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Presidential candidate thinks long term

Nate Morotti
Staff Writer

The second of three presidential candidates participated in a public question and answer session Tuesday.

Leroy Morishita is currently the executive vice president and chief financial officer of San Francisco State University, a position he has held for the last seven years, according to the California State University website.

"I come with the firsthand experience of growing up in California and going through its education system and with that, having an understanding and appreciation for the way it works," he said. "The reason I chose to apply here at SJSU is because I feel the time is right."

"What alarms me the most is the budget crisis we are going through, and the opportunity to help is what drew me here."

Budget cuts, the retention of staff and faculty members, and the waning number of college graduates in the CSU system were among the issues Morishita addressed during his presentation in the Engineering Auditorium.

"The first thing we have to address is what is closing the door to campus access," he said. "The next is we have to pick



Photo: Jesse Jones / Spartan Daily

Presidential candidate Leroy Morishita speaks with attendees at a reception in the King Library on Tuesday.

a goal we want our campus to aspire to, and then we have to meet that aspiration."

Morishita said his plan to cope with budget cuts is to study the culture of SJSU and find out what departments he would like to promote and what departments would receive cuts.

"It is not a problem that the optimistic side of me sees being solved within a year, or two years, or three," he said. "But I believe it is a problem that can be solved in the long run."

Morishita also addressed the issue of campus safety, such as buildings on

campus that are not currently up to date with earthquake codes. He said he plans to talk with campus safety officials and try and delegate as much funding to renovations if he believes safety becomes an issue.

"What is your stance on the importance of A1 athletics here at SJSU?" asked Shirley Reekie, chair of the kinesiology department.

As with his other answers, Morishita stressed the importance of fixing the budget crisis above all other issues.

"He was calm, well prepared, and his plans for addressing issues was concrete," said Kenneth Fong, a Board of Trustees member and the CEO of Kenson Ventures, a Palo Alto investment company. "I am interested to see what he does if he is elected."

Morishita, who was raised in a working-class family, stressed his ideal of work ethic toward improvements with the campus.

"My father was a farmer," Morishita said. "He always told me 'Be whatever you want, but don't ever be a farmer,' and I can tell you that this job is definitely going to be harder than farming. This is the first presidency that I have ever applied for, and hopefully if things work out well, it will be the last."

DISASTER IN JAPAN



Photo: McClatchy Tribune

Futaba Kosei Hospital patients who may have been exposed to radiation are carried into the compound of the Fukushima Gender Equality Centre in Nihonmatsu, Japan.

Japan faces nuclear crisis

More setbacks for
officials as fire
reignites in Fukushima
nuclear reactor

McClatchy Tribune

Reporting from Sendai and Tokyo, Japan, fresh setbacks, including another blaze at a crippled reactor, bedeviled Japanese authorities Wednesday as they struggled to contain the

world's worst nuclear crisis in a quarter of a century, and survivors of the devastating earthquake and tsunami suffered through shortages, bitter cold and overnight snowfall.

Troubling new estimates emerged revealing the extent of damage at the Fukushima No. 1 (Daiichi) nuclear plant about 150 miles north of Tokyo.

Elevated radiation levels detected a day earlier in the vicinity of the plant imposed a creeping sense of isolation with greater numbers of foreigners leaving, rescue crews mindful of exit routes and international flights being diverted away from the capital.

Tens of thousands of residents

within a 20-mile radius of the plant were trapped indoors for a second day Wednesday, urged again by authorities to avoid going out unless it was an emergency, posing a conundrum for those who have already been scrambling to obtain basic necessities. Food, water and medicine have all been hard to come by in the area hit by Friday's magnitude 9.0 quake and the tsunami that followed.

"Yesterday we ate a bit of rice and one egg," said Yoshiko Tsuzuki, 55, a homemaker standing beside her hus-

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CSU chancellor directs colleges to bring home students

Anastasia Grosson
Staff Writer

California State University study-abroad programs are being closed because of an urgent directive from Charles Reed, chancellor for the California State University system.

SJSU Provost Gerry Selter alerted faculty and staff to Reed's decision in an e-mail sent on Tuesday.

Selter's message contained the memorandum from the chancellor, which explained his decision to close university programs in Japan and urged university presidents to withdraw students from programs in the country.

"Although some of our students are not in areas directly affected by the earthquake or the tsunami that followed, the damage to infrastructure and the resulting potential shortages and other logistical problems are of concern," Reed stated in the memorandum.

According to an e-mail from Helen Stevens, SJSU director of International Programs and Services, four SJSU students went to study abroad in Japan this academic year.

Two of the students are still currently in Japan, she stated.

"We are asking that our students withdraw from their programs," Stevens stated in an e-mail sent to SJSU school of journalism and mass communications professor and interim director Bob Rucker.

According to a report issued by the International Atomic Energy Agency on Tuesday, the agency is monitoring radiation exposure to 150 people in the vicinity of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, which experienced an explosion following the earthquake and tsunami.

The agency is playing an integral role in monitoring radiation exposure to populations near nu-

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY ...



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- A first-strike nuclear war would be suicide because of the effects of nuclear winter, according to meteorology professor Kenneth Mackay.

■ PROFILE

Family drives freshman’s college ambitions

Sonia Ayala
Staff Writer

Inspiration can come to people in different ways, but for one freshman student inspiration came from her single mother, who always encouraged her to pursue her college education as a way of ensuring her future in the working world.

“My mom inspired me to come to college by pushing and making me aware of the fact that I had to be a good role model for my two younger brothers who are still living at home,” Brandy Cruz said. “She also told me she didn’t want me to end up like her — a person who earned a low salary. If there’s one thing my mom showed me it is not to depend on anyone else but myself.”

