Managing Your Online Presence” workshop in Mod A, between Hoover Hall and the Aquatic Center, at 2:30 p.m. yesterday.

The workshop aimed to help students, “develop their online presence and enhance their job search through the use of social media tools” and also help individuals “market themselves.”

The 25 attendees were given a worksheet titled “Developing Your Branding Plan.”

The worksheet consisted of listing an individual’s top three strengths or skills and their top three personal characteristics.

Students then separated into pairs to discuss their answers with fellow attendees.

The workshop began with statistics from a Microsoft study that also found that “93 percent of companies also use LinkedIn and 79 percent of companies use Facebook when making hiring decisions,” said Manuel.

“I found it very helpful because I am on all of these social networks but I haven’t really utilized them for job searching and it gave me a new look on how to approach job searching,” said Roger Mendoza, a graduate student in economics.

Manuel said hiring managers have found information on social networking sites, such as backgrounds and interests, which supported what individuals provided in their resumes.

She said hiring managers and recruiters also stated that these sites “showcased strong communication skills.”

Although Manuel said social networking sites were great for networking opportunities, she also discussed the harm such sites may cause if individuals are not responsible about the content they share.

Manuel talked about an incident where an employee from an unknown company told his employer that he was not going to attend work because of his grandmother’s death.

Later that night, the individual posted a picture on the social networking site Facebook of him dressed in a



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Anita Manuel teaches students about the importance of self-branding at the Job Search 2.0 workshop on Tuesday.

fairy costume with a wand and beer in his hand.

The photo was later seen by his colleagues and eventually his supervisor.

He was later let go by the company.

“A lot of people are sharing information online and you never know who is going to pass that information along,” Manuel said.

She also warned students to be aware of “tagged photos” on Facebook, saying that someone in a friend’s network looking to hire individuals may see that photo and get an impression of you although you did not post it yourself.

“Think about what image you want to portray when searching for jobs,” she said.

Manuel suggests Twitter for those who are looking for quick tips and information about companies you may be interested in. It allows you insider information that may not be provided on the companies’ websites.

If you’re only able to use one social networking site, she recommends LinkedIn.

“Don’t let posting on job sites be the only option

for you” said Manuel. “The more you use LinkedIn, the better the opportunity for

direct referrals compared to hundreds of resumes on sites like Monster.com.”

When using LinkedIn
Manuel suggests the following tips:

- Completely fill out your profile and keep it updated
- Develop networks with alumni and colleagues
- Explore all search functions
- Share knowledge with questions and answers
- Use applications such as blog feeds, polls and presentations

When using all social networking sites,
Manuel suggested four tips:

- Clean up any digital dirt. Do not post photos or anything online that may be embarrassing for your parents to see.
- The Internet is a public domain. Change your privacy settings. Know which information is appropriate.
- Use social networking to your advantage to connect with people. Social networking can be a major advantage to those who are using these sites.
- Think about what your brand is going to be. What’s your message going to be?

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Kassing explained the outcome of the situation if the taxes are not passed. “If referendum does not pass or doesn’t get on the ballot in June, there would likely be a discussion at the board of trustees about increasing fees,” he said.

The CSU system will experience an 18 percent cut in the budget. However, Kassing said it is not clear yet exactly how many cuts in enrollment will be made to SJSU, but that it most likely will happen.

“We cannot come down to the specific methodology into how the cuts will be made until everything is firmed up regarding the state’s budget,” he said.

Kassing did say, however, that the CSU Chancellor’s Office has an enrollment target of 331,500 students, and it has been difficult to reach that goal.

“The CSU system was barely able to cut the amount of students enrolled to the amount they set as their goal,” he said. “There has been dialogue about the elements of the cuts, but nothing is for sure yet.”

Erik Fallis, a CSU media relations specialist, affirmed Kassing’s statement.

“There are still no specifics as to how many enrollment spots will be cut, however one thing is for certain — we will not be able to serve as many students as we would hope.

“We are currently working on a plan for the budget. We are most concerned with what might happen if there is no revenue for the CSU system.”

A lack of revenue would mean that the proposed \$500 million in cuts to the CSU system would increase, Fallis said. “One thing is sure — this is going to hurt

quite a bit,” Fallis said. In a joint statement by California’s public higher education leaders released Jan. 10, Mark Yudof, University of California president, Jack Scott, California Community Colleges chancellor, and CSU Chancellor Charles Reed expressed their eagerness to engage with Californians on what size of government they are willing to support. “Given the vast demographic shifts underway in California, now is not the time to shrink public higher education, but to grow it,” they stated. “The road to recovery from this recession and prosperity far beyond it runs straight through our many campuses.”

The joint statement concluded by saying, “these universities are the economic engines of California.”

“While we understand the administration has limited options, higher education is the state’s main economic driver, and we cannot improve our economy without an educated work force,” Reed stated in the CSU budget fact sheet.

According to the budget fact sheet, the declining support for the CSUs have forced universities to rely more heavily on student tuition and fees.

The state now provides \$6,741 with each student contributing an average of \$4,938 per year.

“Historically, the intent of the California Master Plan for Higher Education was that CSU would be fully funded by the state, and all students would attend tuition-free,” as stated in the budget fact sheet.

According to the CSU budget fact sheet, all the best options are on the table to solve this budget crisis.

“There will inevitably be impacts to programs and personnel, and there is no single solution that will be enough to meet this challenge,” the budget fact sheet stated.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY ...



On February 9, 1999, Spartan Daily reported that ...

- Paramedics aided a woman who drove her car into a pole at 11th and San Carlos streets, after rear-ending an SJSU student’s car. (above)
- A Burger King opened in the SJSU’s Marketplace Cafe after being chosen as one of the top picks for eateries in a campuswide survey.
- UPD was investigating a case of theft from the Spartan Bookstore when a student reported that items were missing from her backpack.

