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A.S. election kicks off with open forum

Kyle Szymanski
Senior Staff Writer

SJSU students had an opportunity to ask questions on Tuesday to 21 candidates vying for 16 positions in the upcoming Associated Students elections.

Although only five students not associated with the A.S. showed up to the event, those that came pressed the candidates on their ideas to get more students involved on campus, on their motivation to follow through with

campaign promises despite obstacles, why it was important to be elected and the continuing budget problems that continue to affect students.

"I wanted to see what everyone had to say," said senior philosophy major Fiza Najeeb. "I liked how there was a lot of commentary about getting more connected with students on campus. Everyone who goes to San Jose State and pays the fees is essentially part of the Associated Students."

Herlinda Aguirre, a junior art history major and member of the

Students for Quality Education, questioned the candidates on how they would bring awareness of budget cuts to the student population.

Kevin Starks and current president Tomasz Kolodziejak, both running for president, commented on how they would improve students' understanding of why budget cuts take place and how they affect the university.

"I think students are aware of the fee increases," Kolodziejak said. "California has a budget deficit for many reasons, and the

fee hikes are because California is running a deficit and did not close the budget last year."

He said if he is elected to the position of president for a second time, he would encourage the creation of town hall meetings to allow students to voice their concerns over budget cuts.

He also said he would encourage students to bring their concerns to university officials, and would attempt to institute a liaison between all the clubs on campus.

Starks said the students and

the members of A.S. need to communicate better to pass along information between the group and students.

His solution would entail having members of A.S. stand out in front of heavily traveled places on campus such as Clark Hall to create interface with students.

"As it is right now, information from Associated Students is virtually impossible," Starks said. "You send it through Facebook, put it on a poster, send a news flash or

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Peer health educators: Communication key in preventing suicides

Ron Gleeson
Staff Writer

In coordination with the Student Health Center, students from the Wellness and Health Promotion team are working to bring a grim topic such as suicide into good light to help instruct students on the reality that people with suicidal thoughts face every day.

Phi Le, a post-baccalaureate premed student and member of the team, said suicide has a stigma surrounding the topic that prevents most people from openly talking about it.

"We need to talk about it in order to help those at risk," he said.

Le said communication is key, and it is up to both the person contemplating suicide and that person's friends and family to keep clear lines of speech between parties.

"It is up to the person to share his or her feelings," he said. "However, it is also important for the people not involved to show that they care, especially if you suspect suicide may be in the thoughts of a loved one."

Kell Fujimoto, interim director of Counseling Services, said the greatest defense against suicide is communication.

"Part of the issue with suicide prevention is that a lot of the time these people keep their secrets and do not open to others," Fujimoto said. "Suicide is a common thing. We want people to open up and share their thoughts."

According to the Centers for Disease Control, suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the country and is also the second leading cause of death among college students.

"There are many factors in today's college life that can be attributed to suicide," Le said. "Constant hikes in tuition, troubles in classes and struggle with family at home can all add up for college students and quickly become overwhelming."

The WHP team discussed topics on how to help, starting with sharing risk factors associated with suicidal people such as depression or substance abuse.

One thing the team stressed is for students to be able to recognize some of the many warning signs, such as hopelessness and loss of interest, that can potentially tip-off a family member or friend that a loved one may be considering suicide.

Mary Lazar, junior communication studies major and WHP team member, said if there is anything the team wants students to learn is for them to remember at least one of the risk factors.

"Knowing the warning signs is the best way to prevent a loved one from ending their own life by suicide," she said. "We are students, not mental health professionals. But this way we at least will know what to look for when people need help."

Fujimoto said the best way to help

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Photo: Jesse Jones / Spartan Daily

Students put their feet together in celebration at the end of their march around campus on Tuesday.

Students put their best feet forward for shoeless kids

Whitney Ellard
Staff Writer

Students and participants in the Cesar Chavez Community Action Center's Alternative Spring Break program walked barefoot around the campus for the national "One Day Without Shoes" event Tuesday.

The event began at noon at the

fountain in front of the Event Center. Participants walked around the campus barefoot for over an hour challenging students and bystanders to take off their shoes and chanted "Take them off."

Sixteen people walked around the university and many onlookers who did not join the walk participated by taking off their shoes where they stood.

April 5 is considered "One Day Without Shoes" day where individuals are asked to go about their day barefoot to raise awareness for children in Third World countries who do not have the luxury of owning a pair of shoes.