Determined to make it into college, Cruz joined a program called the “California Student Opportunity and Access Program” at James Lick High School. She said the people at the program helped her with the process of filling out all her college applications and helped her apply for financial aid.

“If it wasn’t for them I wouldn’t even have known that I could apply for scholarships and financial aid,” she said.

When time came for Cruz to choose a college she chose to go to SJSU so she could stay close to her family.

Cruz also became the first person in her family to transfer directly from a high school to a university, which she said was an amazing accomplishment she never imagined she would fulfill.

She said her first semester in college was more difficult than she thought it would be because she had to deal with adapting to a new home, new people, new professors, new classes and a heavy homework load all at once.

“I felt that I wasn’t ready for college and overwhelmed at times because of the stress load I had,” she said. “Procrastination was a really bad habit I

had through high school, but I realized that if I procrastinated in college I was going to have to stay up all night doing my homework.”

Another problem was that she was not able to declare a major but she wants to be a forensic science major.

Cruz was able to meet friends she could relate to and form long-lasting friendships with, such as undeclared freshman Noemi Diaz.

“I’m extremely glad I met Brandy in the most important and defining moment in my college education,” Diaz stated in an e-mail. “Even though, I have only known her since last August it feels like I have known her for many years because our personalities clicked instantly. Last semester Brandy and I would stay up late determined to finish our class work.”

She learned how to better manage her time, Cruz said, and realized she could balance her full-time job, school, friends and family.

It took a while for Cruz to get used to living with four other girls in a dorm room because they didn’t get along at first. She said she found the price for living in the dorms too high but she was glad she was able to get financial aid to help pay for it.

“I got a little homesick at first even though my family only lives about 10 or 15 minutes away from campus,” Cruz said. “I was so used to being with my family all the time and hearing my little baby brother make noise around the house.”

As the semester continued she and her roommates developed a close friendship which made being away from home easier to bear.

Little did Cruz know that living in the dorms at SJSU had its advantages such as meeting new people she could draw closer to and have fun with, said freshman Lauren McCurdy, Cruz’s roommate.

“I think Brandy is a sweet person who is very understanding, a good listener and always there to support her friends,” she said. “I think she provides

a good balance for herself between school, her friends and work.

“I like how she’s a non judgmental person even though sometimes she might not agree with me but I can still trust her enough to talk to her. We are really great friends now and I know I can always count on her.”

Cruz said the hardest thing in her college experience was getting used to SJSU’s big campus.

“I felt intimidated because I came from James Lick High School, which is 1,100 students, so I would see all my friends every day,” she said. “But once I adapted to the size of the campus it was cool because I realized that if I didn’t get to see my friends all the time I would get to meet new people.”

Cruz said there are many goals she wants to accomplish, but one thing she stressed was to learn as much as she can at SJSU.

“I want to get my bachelor’s degree in forensic science,” she said. “I also want to study as much as I can in college by getting my bachelor’s in different majors that interest me, especially those that include me helping people.”

Even though she knows she raised the bar for her younger brothers by attending college, Cruz said she hopes she will inspire them to consider college in the future. She said college has been the greatest learning experience she has had and that it has changed her life for the best.

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CAMPUS VOICES

By: Kyle Szymanski

What qualities do you want in a new university president?

Aman Grewal



Senior Accounting

I feel like he should be innovative. He should be able to look at the problems and have experience with such things.

Bhupinder Singh



Junior Corporate Finance

Somebody that cares for the students and about how quickly they can get classes, because right now we cannot get any classes.

Lakshmi Venkatesan



Senior Finance

I want a president that knows a lot about the budget and to know not to increase the student fees.

Samantha Del Rosario



Senior Industrial Design

I look for a person that actually wants to be a president of a university.

Shelley Haluza



Junior Graphic Design

I want a president that actually does something.

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band and 16-year-old daughter in a line outside a grocery store near the city of Sendai. “We’re hungry. I want to buy water and anything to eat. We need everything.”

It remained unclear why a country renowned for its efficiency has been unable to marshal convoys of supply trucks into the disaster area, as China did after its 2008 earthquake. Though military vehicles were evident, few emergency supplies were seen on the major arteries from Tokyo into the hard-hit Tohoku region and points south.

Even in cities that lie well outside the earthquake zone, daily life was increasingly becoming disrupted by rolling blackouts and the curtailment of Japan’s transit network, both of which will be key to restarting the engine of the world’s third-largest economy.

Stock prices stabilized Wednesday after tumbling for two days, but there was deepening gloom over the long-term financial outlook in the wake of the worst earthquake in the country’s recorded history — a concern even among survivors who have far more immediate and pressing fears.

“I’m worried in the long term about Japan’s economy,” said Yoshiko Konno as she charged her cell phone at a community center in Sendai. “Just think of one example — oysters! Are Americans and Europeans going to want to import Japanese oysters if they think there is a danger of radioactive contamination?”