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“His example of Truman’s desire for a one-armed economist so there would be no ‘on-the-other-hand’ was really good. We try to encompass everything, but sometimes we don’t think about things in particular.”

Societies that practice crony capitalism, where favoritism exists and breaks are given to close friends, and quasi-capitalism, like those found in developing parts of Latin America, sometimes violate the rule of law, which break from the crucial element of morality behind the state, he said.

“Capitalism without definition of what is good, beautiful or true allows for freedom of action,” Hill said. “It’s not all about morality.”

He explained how freedom of action ties to success in the implementation of ideals: Karl Marx had ideas too restrictive and the French Revolution was built upon concepts too robust, but the American Revolution was “successful because it promised less.”

Similarly, he said apartheid in South Africa was a failure because they tried to implement what “their vision of what life should be like.”

Capitalism, though, is not about amassing this wealth, he said. Through a decreasing work week from an average of 70 hours in the 1870s to 50 in the 1900s to 37 - 40 today, people don’t necessarily work for more wealth, though some do because they choose to.

“It’s a different way to think about the actual economy,” said junior math major Jesus Cortes. “Some people think capitalism is bad, but that’s not always correct.”

Hill said his colleagues report that working in Washington, D.C., tends to a place of strife, attracting accumulation of power and strife. Generally it’s an ineffective executor of moral control because of this.

“The large-scale government has taken over our lives,” he said. “The government should be keeping the peace, not enforcing moral duties.”

Hill enumerated some problems from the most recent economic crisis, pulling the blame from greedy executives and pinning it to major failures in the housing market and U.S. economic policy.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, tax breaks on mortgage interest, a loose monetary policy and a dramatic increase in the real price of housing were all much more clear indicators of how we got to where we are, he said.

Real prices, as opposed to the indicated nominal price of a good or service, is adjusted for inflation and other changes over time.

These housing failures are complicated by the notion that the United States has a legacy of bailing out what it considers to be important entities that are too big to fail, he said. These firms and agencies had practiced methods that brought “undue risk” that carries “an impact too explicit.”

Equal income and equal power in society are a trade off, Hill said.

Hill suggests a solution to the shortcomings of morality and equality in relation to economics: progressive taxes.

“However, the progressive tax system means those who generate the most income have a disincentive to produce more,” he said. “An issue, yes, but this isn’t moral: Bill Gates making lots money doesn’t pose a moral problem.”

There is no effective way to redistribute in a capitalist sys-

tem, as conflicts arise between large-scale redistribution and the rule of law, Hill said.

“Though materialistic, capitalism allows for defined long term sustained growth and has been shown to help decrease poverty. However, in the long term capitalism may move wealth around but it doesn’t lean either way, in egalitarianism or inequality.

Senior economics major Christina Delaver said while it was interesting, the lecture didn’t hook her.

“It wasn’t provocative,” Delaver said. “It’s a lot like what we’re already learning. Like he said, statistics are a snapshot, and it’s not always the same people moving up and down.”

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Johns said. “We’ve been taking extensive steps to ensure the integrity of our lines and reassure our customers that they can have confidence in PG&E’s system.”

PG&E spokesman Joe Molica said the company is committed to getting to the bottom of what happened and making sure that nothing like this happens again.

“This is a tragedy that should have never happened,” he said. “We are committed to our customers and have established a rebuild San Bruno Fund to help pay for the building of homes burned down by the fire.”

PG&E has pledged \$100 million to the Rebuild San Bruno Fund, and has allotted about \$17.5 million to date to impacted residents in the affected area, Molica said.

This amount includes \$7.7 million toward immediate relief checks and more than \$600,000 in immediate relief gift cards.

These funds were intended to be used for essential supplies as well as housing for displaced residents, Molica said.

Residents of the affected area have the opportunity to choose whether they wish to have their house rebuilt by PG&E, or sell their property using a value assurance program to insure the victim receives the highest value for their property, he said.

“We have done much to help the residents of San Bruno who were affected by the explosion, and we realize no amount of money can make up what has already been lost,” he said.

Dirk Leyva, a 20-year-old San Bruno resident, said he knows all too well that what is lost is now gone.

Jessica Morales, Leyva’s friend and co-worker at a Baskin-Robbins ice cream store in San Bruno, was killed in the blast.

Morales was in a relationship with Leyva’s best friend, Joe Ruigomez, at the time.

“She was a fairly large part of my life because my Joe has been her boyfriend since high school,” Leyva said. “They were a great couple, and it was very sad to see true love die with such a tragedy.”

Ruigomez had just recently been released from a hospital after suffering extreme burns on his face from the fire, Leyva said.

“I am going to miss most the type of person that Jessica was,” he said. “Bad things happened to good people, and she was a truly genuine person.”

PG&E has launched a new program called “Pipeline 2020,” which is an essential modernization of the pipelines throughout California, Molica said.

“Aging pipelines is not only a problem for California, but also for the nation as a whole,” he said. “We will be upgrading key transmission pipeline segments in heavily populated areas.”

PG&E will take extra measures to improve their performance on the

project.

“We will bring in third parties to have a change to weigh in which areas to pay the most attention to for pipeline repairs,” Molica said.

The next installment of the NTSB report is due March 1, with the release of information regarding operations, human performance, survival factors and the fire scene.

The final leg of the report, with information involving a possible cause, will come at a later date when the investigation is completed.

“PG&E will continue to do everything we can to cooperate with and support the NTSB’s efforts as they continue their work,” Johns said. “From day one we have been committed to helping the families and the city of San Bruno to recover from this tragedy. We will deliver on that commitment.”

Breakdown:

- The preliminary NTSB report revealed 150 flaws in the PG&E San Bruno pipelines that exploded Sept. 9.

- PG&E has pledged \$100 million in support to San Bruno fund, with \$17.5 million allotted to date.

