**Ethics Bowl team headed for national competition**

Ron Gleeson  Staff Writer

Armed with confidence, preparedness and diversity, the SJU Ethics Bowl team is set to take part in the national competition on Thursday. 

The team features four philosophy and two political science students, all of whom find themselves traveling to the national competition having had no prior ethics bowl or debate-style contest experience.

**ACLU calls on students to fight for civil rights**

Alexa Wara  Staff Writer

Student organizers at SJUset to discuss what civil rights were missing in California and how these could be further improved.

An event put on by the American Civil Liberties Union on Thursday at the Student Union allowed students to ask questions about what could be done to protect the rights of others.

The ACLU is an organization that strives to protect the liberties of people that tend to be denied by law and to achieve rights through organizing, policy changing and public education, according to their website.

“Students have always been at the forefront of protecting civil rights,” said Abdi Soltani, executive director of ACLU of Northern California. “In the civil rights movements it was the sit-ins that sparked all kinds of future changes and we see students as being really important leaders in ensuring that everyone’s rights are protected in this country.”

Rena Shumanow, a junior health science major, said her club, the ACLU, could benefit by joining the ACLU on campus.

“I believe that we, as an organization, are doing well,” Shumanow said. “By joining the ACLU, we could strengthen our club and we could be involved in the programs they have.”

**Spartans clinic spot in WAC Tournament**

Eric Van Susteren  Senior Staff Writer

The department of world languages and literature dedicated its Clark Hall media center in honor of Carmen Sigler in a ceremony Thursday.

Kassing, who was president during Sigler’s time as provost, and Gerry Setler, Sigler’s successor to the position, praised her work ethic and commitment to students and staff.

“When I took the job everything was changing. It was fortunate I didn’t have to grow up to her,” Kassing said, citing the cuts that budget cuts implemented at the time.

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Busy schedules, stress can contribute to sleep problems

A lack of sleep can cause big problems for students, said a wellness and health promotion coordinator for SJSU.

"There's an increased risk for chronic diseases," Melinda Chou-Yang said. "Eventually it can affect the memory and also lead to dangerous driving."

Chou-Yang said stress is a big issue when it comes to sleep problems among students. Stress can cause students to stay up all night, she said. "Our students have so much going on outside of classes."

Brian Kissler, a senior environmental science major, said he has a lot of sleep problems. "I usually have around ten or eleven hours, but I don't get the ten," he said. "Most of my sleep is around four to six hours of sleep."

Kissler said part of his stress is from his major. "Just being an animation/direction major, it's really important to have high-quality work," he said. It involves a lot of time."

Sophomore accounting major Paul Le said he doesn't have sleep issues but knows a lot of students do. "They don't manage their time wisely," he said. "It's because they cram everything the night before."

Sophomore pre-nursing major Andrew Nguyen said he makes sure he gets the appropriate amount of sleep each night to avoid sleep deprivation. "I make sure I get to sleep around 11ish," he said. "I make sure I get around eight or nine hours of sleep and not less than seven."

Thursday, a small event called Sleep Awareness: Pomona Day was held outside the Student Health Center to promote better sleep and lower stress levels among students.

Event coordinator Phoebe Lu, a post-bachelor sleep specialist, said a member of her family contributed to her love of sleep among students.

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Karen Malm, another coordinator for the event, agreed that the college environment can sometimes lead to unhealthy sleep habits. "We can be anything from course load, finances, family issues, or general college issues," she said.

Vanessa Le, a junior health science major, said she thinks the produce that is planted in the space is a way to provide food for students.

"It's a good initiative for promoting healthy eating among students," said Le. "They don't have to go out to eat and buy unhealthy foods," she said.

The club sometimes collaborates with the nutrition, food science, and packaging department to sell produce at the Spartan Smart Cart, which appears every Thursday in front of Clark Hall.

Ngo, Huynh, a senior chemical engineering major, says a nutritionist taught him how to take the skills he's learned back home with him.

"I love to do things hands on, make your hands dirty and hang out with people, and they teach me a lot," she said. "I've learned about the right times to plant various fruits and veggies during the year," she said. "We grow our food based off of sustainable practices."