Five days later, the true scale of the disaster is still unknown. At least

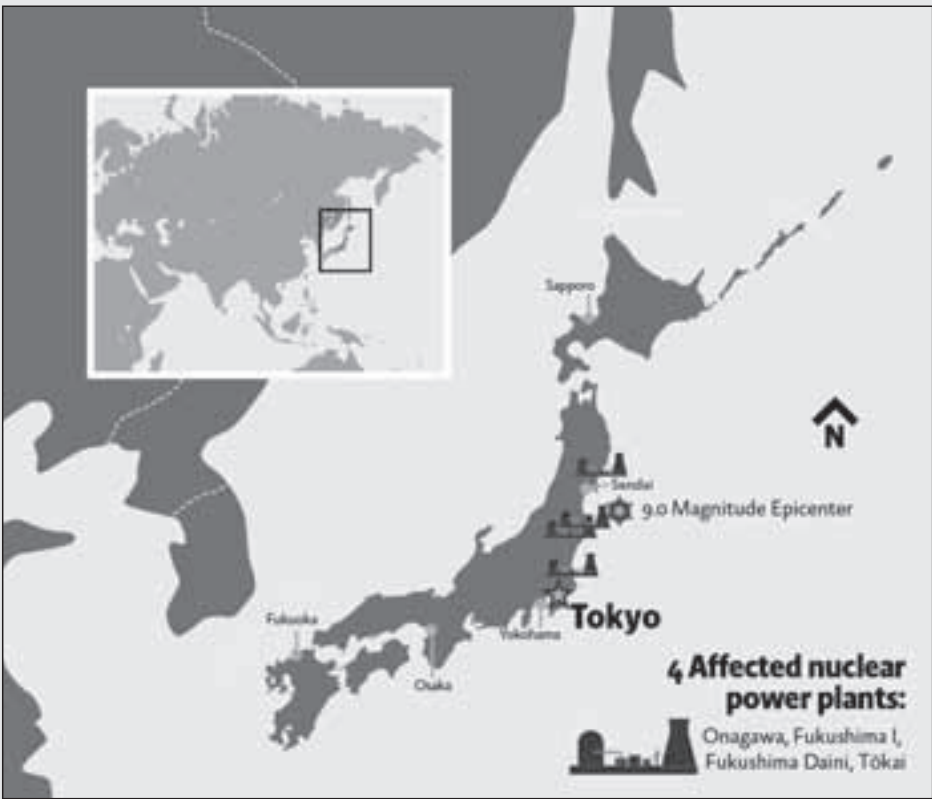


Illustration: Leo Postovoit / Spartan Daily

Nuclear power plants close to the main area affected by the quake and tsunami show varying degrees of damage and operability.

10,000 people are feared dead, a tally that is expected to take weeks to finalize. About half a million others have been displaced by quake and tsunami damage or the evacuation triggered by the emergency at Fukushima.

The cause of Wednesday’s blaze at the Unit 4 reactor — also the scene of a fire the day before — was not immediately known.

The plant’s operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co., known as Tepco, said radiation levels were too high for firefighters to get close.

Later, authorities said the blaze seemed to be subsiding on its own, as

a fire the previous day did. But hours later, public broadcaster NHK showed breaking aerial footage of a plume of white smoke rising from the reactor.

The U.S. aircraft carrier Ronald Reagan, which steamed to the rescue over the weekend, pulled back from Japan’s northeastern shore Tuesday after detecting elevated radiation levels in the atmosphere.

The U.S. government has recommended that Americans cancel any nonessential travel to Japan and that those already in the country heed the advice and direction of Japanese disaster-relief officials.

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clear plants in Japan which were damaged by the natural disaster.

The impact of the explosion and resulting radiation risk are still being evaluated, according to the agency.

Reed also stated in the memorandum that the “increasing danger caused by damaged nuclear facilities” is a cause

for concern and his resulting directive.

“Leaving our students in this situation is not a risk I am willing to take,” he stated.

Reed has appointed Charlene Minnick and Leo Van Cleve, personnel from within the Chancellor’s Office, to assist university presidents in the process of withdrawing students from Japan.

There are California State University students currently at Waseda University in Tokyo who Van Cleve is in the process of withdrawing.



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NEWS BRIEFS

International

State of emergency declared in Bahrain

Compiled From
McClatchy Tribune

MANAMA, Bahrain — Bahrain’s king declared a three-month state of emergency Tuesday in an effort to quell a month-old uprising as rival groups of protesters and gangs set up more checkpoints around the capital.

The move by King Hamed ibn Isa Khalifa appeared to amount to a declaration of martial law the day after hundreds of troops and police from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates poured into Bahrain with the support of the government after worsening violence paralyzed Manama, the capital, in recent days.

An announcement by Bahrain’s official news agency said the king had declared the state of emergency “in light of the latest security escalations,” and had delegated to the commander in chief of Bahrain’s military “the necessary measures in order to implement the decree.”

Bahrain has been shaken by weeks of protests as the nation’s Shiite Muslim majority has taken to the streets to complain of unfair treatment at the hands of the Sunni-dominated government.

National

U.S. government gets three more weeks of funding

Compiled From
McClatchy Tribune

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives agreed Tuesday to provide enough money to keep the government open for three more weeks, but lawmakers made it clear that finding a longer-term budget agreement is going to be tense and tough.

Current government spending authority expires Friday. The Senate is the next stop for the short-term plan, which cuts \$6 billion from fiscal 2011 spending and keeps the government running through April 8, is the Senate.

The deficit is expected to reach a record \$1.65 trillion this fiscal year, and the current debt limit is \$14.3 trillion, a figure the Treasury Department expects could be reached as soon as next month.

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International banquet celebrates worldly accomplishments

Wesley Dugle
Staff Writer

A joyous atmosphere was apparent Tuesday night as members of the International Students Club and SJSU faculty gathered at the International House, a dorm building for foreign exchange students, to honor students with scholarships and a professor with an award for his contributions to the program.

According to Helen Stevens, director of international programs and services, the Spring Banquet was an event she started in 2000 to help raise scholarships for students who wished to study abroad.

“I don’t think you can really know where you come from until you’ve been somewhere else and looked back,” she said of the benefits of traveling abroad.

Stevens said her love for international study comes from her own travels when she was a student coming from the Appalachian Mountains and getting an internship in Paris, France.

“I became a believer the first time I went abroad,” she said. “It changed my life in a very positive way.”

The banquet is part of a series of festivities called “International Week,” organized by the International House.

“It’s basically a celebration of the diversity we have on campus,” said Tanmay Sharma, secretary of the International Students club.

Sharma, a freshman engineering major from India who is in his second semester at SJSU, said he came to Silicon Valley to get a new kind of

educational experience.