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

On Fourth: A Novel Café, a well-read experience

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Sports Editor

Students are always looking for alternatives to the same old, same old when it comes to food on campus, so I decided to try something different one evening.

I had heard about a hot dog stand that had been camping out in front of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library on Fourth Street, so I headed out that way to investigate.

Upon arrival, to my dismay, the stand seemed to have moved or packed up for the night.

Disappointed, I turned around and there it was: “On Fourth: A Novel Café.”

Desperate and with an empty stomach, the name alone was enough to seal the deal.

Sitting on the first floor of the King Library, A Novel Café provides students with yet another sandwich and coffee shop on campus — in case they happen to have missed the other seemingly half-dozen or so situated elsewhere on campus.

Yet, I soldiered on in, interested to see how the shop would tie in its products with the library that housed it.

As I looked over the “novel sandwiches” menu, I quickly noticed

what separated this café from the others on campus: its “novel” theme.

Sandwiches and paninis named after famous literature such as “Artemis Fowl,” “Hamlet,” “Catcher in the Rye,” “Tom Sawyer” and “The Secret Garden” presented themselves before me — fitting for a library café.

Unsure of what I craved, I made the logical choice of selecting based on which force-read high school english class book I disliked the least, “The Great Gatsby.”

It was made up of roast beef, roasted red peppers, provolone cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, banana peppers, watercress, mustard, mayonnaise and sourdough bread.

The sandwich was put together relatively quickly, especially when compared to other on-campus sandwich shops, such as Subway, though that may be due to the lack of a toasting option, which I was not offered.

Despite the apparent lack of sandwich-toasting options, the Novel Café’s sandwich definitely trumped anything I’ve eaten at Subway.

The quality of the ingredients and speed of service was the best I’ve seen yet on campus, and for the price of \$5.75, it’s slightly cheaper than other options on campus too.

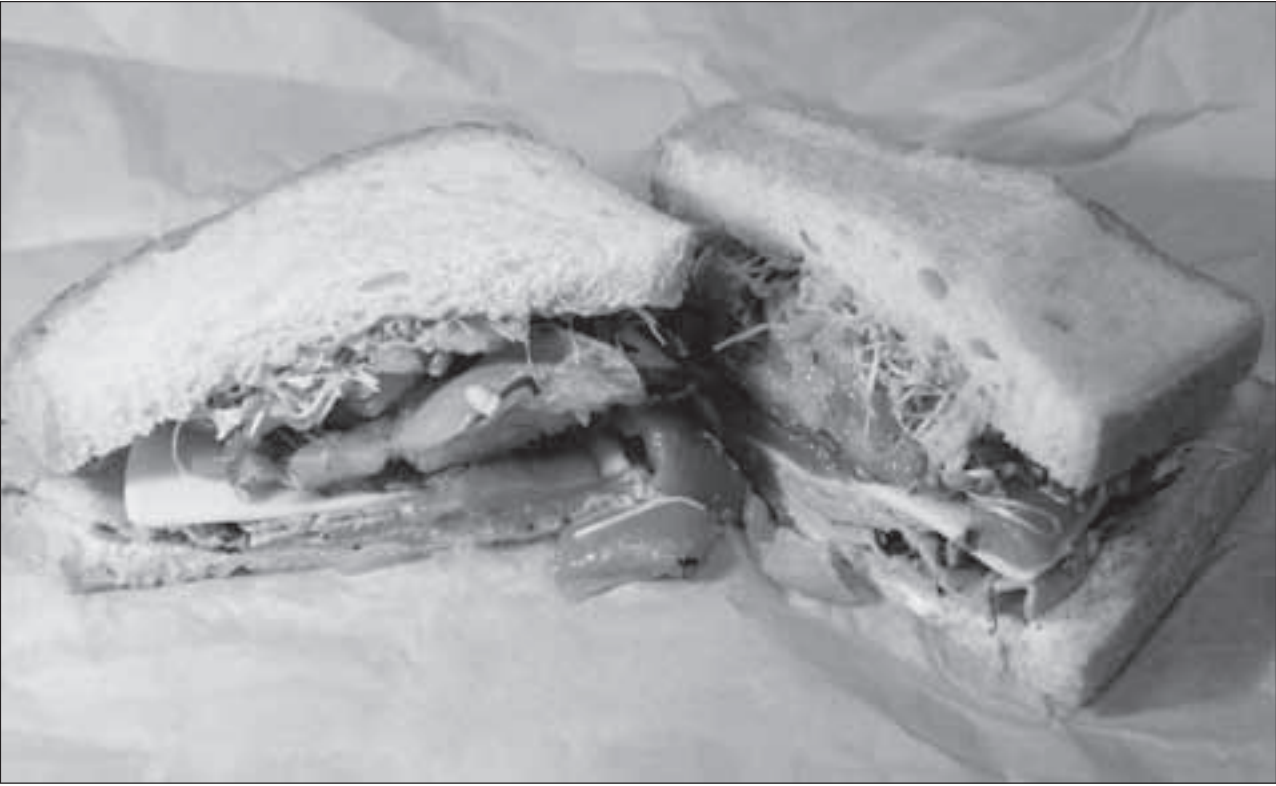


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‘The Great Gatsby’ sandwich from On Fourth: A Novel Café.

It was truly like the quality of sandwich you see in a window advertisement, rather than a smushed clump of something that vaguely resembles its originally intended form.

Even with its freshness and good looks, it doesn’t mean much if it doesn’t all come together to form a

tasty sandwich.

I’ll admit, I didn’t much enjoy reading “The Great Gatsby,” but boy does it taste good.

Compared to what I’ve been eating lately, it was a nice change of pace to eat something that didn’t feel processed, and the quality of the sandwich showed in both appear-

ance and flavor.

If you happen to be swinging by the King Library and feeling peckish, think about checking out something from On Fourth: A Novel Café’s menu.