We grow our own garden compost and try to buy healthy foods," she said. "I've learned a lot in my nutrition classes about making good decisions about what to eat and how to take care of your body."

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not a classic debate contest. The teams on this team is the group is given the literature of one of the cases and no member of the team is allowed to have any pre-written notes. "They have to anticipate any questions the judge may ask," said Malm. "They learn to be able to defend a position on their feet in real time, which is rather difficult." Blackwood said he believes some of the team's success comes from the diversity the group exemplifies.

"Many different view-points come into play," he said. "This helps teams within the viewpoint give sensitivity to certain things."

Team members said they are aware of their diversity and believe it is an advantage. "We always have other teams with team members of all the same ethnicities," junior philosophy major John Adams said.

"We want to win, but also want to give our own voice," he said.
poor effort from the free-throw line, finishing 5-11 from the stripe, and fouled out of the game with just over a minute left in the second half. Ashaulola was only part of the Bulldogs’ poor effort from the free-throw line, as the team collectively shot 5-18.

“Oliver scored seven points in the second half on 7-8 shooting from the free-throw line, finishing with a game-high 24 points. SJSU’s next game will be March 3, against Hawaii, and will be the Spartans’ final home game this season. The game will also be the final home game for the team’s two highest-leading scorers, Oliver and Graham. Graham, SJSU’s all-time assists leader, said he is a bit sad that his career at home is coming to an end, but is excited to finish it against Hawaii, a team he has a successful history against.

"It’s a little bittersweet," he said. "Historically I’ve played well against Hawaii, so it’s kind of fitting, it’s who we play. It should be fun.”

**SJSU punches WAC tourney ticket, winning season**

**Ron Gleson**

**Spartans’ defense unable to contain Broncos**

Francisco Rendon

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Baseball

Spartans take two of three from No. 2 UCLA

The SJSU baseball team toppled No. 2 UCLA by taking two out of three games from the Bruins on the road at Jackie Robinson Memorial Stadium this weekend. The first game was won on the shoulders of junior pitcher Roberto Padilla, who posted a complete game in the 5-3 victory for the Spartans (3-5), giving the Bruins (5-2) their first defeat of the season.

Craig Hertler led SJSU offensively, finishing with a two-run home run in the fifth inning. The Spartans knocked off the Bruins once again with a final score of 8-5 in the third game of a doubleheader Sunday, increasing their win streak to six to open the season.

SJSU scored a season-high five runs in one inning in the sixth, sending 14 players to the plate including a two-run single by senior first baseman Danny Stienstra. The Spartans lost the third and final games of the series 12-2, their first of the season.

Tennis

SJSU comes up short against Loyola Marymount

The SJSU women's tennis team fell to Loyola Marymount University on Saturday. Freshman Sebastiani Leon Chao recorded her third victory in a row for the Spartans (2-1), but it was not enough as they lost to the Lions (3-5) 5-2 in total matches won.

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Water Polo

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The SJSU women's water polo team won three of four in the UC Irvine Invitational, recording victories over No. 10 Cal State Long Beach, No. 15 UC Santa Barbara and Cal State Bakersfield.

The first match of the invitational, however, ended up a loss for the Spartans (10-8) to No. 10 Azusa Pacific, 20-19, by a score of 9-8.

SJSU was led offensively by senior Adriana Vogt with three goals. Azusa State was led with three goals from sophomore Ashley Non Haas.

The Spartans came from their first win of the event in the 11-8 victory over Cal State Bakersfield (9-11). SJSU was led by freshman Tami Miranda, who scored four times in the match to the victory.

Vogt and junior Katie Buzzetta each scored twice, giving the Spartans their three multi-goal performances in the invitational.

SJSU was the lead by Vogt the entire second day of the invitational as she scored a total of 11 goals in the two games.

Vogt scored seven against Cal State Long Beach (10-9) to win 10-9, and four against UC Santa Barbara (16-6) to grab the victory with a final score of 11-9.

SJSU junior goalkeeper Megan Minson also scored the Spartans defense in the second day of the invitational, recording eight saves in the match against UC Santa Barbara and a season-high 14 saves against Cal State Long Beach.

Gymnastics

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SGSU basketball star deserves shot at NBA

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