“(This) kind of exposure helps you not only in an academic sense but it’s something outside of the classroom you can learn from as well,” he said.

Club President Schehrbano Khan who is in her second year living at the International House, said she wanted to study in California because of its diversity.

“I wanted to know about different kinds of people,” said Khan, a sophomore molecular biology major from Pakistan. “San Jose (provided) the most opportunities to grow and the most opportunities to become a leader.”

Khan said a larger degree of influence came from her father, who studied abroad at UC Berkeley before getting his Master’s in Business Administration at CSU East Bay.

“My father told me that if I wanted to study abroad, especially in America, California was the place to go,” she said.

The banquet started at 5:30 p.m. with students and faculty gathering to mingle and have dinner together while discussing international study opportunities.

The awards ceremony started on a solemn note when Stevens opened with a moment of silence for the citizens of Japan who went through a major earthquake Friday.

The night went on to honor two students — an international student named Soon Khen Ow Yong and an SJSU student named Matthew Perez, with scholarships for their extracurricular and volunteer work.

Yong, a senior management information systems major, believes that studying abroad

helps expands your views on yourself.

“You actually learn a lot about going outside your comfort zone,” said Yong, who comes from Malaysia and has been in San Jose for three years. “It’s a good way to get to know yourself and challenge yourself.”

The night also honored Greg Payne, a professor of kinesiology and associate dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, with an award for his contributions to international education at SJSU.

“This is a tremendous honor,” he said at the podium upon receiving his award. “I’ve

been here for 28 years but this stuff still excited me.”

Payne said he was shocked when Stevens contacted him and told him he won the award.

“It really came as a positive blindside to me,” he said. “To get this award is really shocking, stunning and humbling.”

Stevens said in the end there is a lot of good that comes out of studying abroad and events like this help raise funds for future students of international programs at SJSU.

“I believe in international students coming here,” she said. “I think there should be no boundaries to learning.”



Photo: Brian O'Malley / Spartan Daily

Soon Khen Ow Yong, a senior management information systems major from Malaysia, accepts his scholarship award at the International Spring Banquet on Tuesday.



Photo: Brian O'Malley / Spartan Daily



Tanmay Sharma (far left) secretary of the International Students Club and club president Schehrbano Khan (far right) mingle with students at the International Spring Banquet on Tuesday.

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■ COMMENTARY

Oliver and Co. bring relevance back to SJSU basketball

Joey Akeley
Copy Editor

When Adrian Oliver played his first game as a San Jose State Spartan in 2008, he was coming to a team in dire need of a star.

Two first-team All-Western Athletic Conference selections later, Oliver has played the role, leading the Spartans to their first winning season in more than a decade.

Last night, the Adrian Oliver era came to close when the Creighton Bluejays routed the SJSU men’s basketball team 85-74 in the first round of the College Basketball Invitational.

Oliver finished the last game of his collegiate career with 14 points as the Spartans (17-16) could not overcome 13 3-pointers by the Bluejays (20-14), who were hosting the game in Omaha, Neb.

Oliver, who transferred from the University of Washington in 2007, has said many times that he wanted to change the culture of SJSU basketball. In his three seasons, he did just that.

Expectations were the highest in years coming into the 2010-11 season with senior guards Justin Graham and Oliver back.

The Spartans initially exceeded those expectations with a 75-72 win over Oregon at McArthur Court on Nov. 20. It was the Spartans’ first win against a Pac-10 school since 1992, and it was their best win in their 8-3 start before WAC play.

SJSU, which was picked by the media in a preseason poll to finish fourth in the WAC, lost its first four conference games, including a 102-101 quadruple-overtime heartbreaker to Boise State.

By regular season’s end, the Spartans had amassed just five wins in the WAC, securing the last seed in the WAC Tournament in Las Vegas.

A disappointing conference season would have been compounded by a first-round loss to Hawaii in the tournament, but Oliver would not let that happen.

Down by one with a few seconds remaining in the game, the Spartans fittingly gave the ball to Oliver.

He pulled up from just inside the 3-point line, releasing what might have been the last shot of his career.

But the Spartans’ leader came through by burying the jumper, and the Spartans advanced to the second round of the tournament for just the third time since they joined the WAC in 1997.

Oliver didn’t need late heroics in the second-round matchup against Idaho. Instead, he poured in 28 points, and the Spartans ended the game on a 6-0 run to defeat the Vandals 74-68, setting up a semifinal date with the top-seeded and nationally ranked Utah State Aggies.

SJSU had beaten Utah State just

one time in its last 14 tries, but Oliver and company never let the Aggies take a large lead. And in the final few minutes, the Spartans went on a run, eventually cutting the Aggies lead to two with a few seconds remaining.

Oliver, once again, let the clock tick down to just a few seconds remaining, and released SJSU’s biggest shot since Rich Taylor’s 3-pointer that won the Big West Conference Tournament in 1996.

Oliver’s shot was about an inch from going in but rimmed out, and the Aggies ended SJSU’s unprecedented run to the semifinals of the WAC Tournament.

The run helped vault the Spartans to the CBI, their first postseason trip



Photo: Vernon McKnight / Spartan Daily
Senior guard Adrian Oliver averaged 24.3 points per game for the Spartans.

since the 1995-96 when the Spartans were led to the NCAA Tournament by Tariq Abdul-Wahad, originally known as Olivier Saint-Jean.

Although they fell short, the Spartans validated their entire season by their performance at the WAC Tournament, and in the process, freshman guard Keith Shamburger turned his potential into production, scoring 51 points in the three games.

When the 2011-12 Spartans play their first game, they won’t be able to rely on Oliver’s uncanny ability to score. Shamburger and forward Wil Carter will keep the Spartans competitive, but it will be nearly impossible to make up for the loss of the nation’s third-leading scorer.