Even if it’s just to experience a famous novel with your mouth for a change.

■ CD REVIEW

‘Mission Bell’ fails to ring true

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Assistant Features Editor

Amos Lee, a 32-year-old, soulful musician and former Bob Dylan opening act, has been a constant on my play-lists since his self-titled debut album in 2005.

Having been present at several Lee concerts, I have witnessed firsthand just how seductive and meaningful his performances can be — he is the real deal.

This guy knows how to pull at your heartstrings with his combination of well-thought-out lyrics meshed with unique, folk-instrumental compositions.

On stage he is a complex guy, with a shy face and an unbelievable voice.

Watching Lee come from music’s best-kept secret to a well-celebrated, well-commercialized artist, I have to praise him for never selling out.

All of this is why I couldn’t wait to hear what Lee had in store for us when I found out about his fourth album, *Mission Bell*.

Unfortunately, Lee just didn’t deliver for me this time around — at least not like before.

Amos Lee, “We’ve seen better days.”

One aspect about previous Lee albums that make them so amazing is that each track is individually brilliant on its own — no one like the other.

Mission Bell is a great, mellow album, sure, but each song is too similar to the next.

The best song on the album in my opinion is “Windows Are Rolled Down,” but probably because it reminds me so much of his song “What’s Been Going On,” from his third album, *Last Days at the Lodge*.

With artists such as Lucinda Williams and Willie Nelson adding to this album, *Mission Bell* should be exceptional, but these collaborations just aren’t working.

“Flower,” the fourth track on the album, is easily the



Photo Courtesy: countrymusicattletale.com

most upbeat song Lee provides this time around, but the song lacks the lyrical complexity of his other songs — it is almost a forced happiness.

Singing songs of pain, sadness and need for change has always been his forte, but he has produced sweet melodies in the past that were uplifting as well as successful.

Looking to his second album, *Supply and Demand*, songs such as “Sweet Pea” and “Shout Out Loud” made people smile and want to sing along just as I’m sure Lee had intended to be the case with “Flower.”

I would not call this an absolutely terrible album, but a rather uninspired one and not the work we are used to receiving from Lee.

These songs are almost there, but it is as if he is holding back, and I hope Lee returns to tell us once and again how he really feels, letting us know what’s really been going on as he has in the

past.

Then again the key to Amos Lee’s albums has always remained the same — the more you listen to them, the more you are mystified by them.

With this being said, I won’t dismiss *Mission Bell* completely for now.

Maybe after a few more listens there will be hope for this album.

They say it takes more muscles to frown than to smile.

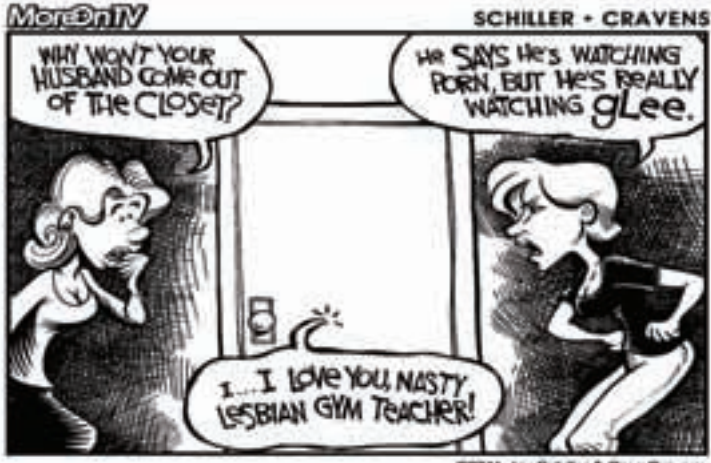
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■ FESTIVAL PREVIEW

Coachella to lure music lovers back into desert

Shirene Niksadat
Staff Writer

Thousands of people are standing in an open field, hands clapping in unison and voices floating on the crisp cool night air to Muse’s “Time Is Running Out.”

Arms are swaying and heads nodding as the chorus builds and gathers, riding one big humming crescendo upwards and outwards into the night.

Entwined within the sway of the crowd comes a strong sense of a walk of people brought together into the desert for just one purpose — to experience a weekend like no other, grooving to some really amazing music.

Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, a three-day musical escapade into the desert land of Indio, Calif., is now in its 12th year running and showing no signs of slowing down. Held annually by Goldenvoice, the event takes place each year in Indio at its traditional venue, the Empire Polo Club.

Last year’s festival drew record-breaking crowds of 75,000 people per day — that number not including the droves of celebrities and VIP backstage guests who frequent the festival year after year.

After a couple years of hearing about the festival from small groups of friends, April 2009 was the first time I decided to finally make the trek out to the desert to bask in the supposed nirvana that is Coachella.

Flanked in lightweight fabrics, sun hats and shades, Coachella festivalgoers wander in a nomadic fashion from stage to stage enjoying, and often discovering new bands and sounds throughout the day.

With more than 150 different artists performing at white tents and outdoor stages scattered along the Polo Field, attendees are exposed to a broad musical spectrum.

Coachella has a reputation for bringing in music lovers from miles around, and in the last two years that I’ve attended, I’ve had the pleasure of meeting people from all around the world.

Individuals hailing from Australia, Mexico, Canada and various regions of Europe all flock to the festival in one unifying cause — to have a good time listening to good music with good people.

One of my favorite bands on last year’s bill happened to play their set in one of the aforementioned tents, and the enclosed vibe of the stage added to the performance.

Larger than life, both musically and in presence, Beth Ditto was not one to leave the mic unrocked during the set with her band, The Gossip, last year.

Vociferating her powerful voice over the adoring screams of her fans, The Gossip had the crowd jumping and pulsing to their No. 1 hit at the time, “Heavy Cross.”