"One Day Without Shoes" challenges people to spend a day

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Photo: Brian O'Malley / Spartan Daily

Gesem Madrigal (right), a senior business management major, and Nick Ajluni (left), junior environmental studies major, give strawberries to students as part of the Locavore food fair held in front of Clark Hall on Tuesday.

Food fair promotes sustainability through eating local-grown food

Alex Wara
Staff Writer

SJSU students had a chance to learn how to become a locavore Tuesday afternoon in front of Clark Hall.

The locavore is anyone who tries to eat food that is grown close to where he or she lives in hopes of supporting a more sustainable environment, according to a website that encourages eating locally grown food.

Eating locally can range from someone growing their own food to visiting local farmers' markets.

There were a dozen tables at the fair that had students and members of the community educating people about how to become more sustainable in their everyday lives.

Junior geography major Celia White, a member of the Environmental Resource Center on campus, served as the event planner for the fair.

"We are showing how much

energy is wasted and how much food travels around the world to get to your supermarket when you can just grow it in your own backyard or can buy from a local farmer," she said.

The fair hosted numerous organizations from around the community that are devoted to helping people become sustainable.

Representatives from the SJSU Green Wave program

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Car-share partnership in works for university, City of San Jose

Whitney Ellard
Staff Writer

The City of San Jose is partnering with SJSU and the University Police Department to implement a car-sharing program.

The car-sharing service will be different from using a car rental company. Participants will be able to sign up for a membership that will consist of an annual or monthly fee. Hourly alternatives will also be available.

The campus does not have a history in participating in a car-share program, it will be the first.

"This is definitely the first time SJSU is going to be involved in a car-sharing program," said Otto Melara, transportation solutions commute coordinator.

According to the "Request for Proposal," written by Laura Stuchinsky, sustainability officer for the City of San Jose, the membership fee will include the cost of insurance, gas and maintenance.

"Participants enjoy the benefit of a private vehicle without the cost and responsibility associated with owning that

vehicle," stated the proposal.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transportation is the fastest growing source of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. Since 1990, transportation emissions are responsible for 47 percent of the net increase in the U.S.

The program is another step the city is taking toward increasing environmental sustainability and sees potential participants in the car-sharing program here at San Jose State, said city councilman Samuel Liccardo.

"We find that car-sharing programs tend to boost the uses of transit alternative modes like biking and walking," he said. "The university has a mass of potential users that the car-sharing program needs."

According to a survey conducted by the Associated Students in Fall 2010, 46.7 percent of students already use alternative transportation methods to get to campus such as biking and transit.

Liccardo believes there are multiple benefits for students.

"It provides access to an automobile when we know many starving students cannot afford the cost of insurance, gas, parking and not to mention the car itself," he said.

As for the city, the program can help reduce greenhouse gases. The proposal states "it can also enable families with multiple cars to consider reducing the number they own, or to forego car ownership entirely and also decrease parking demand in neighborhoods."

The city is looking to decrease the percentage of solo-driving residents from 78 percent to 40 percent by 2040.

The program also aims to increase alternative transportation from 4 percent to 20 percent and bicycling and walking from 1.2 percent and 1.8 percent respectively to 15 percent, according to the proposal.

The program is still in search of a car-sharing operator. In terms of cost, the proposal states the car-share program will not cost the city or the university, and that the partnership is to allow the creation of the service in San Jose.

The city and university will provide street parking for the car share vehicles, assist in marketing and vehicle maintenance according to the proposal.

Liccardo hopes the program will begin next year. "There's no reason why we can't be up and running by 2012," Liccardo said.

Eight killed, power disrupted as storm system wreaks havoc across American South

McClatchy Tribune

A powerful system of tornadoes, hail storms and lightning pounded the South, killing at least 8 people in the region and leaving a wake of uprooted trees, downed power lines and damaged homes.

The storms swept quickly through northeast Texas and Oklahoma and rolled into the South on Monday and early Tuesday, hitting Georgia and the Carolinas.

The system was expected to pass through Florida and into the Atlantic Ocean by Tuesday evening, according to the National Weather Service.

At least six people were killed in Georgia, including a 3-year-old child and his father who died after a tree fell into their home in Butts County. In rural Dodge County, a 45-year-old man was found dead under rubble after a mobile home was lifted and thrown off its foundation by powerful winds, officials said.

In Tennessee, an 87-year-old Memphis

man was found dead after he was electrocuted outside of his home by a toppled power line, officials said. In Mississippi, a 20-year-old man was killed when his car struck a tree that had been knocked down across a road.