Although Oliver never completed his personal goal of winning the WAC, he will always be remembered as one of the WAC’s most prolific scorers. His name will inevitably be put up in the rafters of the Event Center with Ricky Berry and Abdul-Wahad, representing the greatest basketball players in school history.

■ ICE HOCKEY

Spartans lose tournament opener in overtime

Daniel Herberholz
Contributing Writer

Despite shutting out Florida Gulf Coast in the second and third periods to force overtime, the SJSU hockey club team lost 3-2 to the Eagles on Tuesday night at Sharks Ice.

With almost two minutes gone in overtime, the puck bounced out toward the middle of the ice following a face-off and center Justin Aquino scored a backhand goal to put Florida Gulf Coast (37-2) over the top against SJSU (17-11). “It was just a bad bounce

off of my skate, and I couldn’t recover to get back to the guy before he went to the net,” said Andy Dickerson, a graduate student center and Spartan captain who took the face-off for SJSU.

“(Aquino) was just wide open and made a nice move and put it crossbar and down,” said senior goalie Alessandro Mullane, who had 48 saves on the night.

The first period featured two goals by Florida Gulf Coast, the first of which came on a power play.

“I made the save and then lost it and it bounced,” Mul-

lane said of the Eagles’ first goal. “Someone said it was right between my legs. I just couldn’t see it.”

Junior defenseman Kevin Mixon scooped the rebound off the ice and into the net.

SJSU responded four minutes later with a power play goal of its own.

While set up offensively for the power play, junior center Kyle Dutra took a sweeping shot from the left side and zipped it right past the goalie’s left shoulder.

With two minutes left in the first period, a shot from the right side racketed off of

Mullane and dropped to the ice about three feet in front of the goal — where Kelly Johnson struck it in.

The Spartans responded in the second when Dickerson grabbed a turnover and headed full steam into a Spartan four-on-one breakaway.

“Andy passed it to Sam, Sam took it straight down and just ditched it to me at the last minute and I just tapped it in,” said senior wing Mickey Rhodes.

Mullane made 29 saves in the second and third periods to bring the game to overtime.

Eagles coach Bob Brinkworth said Mullane played a terrific game.

“He made some backdoor saves and breakaways and kept them in the game,” he said. “Once they felt that they could play with us, they were

every bit our equal.”

Mullane said after the game-winning goal, his vision went red.

“Not getting (the win) is just frustrating,” he said. “You work your ass off for 60-plus minutes

and they get a lucky break and they put one in. You always want it to be you that wins those, especially with your home crowd.”

The Spartans take on Michigan State tonight at 8 p.m. at Sharks Ice.



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SJSU winger Robbie Vaughan reacts as Florida Gulf Coast celebrates its game-winning goal Tuesday.

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Our clothing connects us all

No, I'm not a little kid

Whenever I go shopping for new clothes, the first thing I like to do is look at the tag, which reads: Made in China, Taiwan or Mexico. It gives me an idea of where the shirt, pants or sweater that I'm about to buy came from.

Have you ever thought about all the sacrifice that went into making the pieces of clothing you're wearing right now?

I can't help but think about all the hard work these individuals put into making my clothing the exact way I like it, and also about the sacrifices they made in their own lives to make this piece of clothing.

They might have had to sacrifice spending time with their families and they might have even settle for working longer hours to earn a wage that's less than the U.S. minimum wage.

Who knew that so much thought could be brought forth just from looking at a single tag found attached to the back of every piece of clothing?

The truth is, I wasn't even concerned about the words that were written on this small tag until my Women's Studies professor, Tanya Bakru, had us read a chapter in our textbooks about a year ago.

It talked about where our clothing comes from and the sacrifice of many people around the world in producing the clothing we purchase.

The things I read about in the pages of this chapter affected me emotionally.

That chapter opened my eyes to the fact that the people who made the clothing that I'm wearing right now might have been forced to work in hot and dangerous working conditions.

They might have even been forced to participate in sexual activities with their bosses and they only went through with it because they needed the money from this job to support their families.

They might have even been sexually harassed or forced to work in fear that if they told someone about



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anything that took place in the factory they would be killed or fired and forced to look for another job in an economy where there aren't many available.

When I finished reading the chapter, I was filled with anger, sadness and confusion.

I couldn't believe that people in different countries could be forced to work in these types of conditions just to make the clothes I buy.

I couldn't believe that I was so blind all these years to all the horrible things happening to the people who are making my clothes.

From this moment on I began to feel an appreciation for people who make my clothing, even though I don't know them, I feel like I'm connected to them.

I realize that it does not make us bad people to buy clothing at Old Navy, Macy's or Anchor Blue, but it does let us know that everyone in the world is connected with each other. We all have something in common.

I'm not saying that everyone should stop buying clothes at their favorite stores or that they should start buying

their clothing online from an organic company that treats their workers better. I'm just saying that we should appreciate the people who make our clothing.

If it weren't for their sacrifices we wouldn't be wearing our clothes.

We should also learn to appreciate the fact that we live in the United States where we are given the right to work in places where the environment is most likely safe and sanitary, even if we have to put up with inconveniences such as low pay, because at least we can walk through the doors knowing that if we are disrespected in any way we have the right to report it to the police without fear.

We must appreciate the fact that we live in a place where we have the right to fight for what we believe and we might not always get justice, but by law we are allowed to fight for our rights which is something that people who work in these factories don't get to do.

Next time you feel like complaining about your life and how hard it is or even about work, you might want to think twice.

There are people around the world dealing with more difficult situations than you.

Make sure you appreciate everything you have.

There are people who wish they had everything you have, whether it's a car, a job, a family, rights, freedom, clothes, malls, or even the right to an

education.