Ditto jettisoning water bottles out into the heat-stricken crowd only furthered the love felt in the tent by appeasing their thirst. Proving to be a generous diva, she shared her stage with one of last year’s fellow bands, LCD Sound-system, known for their disco-funk vibe dropped over electronic beats.

“These are my friends,” said Ditto. “They’re into Jesus, I’m not, it’s okay.” Shortly after, they all launche into a cover of Grace Jones’ “Pull Up to the Bumper” and the crowd exploded.



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Festival goers make their way to main stage as Tegan and Sara perform at Coachella in 2008.

Drawn to colorful, blinking art exhibits and 40-foot fire shooting displays, year after year, festival goers return to enjoy one of our generations most amazing musical festivals.

The real beauty of Coachella is the freedom of the festivalgoer to explore and enjoy as they see fit.

Whether it’s basking in the sun while listening to the amazing tunes, grabbing a chicken gyro at the food tents or brazenly flouting festival rules through the use of illegal drugs and alcohol, one thing can be agreed upon by all: Coachella Valley Music and Arts festival is an experience like no other.

Those lucky enough to score tickets for this year’s Coachella definitely have something to look forward to.

This year’s festival, which will be held April 15-17, sold out only days after tickets were available

for purchase.

But not to worry, many people are still holding onto hope that more tickets will be released in the coming months.

Hopefuls can still try and win tickets from radio stations like Live 105.3 or if you’re in a gambling mood, barter with folks on websites like Craigslist and eBay.

Headliners for this year’s festivities include heavy hitters such as the Kings of Leon, Kanye West, The Strokes and Arcade Fire.

Other notable bands worth mentioning are Animal Collective, The Black Keys, Death from Above 1979, Crystal Castles, Paul Van Dyke, Yelle, Nas, Damian Marley and many more.

For many, Coachella evokes a more primitive brand of musical enjoyment.

The festival manages to emanate a sort of free-spirited grandeur in

its very structure. It takes you off the beaten path of the usual generic, highbrow living and onto somewhere grittier, more magical and more full of life.

Conjuring thoughts of my Coachella experiences thus far borders on the edge of manic nostalgia.

Memories are fraught with images of rubbing on sun block, tipping back Heinekens, and honestly, doing whatever the hell you please. Somehow, after a long weekend in the land of Coachella, reality is comparably lackluster.

Not to be alarmed, post-Coachella longing and depression are a common result of one’s departure from the festival and are to be expected. Unfortunately for myself and for thousands of other Coachella-goers, we have yet to figure a way to put our arms around a memory.

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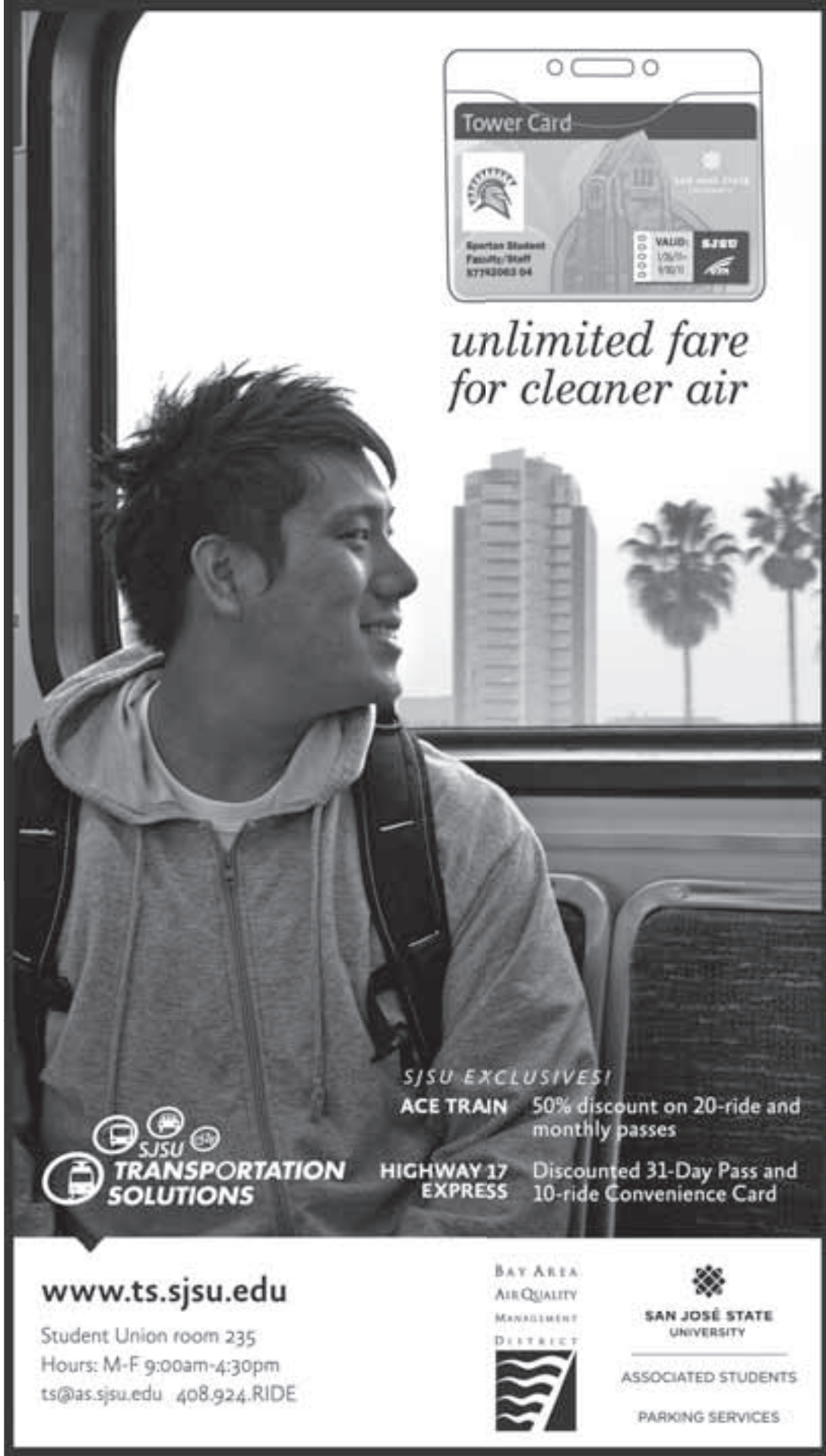
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Athletes should be safe during contests

A participant collapsed and died after he crossed the finish line at the 28th annual Kaiser Permanente Half Marathon on Sunday morning in San Francisco.

