When it mattered most, the SJSU men's basketball team rallied late in the game to edge Hawaii Tuesday with a 75-74 victory over Hawaii in the Western Athletic Conference Tournament in Las Vegas.

Facing single elimination and a long bus ride back to San Jose, the Spartans (16-14, 5-11 WAC) trailed the Rainbow Warriors (18-12, 8-8 WAC) by one point with 22 seconds left on the clock.

With its final possession of the game, and possibly the season, SJSU gave the ball to its leading scorer and the nation’s third-highest scorer, senior guard Adrian Oliver, to bring the win home for the Spartans.

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Wisconsin lawmakers bypass Dems, push through anti-union bill

MADISON, Wis. — The Wisconsin state Senate — without Democrats present — voted Wednesday to eliminate almost all collective bargaining for most of the state’s public workers.

The bill, which has sparked protests and drawn international attention, now heads to the Assembly, which is to take it up Thursday morning.

The Assembly, which like the Senate is controlled by Republicans, passed an almost identical version of the bill Feb. 25.

The new version passed the Senate 18-1 Wednesday night, with Republican state Sen. Dale Schultz casting the no vote. There was no debate.

Senate Minority Leader Mark Miller, a Democrat, said Democrats who have been boycotting the Senate for three weeks would return to Wisconsin once the bill passes the Assembly, although he declined to be more specific.

From Feb. 17 until Wednesday, the Senate Democrats were able to block a vote on the bill because 20 senators were required to be present to vote for it. Republicans con- trolled the house 18-14.

Late Wednesday, a committee stripped focal clauses from the bill and allowed them to pass with a simple major- ity present. The most controversial parts of the bill remain intact.

That committee, formed just hours earli- er, quietly approved the bill as the lone Democrat in the meeting screamed that Republicans were violating the state’s open meet- ings law.

The law requires more public noti- ce to give 24 hours’ notice before they meet. That confer- ence committee met with about two hours’ notice.

“This is violation of law! It’s not a rule!” Assembly Mi- nority Leader Peter Barca, a Democrat, said.

State Senate Ma- jority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, a Repub- lican, ignored Barca and ordered the roll to be taken. Democrats screamed as Barca continued to plead with them to stop.

Republicans have not yet given an explana- tion why they believed the committee could legally meet.

Minutes later, the state Senate took the bill and passed it without debate.

“Shame on you!” protesters cried from the public gallery.

Democrats decry the move and warn it could lead to political choices for some Re- publican senators who are under the threat of recall.

“It’s akin to political larceny,” said Democratic state Sen. Bob Jauch. “It’s a political suicide.”

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker praised the move in a statement.

“The Senate Demo- crats have had three weeks to debate this bill and were offered repeated opportunities to come home.”

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Wisconsin Senate

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Walker’s bill would close a $137 mil- lion gap in the fiscal year that ends June 30, sharply curtail collective bargaining for most public employees, make public workers pay more for their pensions and health care, allow the no-fail sale of state power plants and give Walker’s administration broad powers over the state’s health care programs for the poor.

Walker had wanted the Senate to approve the budget-repair bill as written, but then have lawmakers make a few changes Demo- crats want in the state budget they will pass Monday.

That approach raises concerns for Miller because state law makes it illegal for legis- lators to present a vote on an bill in ex- change for a vote on another one — a prac- tice known as logrolling.

“This comes dangerously close to logroll- ing,” Miller said of Walker’s plan.
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Cordero said he was involved in the opportunity to work with Google in the future if his project becomes a success, he said nothing compares to his job teaching at SJSU.

“That is the best part about my job is that I can do this any day of the week,” he said. “I get to work with these young people and if we come up with an idea, we can immediately start work on it. This ability truly can’t be replaced.”
The city has declared a local emergency Wednesday in an effort to obtain state and county aid for the cleanup. A crew of 200 workers already has removed more than 30 tons of fish, mostly by skimming the water’s surface. But another 30 to 50 tons — and perhaps more — are believed to have collected in a 2-foot-thick layer on the bottom of the harbor, roughly 20 feet below the surface.

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SJSU survives last-second scare

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well as four toes and a game-high seven-point lead by Hawaii.

The second half was as much of a roller coaster as the first. Hawaii held its lead for most of the second half before the Spartans were sparked by freshman guard Keith Shamburger, who scored all of his 12 points in the second half. Shamburger scored eight of SJSU’s 10 points, includ- ing one straight, in a span of three minutes for the Spartans keeping them within reach before Oliver hit a game-tying 3-pointer with about six minutes remain- ing, resulting in two rebounds on the day.