We are all blessed to own everything we own whether we want to recognize it or not.

Whenever you go shopping for clothes make sure you look at the small tag that reads "Made in ..." you have more in common with people around the world than you think.

I want to know who it is that decided what is meant for children and what is meant for adults.

I've been labeled a nerd all of my life because I like things that are generally considered only acceptable for kids such as cartoons, comic books and most notably toys.

There has to be some point in our culture's future when people realize that as soon as you hit the age of 18 you have to stop liking all the things that you loved as a kid.

Take cartoons — people stigmatize adults that have an affinity for animated features because that person is obviously not mature, when in actuality, if those people would take their heads out of their asses for long enough, they would realize that a lot of animation has just as much appealing content for the grown-ups as it does for the kids.

Take the cartoon "Adventure Time" for example. Most people would glance over this gem as a zany kids show about the exploits of a young boy and his magical dog, but once you really get into the mythology of the show, you realize the dark undertones behind the humor, such as the wrecked buildings, skeletons and undetonated nuclear bombs scattered around the show's fictional Land of Ooo.

Another example would be just about any cartoon aired on Nickelodeon during the mid '90s, such as "Rocko's Modern Life" — another show I loved as a kid, and now looking back at that

show's quirky jokes and often racy humor, I am astounded that it was ever allowed to air on network television.

As far as I can tell, our modern culture is obsessed with putting everything we can into social boxes, because that makes ev-

erything easier to understand, and the stuff that we can't understand we become afraid of, and ostracize it or, even worse, mock it.

If we label something as being for ages 3 to 10, then we damn well make sure that only those 3 to 10-year-olds like those things.

This behavior makes it impossible for people to truly appreciate the things around them.

If I want to watch a cartoon because I find it interesting then I am damn well going to watch that cartoon.

Our culture's attitude is directly responsible for the abomination that is Fox's Sunday night line-up, and I can not take another half-assed cartoon by Seth McFarlane.

The whole point I'm trying to make is that there is no reason to restrict yourself from doing what you enjoy just because it falls outside the societal norm, no matter what you enjoy.

For me it's getting home at night, turning on my computer and catching up with all the good cartoons and comics that I missed while I was at school. Break out of your boxes America, go find that thing you've always wanted to do, and then do it, and make sure to enjoy it to the fullest.



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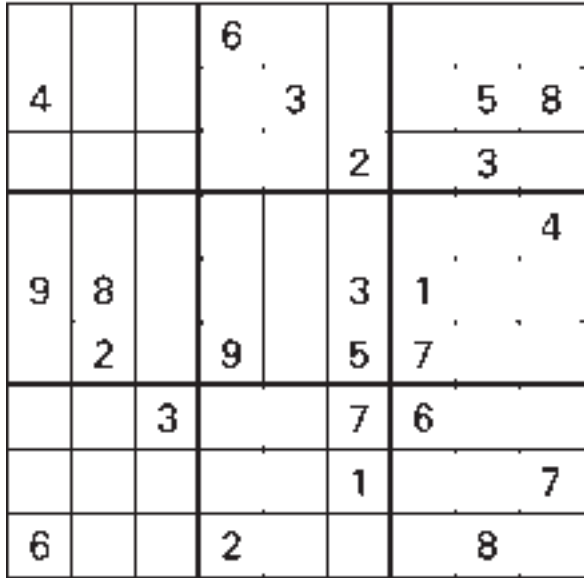
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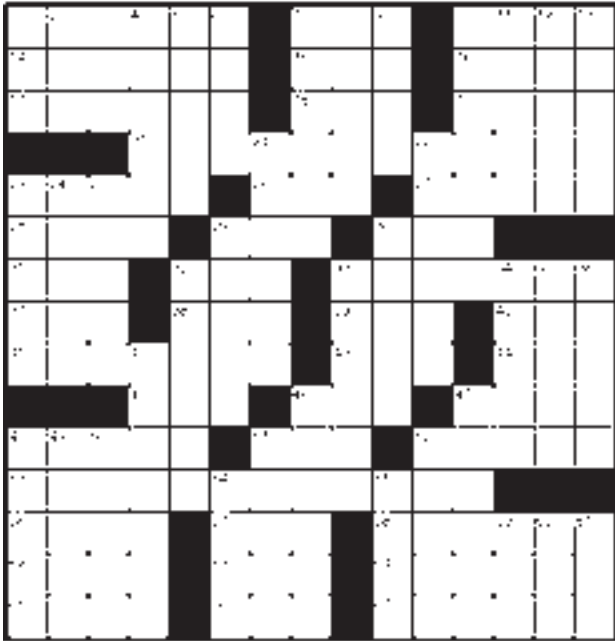
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Our world needs to unite

The uprising against the dictatorship of Moammar Gadhafi continues in Libya right now as you are reading this.

At the date of publication there are still few figures available as to how many people have been killed in the conflict, although the losses clearly do not compare to the genocidal bloodshed that be-fell Rwanda or that still occur in Darfur.

As events unfold, it is be-coming increasingly apparent that an oppressive system can-not necessarily be overcome by the violent resistance of an isolated portion of the popu-lation.

Gadhafi's forces continue to systemically crush the movement to overthrow the current that has broken out on the eastern side of his country.

It is becoming increasingly clear, as Gadhafi's military forces advance eastward with victories, that the imbalance of material resources in favor of governmental forces is not easily overcome.

Gadhafi has violated the rules of the Geneva Conven-tion by unabashedly ordering the killing of his own people, claiming that the resistance is sponsored by terrorist organi-zations, and vowing never to relinquish his power.

While the resistance move-ment has certainly not demon-strated any moral supe-riority, the proliferation of communications technology has made it increasingly diffi-cult to turn a blind eye to the sufferings of humans across the world.