The runner, Orinda native Peter Hass, began to stumble and convulse 10 feet after he finished the 13.1-mile race 2,083rd overall out of 5,937 participants.

The autopsy took place yesterday and results could take several weeks. Hass was 36 years old.



Nic Aguon
Staff Writer

Witnesses at the race said runners and spectators began performing CPR on Hass since medical personnel didn't arrive immediately.

Motorcycle officers were first on the scene, approximately 10 to 15 minutes after Hass collapsed crossing the finish line, according to an article from the Mercury News. Furthermore, paramedics arrived at least 20 minutes after.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported that ambulances were delayed because fire dispatchers were given three different locations for the incident.

How could the finish line be confused with any other place on the course?

On the contrary, the president of the company that organized the half marathon said Monday that there were no delays in getting medical attention to Hass.

Kaiser Permanente made a statement claiming it had no involvement with the incident.

It is quite ironic that Kai-

ser sponsored the event, a company that strives to promote better health and well-being.

Race officials and event organizers should have prepared to expect the unexpected.

If medical personnel were at the finish line to tend to Hass sooner, maybe he would have survived.

I realize that officials could only do so much. But why did it take them so long?

Hass collapsed at the finish line where numerous people gathered to congratulate the individuals who completed the race. It doesn't make sense that medical personnel were not on hand immediately to tend to him.

With 10,000 participants between the half marathon and 5K run, medical personnel should have been more proactive and aware of the magnitude and possible health risks of the event.

The possibility of injury or death should be taken

into account — not only at marathons but at any athletic competition.

Hass' death should be a message to future marathons. Medical staff should have been kept on standby at several points along the course.

Moreover, CPR-certified volunteers would be a good complement to the medical personnel.

With medical staff members across an entire course of a race, they can efficiently help a participant, no matter where they are in the race.

A runner's health should be examined before a marathon to detect any illness or disease. Contestants should consult with their practitioners to make sure their bodies are healthy enough to participate.

Good nutrition and proper hydration is essential.

Knowing your body's physical limits is important, especially when it comes to participating in strenuous physical activity.

Clearly, Hass' death is a wake-up call for Kaiser, event organizers and runners. More precautions need to be taken into account on both the participant and the event organizer's part.

There is only so much you can do when death occurs, but it is a lesson the event organizers found out the hard way.

Regardless of what the autopsy results may say, no runner should be running to his or her last breath.

I write for the love of the game

People have asked me why I want to be a journalist.

"What do you want to write about once you graduate?" people have asked.

I'd have nothing to say. In fact, I was even scared to give my response.

"Food," I'd say.

I did it again, told a lie because I was too embarrassed to say what I really wanted to write about.

The truth is I've always wanted to write about video games.



Leonard Lai
Senior Staff Writer

When I was 12 years old I was reading a video game magazine and happened upon an article about the magazine coverage of the Electronic Entertainment Expo, or E3.

Every video game company brought its lineup of all the products that would be coming out within the year.

I was fascinated reading the article and even more jealous of the people able to participate at the convention, going hands on with these games.

I knew at that point I needed to write for a video game magazine, and I desperately wanted to cover E3 one day.

Being able to find out what the new Nintendo product was, finding out what new games would be coming out from Sony or finding out how Microsoft planned to improve its online gaming services — before the rest of the world — would be my ultimate goal.

As I started to read more articles from other magazines, the more I thought writing for them would be my future in life.

That thought completely changed when I happened on one little video game blog.

Kotaku is a blog mainly dedicated to video games and video game-related pop culture, and covers more content than anything I have ever witnessed.

Sure, most magazines have interviews,

reviews, fan art and other things, but where I feel Kotaku really shines is its ability to connect video games with everything — such as when "Call of Duty" included dogs as enemies and PETA stepped in because of it promoted the killing of virtual animals.

Or how video game-enthused bakers made a giant cake in the shape of Nintendo's mascot Mario.

Or when New York fashion designer Jill Stuart teamed up with Sony to make a fashionable, and quite attractive I might add, pink PlayStation Portable.

Kotaku is able to make that connection to everything, and has changed my perspective that indeed something is out there that can do more for the field that I'm interested in.

I never knew these worlds could be connected before, that having Kotaku could link them together.

"I knew at that point I needed to write for a video game magazine, and I desperately wanted to cover E3 one day."

It's the way this blog has put a human perspective of things that has given me additional reason to write.

Today, video games are getting to be more popular in trend with the public eye.

With new video games being played only using your body, they are becoming more accessible and every generation can enjoy them.

Whether it's going to be about how the Wii is going to cure Alzheimer's, or how "Grand Theft Auto" is being used as another scapegoat linked to influencing a murder, or how some grocery store workers have stacked the soda store display in the shape of Pac-Man, these are all the types of stories that interest me.

This is the real reason for why I want to write.