The victory ensured the Spartans’ first winning sea- son since 1994, and it also gave the school its 18th vic- tory on the season, the most since 1987.

SJSU experienced foul trouble throughout the game, with senior guard Justin Graham eventually fouling out with just under two minutes to play, finish- ing with 11 points and six assists. Sophomore center Joe Henson also fouled out with under 12 minutes still to play in the second half.

Carter and junior center Matt Ballard finished with four fouls each, and Sham- burger added three for a total of 24 personal fouls for the Spartans. “We knew we wanted to keep playing,” Newman said. “We all wanted our season to continue. The coaches and the players are having so much fun this season and we were able to hang in there with foul trouble and show what we’re capable of.”

The Spartans, which need three more wins to win the WAC Tournament, will get their chance to go forward when they play Idaho (3-12) today at noon at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas.

The winner of the game will play Utah State, the conference’s top seed on Friday at 6 p.m.

Joey Akeley
Copy Editor

The Spartans look to advance to WAC semis against Idaho

Spartans are led by Jeff Ledbetter, a dynamic athlete. With 17 points in the Spartans’ victory, Rainbow Warriors were one of the hottest teams in the conference — winners in five of their last six — and the Spartans hadn’t had any suc- cess in the WAC Tournament in the past few years.

After all, prior to the win against Hawaii, they had only won two games in the WAC Tournament since they be- came a member of the confer- ence in 1999.

As head coach George Nessman said before the tour- nament started, the Spartans can’t worry about the resul- ts of losing — they must simply focus on the rewards of winning.

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The Spartans match up well with the Vandals, which also often play a three-guard lineup. SJSU has outperformed- ed Idaho in both games this season, and the only player listed over 6-feet-8 inches is sophomore Kyle Bar- ens (6-10).

The Vandals are paced by guard Jeff Ledbetter, who at 6-feet-6 has the most 3-point shots. And when the Vandals need a big game, they can be deadly, as shown by their 64-56 upset of Utah State Feb. 9 — Idaho is the only team in the conference to win at Utah State this season.

The Vandals have also been playing well together as a team. Similar to SJSU, Idaho’s strength is its guard play. But the Spartans have arguably the best backcourt, and they dominated the Van- dals in the Cowan Tournament in Idaho. In that game, Oliver, Graham and Shamburger combined for 76 points, whereas the Vandals starting guards combined for just 25.

I have a hunch that the Spartans will build off their winning performance and give Idaho fits with their guard play. If they can do that, a semifinal appearance against top-seed Utah State should be within SJSU’s reach.

Like the Spartans, the Vandals depended on three-pointers to go along with seven

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Ameriﬁ cian forwards Troy Gillenwater (New Mexico State) and Matt Ball (Utah State) (not pictured) will square off in today’s regular season matchup.

The winner will face the Mountain West Tournament’s second-place team, the Hawaiians, in the regionals.

The Spartans come in at number 8 as the second seed to Hawaii. The Vandals are led by Jeff Ledbetter, a dynamic athlete. With 17 points in the Spartans’ victory, Ledbetter scored the deciding basket for SJSU in its victory over Idaho.

The Spartans were led by Keith Shamburger, who scored 12 points and a assist in Wednesday’s victory.

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Lupe Fiasco shifts toward mainstream hip hop in ‘Lasers’

Nic Agoun
Staff Writer

Lupe Fiasco’s newest album, Lasers, which came out Tuesday, is a compilation of tracks that resemble a commercial, club feel. A product of several push-backs and delays by Atlantic Records, he began recording the album back in 2008. The album was three years in the making, and Fiasco said Lasers is short for “Love Always Shines Evermore.” According to a 30-second track called “Three,” the album is dedicated to his Chicago roots, where he can showcase his smooth rhymes and storytelling.

Starr today. Rest in Peace, man.”

Lupe Fiasco’s lyrics are clever with his Chicago roots, where he can showcase his and imaginative in that he rhymes that W.E.B. Du Bois penned the U.S. Constitution, slavery and imaginative in that he rhymes that W.E.B. Du Bois penned the U.S. Constitution, slavery

“Don’t Wanna Care Right Now” to a track that I feel does not fit with the theme of Fi- co’s album whatsoever. The song has a club feel to it, a first for Fiasco. Although he may be taking a shot at gaining mainstream hip hop fans, this feels more like a pop, made-for-radio track.