The current situation in Libya clearly shows a need for international collaboration toward justice.

It is the responsibility of the other governments of the world, as a whole, to recog-nize when one leader is act-ing unjustly, and to intervene on behalf of the interests of the people suffering.

Yet in the face of such an apparently tyrannical govern-



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ment, international involve-ment has been largely re-stricted to denouncements of Gadhafi and limited amounts of humanitarian aid.

Why does no one step in while power is so blatantly abused?

The U.S. has long played the role of world police, a ti-tle the nation inherited from its "victory" in the Cold War.

The U.S. was able to bring some level of resolution to the unrest in the Philippines, but invaded Iraq against in-ternational recommendation, to much criticism.

Now, with troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, and still reeling from economic stress of the past several years, the United States cannot involve itself in the affairs of other countries as unhesitatingly.

This is a responsibility which must be shared by all the nations of the world, as a human race that acts in the best interest of everyone, re-gardless of national boundar-ies or cultural differences.

The problem is that the world still lacks an authorita-tive and accepted value sys-tem to dictate what merits international intervention.

Ultimately, the source of moral fortitude and guidance, throughout the history of hu-manity has always been reli-gion, and the lack of any re-ligious authority or influence in international governance is sorely apparent.

The fact that religion is now either completely di-vorced from governmental

policy, or in some areas so fiercely dogmatic that it does not entertain questioning or development of faith-based policies or principles, has cre-ated a force of moral relativ-ism that permeates interna-tional relations.

This moral relativism es-sentially states that there is no need for anyone to agree on what is right or wrong.

Until mankind recognizes the need for religion to func-tion as a unifying force, one that can bring people of vari-ous backgrounds to points of moral agreement, the condi-tion of the world will contin-ue to deteriorate.

Regardless of how over-whelming the problems fac-ing humanity may seem, if individuals, communities and institutions all over the world can find ways to collaborate on shared goals based on what we believe is the right thing to do for everyone, our potential as one human race is boundless.

Today, all the countries in the world remain largely di-vided, competing economi-cally and militarily, with small portions of various populations seeking to utilize the societal systems in place, exploit the majority for per-sonal gain.

The flaws in these systems which govern post-modern society are becoming increas-ingly apparent, as the world's resources are becoming more and more strained.

The world is changing, but as the situation in Libya is demonstrating — the world's leaders will not bring about the needed change by them-selves — unprompted, no matter how dire the need is. We must all recast the way we view the world, what our is role in it, and what we can do to change it.

Until we do, things will remain much easier for the Moammar Gadhafis of the world to get the biggest guns and the most money, and to continue doing things their way.

I promise you that I'm not faking it

I was once an over-achiever who worked two jobs and went to school while maintaining all As and Bs.

I made the Dean's list.

Even when I only got a few hours of sleep I had the energy to workout four times a week.

I was social.

And then things changed — I changed.

I didn't ask for this change, it just happened.

My focus in classes dis-appeared. I lost track of time and misplaced belongings.

I became lethargic, skipping the gym and school. Instead I spent my time in bed.

I turned into a hermit. I made excuses about why I couldn't hang out with friends.

I let my phone calls go straight to voice-mail.

When I looked in the mirror, I couldn't recognize the face that was staring back.

It wasn't me.

I lost my appetite and quickly dropped 15 lbs.

Some people say depression is not real, that people choose to be negative and that there's a way to just snap out of it.

Believe me, if I could have snapped out of it, I would have.

No one wants to be depressed.

When you're depressed, a dark cloud over-shadows your life.

It gets scary.

You lose your mind and your friends si-multaneously.

You become accustomed to feeling lone-ly.

The smile that once danced on your face falls into a frown. Tears well up in your eyes and slide down your cheeks.

Then the negative thoughts turn danger-ous.

There was so much pain inside of me and I had no way to release it.

My head told me to slam my arm against a



Amber Simons
Simons Says

wall — to break my bones.

Luckily, at the time, there was still enough of the real me to prevent that from hap-pening.

One night, I lost all of me.

I was in my bedroom bawl-ing my eyes out, the pain in my heart was too much to handle. I was alone, I was hurting and I just wanted a break.

I wanted to rest. I craved for my mind to stop running wild.

Then I heard a dark voice tell me to swallow all of my sleeping pills. If I could do that, I would just go to sleep and end all of my worrying.

That voice scared me.

I ran to my mom's room and told her to take me to the hospital.

I wanted to end my life. It took me a week and some medication to change my mind. I spent that week in an in-patient program at a hospital.

During that time, my family told me I was selfish for wanting to kill myself.

My sister disappointed me the most. Like many people, she doesn't understand depres-sion. She told me to get over it and that I was selfish so I hung up on her.

We didn't talk again for a long time.

She hurt me.

She thinks I made up my "depression."

I couldn't take myself from straight As to being suicidal in a matter of three months if I wanted to.

Why would anyone want to do that?

I sure never wanted life to get screwed up. I never wanted to lose all of my friends. I never asked to be miserable and sad all of the time.

I just want the old Amber back.

Believe me, depression is real and I'm still trying to overcome it.

"Simons Says" is a weekly column appearing on Wednesdays. Amber Simons is the Spartan Daily Opinion Editor.

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The one question not to ask a returning soldier

"Have you ever killed anyone?"

I get asked this one question a lot when people find out that I served in Iraq.

This is quite possibly one of the most in-solent questions a person could ask a returning veteran.

Because the one thing that I want to do is to help fill that void in your life of wanting to know what it's like to kill a person.

Sure, I have time to relive bad memories for your amusement.

This is one thing Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom veterans struggle with when they come home from seeing combat.

Many veterans end up going into a treat-ment facility because they have such a hard time dealing with what they have seen.

This question can trigger memories that soldiers have tried to put behind them.