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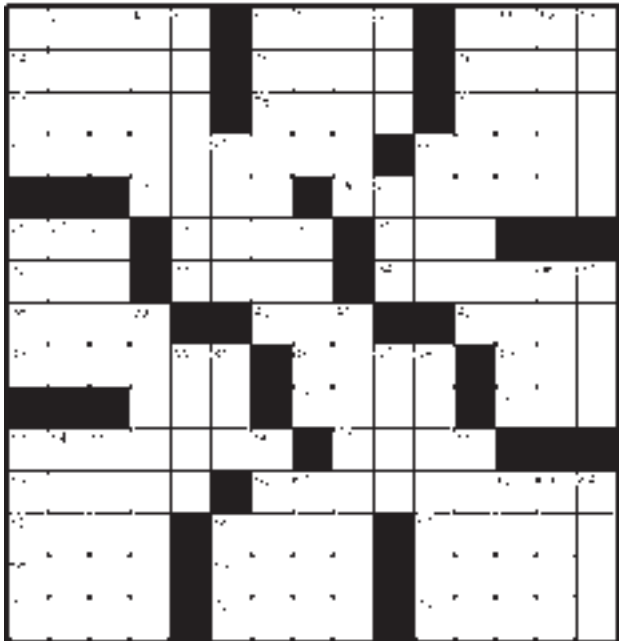
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Women’s rights: Battle to keep the power of choice

After half the country turned “red” in November 2010 with the Republicans taking back the House, the American people were promised that jobs would be created under the leadership of the GOP.

Apparently the priority of jobs has taken a backseat to two bills that would restrict women’s rights.

The two bills, H.R. 358 and H.R. 3, deal with reproductive freedom.

It is important to note that the issue of abortion is not a Republican or Democratic issue — a majority of Republicans support it, while a handful of Democrats do as well.

These bills, however, are being sponsored and pushed by the Republican majority in Congress. Therefore, in my eyes, the “Party of Jobs” made abortion a front-and-center issue.

H.R. 358 would make it possible for a hospital funded by federal money to deny a woman an abor-



Alex Wara
Staff Writer

tion even when her life may be in danger.

That means if a woman is in danger of dying and there is a chance to save the fetus, the hospital could save the fetus and not the woman.

The bill is modeled after the controversial Stupak Amendment that came up during the health care reform debate in 2009.

More importantly, the bill would

eliminate the Emergency Medical Treatment & Labor Act when it came to doctors performing abortions.

The bill that is known as the “Protect Life Act” hardly lives up to its name.

The idea is simple enough: A woman controls her own body.

The case of Roe v. Wade clearly states that a woman has the right to choose, and maintains control over her body.

A woman should have the right to make the decision about what may be one of the hardest decisions to make in her lifetime.

H.R. 3, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, deals with the issue of tax dollars going toward reproductive freedom.

Under the Hyde Amendment, which has to be reauthorized each year, is language stating that federal funding cannot go toward an abortion unless the woman was raped, in danger of dying or was

the victim of incest.

What H.R. 3 would do is redefine the bill’s language.

Introduced by Rep. Chris Smith R, N.J., the bill’s original language included the term “forcible rape,” but isn’t rape forcible by definition?

The supporters of the bill received backlash — for good reason — and changed the wording of the language to include original language of the Hyde Amendment, making it a permanent bill.

The changing of the language was a major step back for pro-choice activists and the Women’s Rights Movement. Although, once

again, the topic of abortion has risen and it is not going anywhere anytime soon ... so get ready.

This bill may pass in the House but will not stand a chance in the Senate. And President Obama is not likely to sign either one.

For now women’s rights are safe, but it is a scary thought.

After months of proclaiming that jobs and the economy needed to be addressed by the 112th Congress, the first priority that Speaker of the House John Boehner and House Republicans want to deal with is going straight after women’s rights.

“A woman should have the right to make the decision about what may be one of the hardest decisions to make in her lifetime.”

They ripped my friend’s innocence from her fragile body



Amber Simons
Simons Says

She woke up in a daze on someone’s bed. Her head hurt, her hair was wet, she smelled of vomit and she wasn’t wearing her own clothing.

She was in pain — purple and green bruises began to appear on her fragile body.

She stood trying to remember the events of the night before — no luck.

Fright overtook her. She began to shake. Goosebumps climbed up her arms.

She wobbled to the doorway, not recognizing the decor of the rooms she passed through — this was an unfamiliar place, a scary place.

As she stumbled into the living room she noticed a man sitting in a chair watching

television. He looked up at her — she had never seen him before.

“Don’t worry,” he said. “I don’t have anything.”

Her stomach twisted and she knew she had to get out.

Why was it she had no recollection of anything after having a drink at the bar?

Where was the guy she had met there?

My friend had been drugged and gang raped.

It had all began with an innocent date and it turned into the most horrifying experience of her life.

She had met up with a guy at a bar for what she thought was going to be a first date.

They began drinking and his friends showed up — it was no longer just a date.

Somewhere along the way between the drinks and the confusion she was poisoned and taken to one of the men’s apartments.

When she had become nauseous, the men had put her in the shower and then dressed her in their clothing. The men all had their way with her unconscious body, leaving her porcelain skin marked with proof of the terrifying fact that she had been violated.

She was too ashamed and fearful to report the incident at first. It took her days before she alerted the police and the men got off free of punishment because there was no proof and they all had alibis that exonerated them.

These men took her innocence — she was left with a fear of the world and regret of her actions. She needs help understanding that what happened wasn’t her fault.

My friend has not contacted any services for help on dealing with her trauma — she was raped a year ago.

In my search to help her I read some disturbing information online about rape.

One in six women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime and college-aged women are four times more likely to be sexually assaulted, according to the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network website.

Many women fear the stranger, the man who will appear out of the bushes or in an unlit part of campus.

However, the website also stated that 73 percent of sexual assaults were perpetrated by non-strangers and 38 percent of rapists are friends or acquaintances.

This was the case with my friend. Perhaps she should have taken a friend along on this date. She only knew the guy as a friend of a friend.