It’s upsetting that electro-pop seems to reverberate across the record. Compared to his past two albums, Feed and Laser (The Cool) and Lupe Fiasco’s newest album, Lasers, which came out Tuesday, is a compilation of tracks as a prime example that crossing over genres may not be in the best interest of his fans. In “Till I Get There,” Fiasco expresses his desire to live a peaceful existence in his Chicago roots, where he can showcase his smooth rhymes and storytelling. Lasers serves as a prime example that crossing over genres may not be in the best interest of his fans. In “Till I Get There,” Fiasco expresses his desire to live a peaceful existence in his

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Growing out of ignorance into a lifelong friendship

In this week’s Opinion section, Spartan Daily writers share their personal stories about how they grew out of ignorance and learned to understand people and ideas different than themselves.

For the past week, the topic of discussion amongst students has been Obama’s gay marriage and whether or not this was the right move. The idea that this was a right move was not even considered when I was a kid. Growing up in a Christian home, I had never come across the subject nor did my parents talk to me about it. The week I was hired at the Supreme Court threw out another case claiming that the president was born in Kenya. This court case went a step further down the conspiracy path by not addressing Obama as a different but ex-President. Even when President Obama spoke with my Indonesian stepfather and the same president that the world president went by when he lived abroad as a child. The funny thing is that “birther movement” isn’t necessary a minority fringe group. A poll by CNN reports that 49% of Americans have surveyed still have doubts about where the president is from. To all the birthers that have been in the darkness of ignorance, I tell you this, Obama was born in the US at the age of 1968. I can’t believe that the current president for some reason or another, and those are the reasons are apologetic — be it his policies, his fiscal or social policies or the fact that he supported the Stewards during the Super Bowl — just admit that this president is from the US. Whatever the reason is for the birthers’ bizarre form of xenophobia, I think it is inexcusable to be so ignorant and not accept reality. birthing out another case claiming that the president was a fake Kenyan birth certificate floating around that said he was born there.

For those who don’t remember, during the 2008 Presidential Election the question that had been born in his “alleged” native Hawai" or in Kenya where his biological father is from. Most of my life, I was unaware of homosexuality and what it was. I knew there were many people who were gay and I did, probably wouldn’t have been able to care less about it.

Sure, I grew up using phrases like “that’s so gay” but wasn’t one of those kids who knew what that means. I was in high school, a boy knew “came out,” and for the remainder of the year, he was constantly talked about.

Suddenly, everyone was different around him, but I still didn’t fully understand what the big deal was or why people worried about it.

What I began to realize (or so I thought) was “that’s wrong.” Men being attracted and loving other men, to me, was weird and strange.

For the next four years I believed that I was right and, while I thought that gay people were wrong and dumb.

Ignorance got the best of me and instead of trying to learn more or really caring about what was going on, I chose to agree with the thousands of people in protest against gay marriage or the fact that he supported the Stewards during the Super Bowl — just admit that this president is from the US. Whatever the reason is for the birthers’ bizarre form of xenophobia, I think it is inexcusable to be so ignorant and not accept reality.

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Kurliegh Mason
Senior
Finance

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“I have not noticed any difference. I have my own secret spot tucked away.”

Carlos Amaya
Junior
Economics

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“Yes, I have. It is hard to find parking around the mid-afternoon. The streets are jammed and you have to waste more gas.”

Alistar Yu
Grad student
International Studies

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“There are not enough parking spaces this semester. They need more space for the students because a lot of students live far away.”

Anthony Martinez
Junior
Economics

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“I feel like there are too many cars for less spots, so I feel bad for commuters.”

Isabel Carazo
Freshman
Accounting

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“I take the VTA to get here because I don’t want to deal with parking. From stories I have heard from people.”

Christin Tomaschke
Grad student
French

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“I have heard that it is hard to find a spot on the street if you have a SUN Permit, so you have to park a few blocks down.”

Anthony Martinez
Junior
Economics

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THIS WEEK IN PHOTOS ...

Students of Gunderson High School wait for the arrival of the members of the Westboro Baptist Church on Friday.

Kids watch a demonstration as part of an event in the MESA Day competition held Saturday in the Student Union.

Chau Truong attempts a backhand against UC Davis on Saturday.

Frank Antonio cuts the hair of one of his patrons at the Spartan Barbershop.

No. 21 Marnesha Hall plays against Utah State at the Event Center on Saturday.

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