Horrible memories of death, pain, hatred, murder and much more I haven't even seen myself, and I spent 15 months there as an in-fantryman.

Every soldier has a different experience while serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.

For some reason people as-sume all veterans have seen the same exact things.

I have people tell me how one of their friends had a child run up and bring them a gre-nade or about women who would carry guns.

So, automatically people as-sume I dealt with exactly the same things.

Not true at all.

I had children bring me food and soda. They would walk around the hospital with us while we were doing a short patrol.

I would have people want to pose in pic-tures with me, because they actually like us and wanted to thank us for being there.

Unfortunately, no one cares about these stories of amazing human interaction — sto-



Jesse Jones
Staff Photographer

ries of two completely dif-ferent cultures cooperating in a time of war.

The stories people want to hear about are how many people you shot, if you saw anyone get blown up or how many dead bodies you saw.

It just makes me wonder why someone would think it is OK to bring up such a horrible memory for a per-son.

Do they actually think I would respond, "Hell yeah I shot someone, it was the greatest damned day of my life!"

I haven't even told my family the things that I did or saw in Iraq, why would I tell some complete stranger about what I have done?

I tell people the stories I like to tell — about having a beer on top of a 16-story build-ing with a great friend of mine, as we looked down upon a war-torn city, hearing gunshots

and wondering what would happen next.

I see the bored look in their eyes and know I told them exactly opposite of what they wanted to hear and laugh a little on the in-side.

Yes, I saw horrible things while I was there.

Yes, I did things I wish I could forget.

I will never lose those memories though, which is actually a good thing.

I do not regret any of what I have done during my military career in Iraq, but I sure as hell do not want to tell some stranger about it.

So, for all who want to know what it is like to serve in a war and kill someone, you have two options: Join the military and experience it yourself or leave us soldiers alone and go watch your fake war movies so you can get your fix and say how you would do things dif-ferently.

Because you are the true damned hero who sat on your couch judging us for what we did while we were over there.

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S Saint Patrick's Day celebrations attract San Jose's thirsty patrons

Jaimie Collins
A&E Editor

March has arrived, bringing with it plenty of happenings to get excited about. The first day of spring is next week, followed by spring break at the end of the month. Even better, this week boasts my favorite themed holiday — Saint Patrick's Day.

This Thursday, people donning green outfits, beads and crazy props will take to the streets in search of the best celebrations.

Here's what's going on around the Bay Area in honor of this Irish holiday: If you plan on keeping the party close to home, the best destination in San Jose is O'Flaherty's Irish Pub in San Pedro Square.

O'Flaherty's "Irish car bomb," a mixed shot of Bailey's Irish cream and Jameson whiskey dropped in a pint of Guinness, is a must-have.

The party starts at the early hour of 2 p.m. and lasts all night long.

It's a popular spot, so make sure to show up early and claim a bar stool.

While O'Flaherty's is sure to have the best clover party, the rest of San Pedro Square will also be hosting special events on Thursday and for the rest of the weekend.

A few blocks away, San Jose Bar and Grill is slashing the prices on its Irish-themed beverages.

"Irish car bombs" will cost \$9, shots of Jameson cost \$6.50 and draughts of Guinness are \$3.

Similar to O'Flaherty's is Santana Row's Rosie McCann's Irish Pub and Restaurant.

Rosie's, which also has a location in Santa Cruz, offers up Irish hospitality through its authentic food and drinks.

On Thursday, the pub will be hosting live music, with the Piping Circle performing from 5 till 7 p.m., followed by the Mofo's from 7 to 9 p.m., and a disc jockey closing out the night.

As a commuter campus,



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A bar-goer enjoys a Guinness beer at O'Flaherty's 2008 Saint Patrick's Day celebration.

SJSU has a lot of students branching from other areas throughout the bay.

Celebrations will be happening in a variety of locations — San Francisco being no exception.

"O'Flaherty's 'Irish car bomb,' a mixed shot of Bailey's Irish Cream and Jameson Whiskey dropped in a pint of Guinness, is a must-have."

The California Academy of Sciences museum in Golden Gate Park will be hosting a special St. Patty's-themed late event, offering Irish dancing, refreshments and live music.

The city by the bay also has its own Irish pub, Johnny Foley's Irish House, located on O'Farrell Street between Mason and Powell streets.

Upstairs, the bar boasts a menu full of authentic Irish cuisine and a bar stocked

with every type of liquor imaginable.

Downstairs in the basement there is a dueling piano bar, where hilarious pianists play for tips.

If you are in the Downtown San Francisco area Thursday evening it might be a wise decision to stop in for a visit.

During the day on Sunday, the streets of San Francisco will be echoing with

Irish music while the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade rides down Market Street, hosted by the United Irish Societies of San Francisco.

Marching bands, Irish dancers and decorated floats will begin their trek through the city at 11:30 a.m., starting at Second and Market Streets and ending at City Hall.

Afterward, the party will continue in the Civic Center Plaza, with a holiday festival lasting until 5 p.m.

Whether you are staying in good old San Jose or heading to the City, this weekend has plenty of opportunities for everyone.

Eat some corned beef hash and cabbage and wash it down with green beer.

While this year's St. Patrick's Day is sure to be a good time no matter what you choose to do, make sure to be safe.

If the party does get a little too crazy, take advantage of AAA's Topsy Tow program — a free five-mile tow for drinking drivers and their vehicles.

Déan spóirt!



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Party-seekers crowd O'Flaherty's bar on Saint Patrick's Day 2009 dressed in green gear to pump up holiday spirit.

As the child of a Guinness-drinking Irish-Catholic family, I look forward to this day as soon as the new year begins.

Every year, the Irish-themed bar hosts an all-out party, complete with Irish food, kegs of Guinness and live entertainment on its outdoor patio.

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