Unfortunately, as much as we would like to trust everyone, people can take advantage of that trust and in turn hurt you. Sometimes letting people in has unbelievable consequences.

Listen to your intuition. If you feel something strange about a person don’t force yourself to associate with him. You can walk

away. Not everyone deserves your trust.

In the case of a rape, many women are too scared or ashamed to call for help. Sadly, 60 percent of rapes are not reported to police, according to the website.

This needs to change.

These numbers are too high and the information is too frightening.

Please, if you are sexually assaulted in any manner, report it to the police. Don’t let the bad guys win.

Take back your power.

I hope someday my friend will be able to reach out for help.

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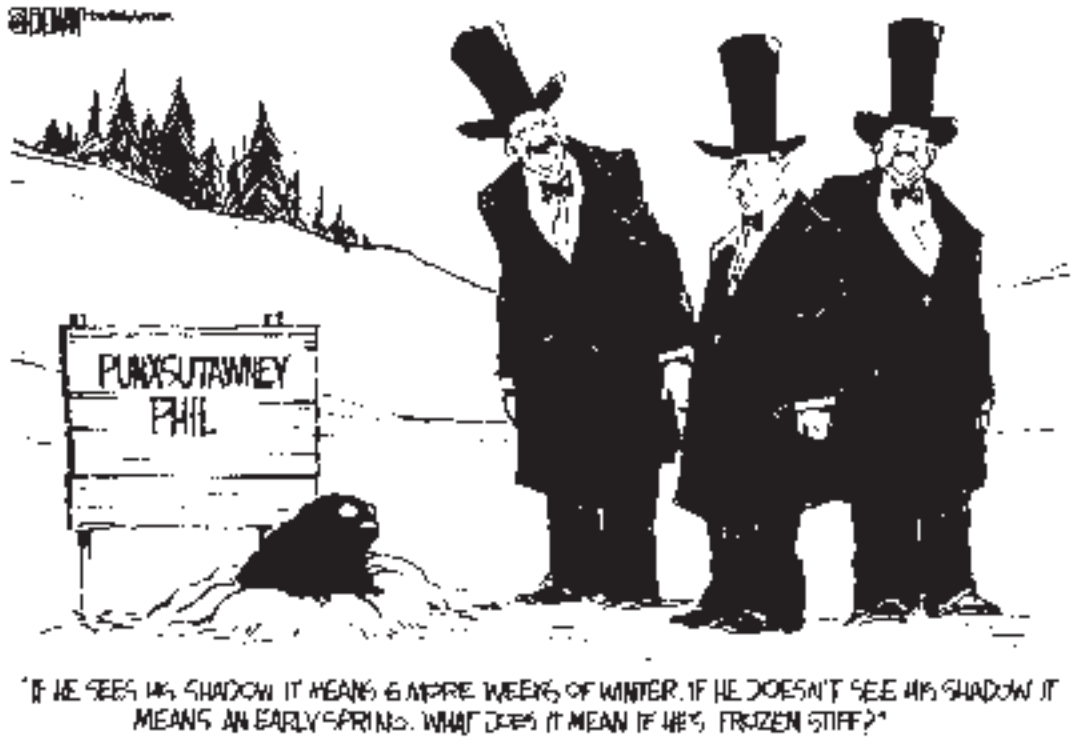
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■ TENNIS

Spartans open season with strong performance

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Whipping winds and early jitters failed to fluster the Spartan tennis team as it swept away the University of California-Santa Cruz in its first match of the season.

The Spartans pulled ahead early by winning the doubles portion 2 matches to 1.

“We started great in doubles,” Coach Anh-Dao Nguyen-Church said. “That (energy) carried over into singles.”

In college tennis, doubles matches are played in a single eight-game set format, followed by regularly scored, best-of-three singles matches.

The Spartans sputtered slightly in the singles matches, dropping two of the six opening sets, but then roared ahead, winning every remaining set to secure the sweep.

“Our freshmen (played) nervous and tight,” Nguyen-Church said. “Once they got that first set out of the way, they calmed down.”

Freshman Sabastiani Leon Chao, SJSU’s No. 1 seed, won her first doubles and singles matches at SJSU 8-3, 7-5 and 6-2, respectively, overcoming her early nerves.

“I feel like I did my job as a Spartan,” she said. “I wasn’t as nervous as I thought I would be.”

The weather had a definite impact on the game, Chao said, as she was not able to move well, and could



SJSU teammates celebrate yesterday’s victory over the University of California-Santa Cruz.

not attack the ball as she normally would.

Sophomore Chau Truong said her game was largely affected by the blustery weather as well.

“I had to play pretty conservative with my serves today,” Truong said, adding that the wind caused her to hit many double faults that might have normally landed in.

Truong, the No. 2 seed, won both her doubles and singles matches handily, by scores of 8-2, 6-2 and 6-1.

“After the doubles match, I felt good,” Truong said. “When you see other players do well, you want to do well.”

Truong said the team did an excellent job of supporting each other and raising each other’s level of play with individual successes.

Nguyen-Church said some positive aspects she saw in the team performance were the enthusiasm and support the members lent each other.

“Our energy was great,” she said. “As a team they pulled each other through.”

UCSC showed a marked improvement over its last matches with SJSU, Nguyen-Church said.

Chao said she learned not to underestimate Division-3 teams.



Sophomore Chau Truong, the Spartans’ No. 2-ranked singles player, prepares for a backhand shot during her match against the University of California-Santa Cruz on Tuesday.

“I knew it was going to be a challenge,” Chao said. “But I didn’t expect such great play.”

Nguyen-Church said the Spartans’ doubles arrangements are based on which

players perform best together.

While it is still early in the season, Nguyen-Church said doubles has a lot of potential for this team.

“If we continue to work

on it and get (more) comfortable, we will be pretty good at doubles,” she said.

SJSU plays its next game at home on Feb. 18 against Texas San Antonio.



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