The National Weather Service is investigating about two dozen reports of tornadoes throughout the region and received more than 900 reports of wind damage, said Tom Bradshaw, a meteorologist with the agency.

"This is a typical severe spring weather outbreak," Bradshaw said. "What's fortunate is that we haven't had any very strong tornadoes with this particular system."

In Georgia, roads across the state remained closed, blocked by downed power lines and toppled trees. State officials on Tuesday began surveying the aftermath of the storms, with nearly half of Georgia's counties reporting damage.

"It is scattered all over the state," said Lisa Janak, spokeswoman for Georgia Emergency Management Agency. "Mother Nature played no favorites."



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A police officer directs traffic on South Tryon St. and Remount Rd. in Charlotte, North Carolina after traffic signals were toppled in the morning storm on Tuesday.

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- SJSU President Gail Fullerton blasted a legislative analyst's recommendation that the state cut funding to "avocational, recreational, and personal development" courses to save \$3.2 million from the CSU budget.
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were in attendance teaching people how to be more energy efficient.

"A lot of people can learn how to save money on their energy bills and be more environmentally friendly," said Ed Pereira, a senior environmental studies major.

The goal of becoming more energy efficient is part of the San Jose Green Vision Goal to reduce energy use, he said.

Pereira said he was at the fair to help more students

become more environmentally friendly. The organization was giving away energy-efficient light bulbs as well as information to teach people about ways to save money on energy.

Lacey Benson, a junior environmental studies major, was representing the Master Composters of Santa Clara County.

She participated in a six-week course to be more educated about the benefits of composting.

"We are here to teach people about the soil and the benefits that come from it," Benson said.

Benson also said she was

helping reach out to students, letting them know what to do with their food scraps.

Whole Foods, a grocery store known for selling organic foods, provided free strawberries at the fair for students to eat.

When it comes to eating locally, White said students can make a small change that can make a huge difference.

"It is something simple that you can do," she said. "A lot of things are hard to incorporate into your life to become more sustainable. Eating locally is pretty easy."

Global warming skeptics find scientific data supporting climate change claims

McClatchy Tribune

LOS ANGELES — A team of physicists and statisticians that set out to challenge the scientific consensus on global warming is finding that its data-crunching effort is producing results nearly identical to those underlying the prevailing view.

The Berkeley Earth Surface Temperature project at the University of California, Berkeley, was launched by physics professor Richard Muller, a longtime critic of government-led climate studies, to address what he called "the legitimate concerns" of skeptics who believe global warming is exaggerated.

But Muller unexpectedly told a congressional hearing last week that the work of the three principal groups that have analyzed the temperature trends underlying climate science is "excellent. ... We see a global warming trend that is very similar to that previously reported by the other groups."

The hearing was called by GOP leaders of the House Science & Technology committee, who have expressed doubts about the integrity of climate science. It was one of several inquiries in recent weeks as the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to curb planet-heating emissions from industrial plants and motor vehicles have come under attack in Congress.

Muller said his group was surprised by its findings, but he cautioned that the initial assessment is based on only 2 percent of the 1.6 billion measurements that will eventually be examined.

The Berkeley project's biggest private backer, at \$150,000, is the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation. Oil billionaires Charles and David Koch are the nation's most prominent funders of efforts to prevent curbs on the burning of fossil fuels, the largest contributor to greenhouse gases.

The \$620,000 project is also partly funded by the federal Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, where Muller is a senior scientist. Muller said the Koch foundation and other contributors will have no influence over the results, which he plans to submit to peer-reviewed scientific journals.

Ken Caldeira, an atmospheric scientist at the Carnegie Institution for Science, which contributed some funding to the Berkeley effort, said Muller's statement to Congress was "honorable" in recognizing that "previous temperature reconstructions basically got it right. ... Willingness to revise views in the face of empirical data is the hallmark of the good scientific process."

But conservative critics who had expected Muller's group to demonstrate a bias among climate scientists reacted with disappointment.

Anthony Watts, a former TV weatherman who runs the skeptic blog WattsUpWithThat.com, wrote that the Berkeley group is releasing results that are not "fully working and debugged yet. ... But, post normal science political theater is like that."

Over the years, Muller has praised Watts' efforts to show that weather station data in official studies are untrustworthy because of the urban heat island effect, which boosts temperature readings in areas that have been encroached on by cities and suburbs.

Leading climatologists said previous studies accounted for the effect, and the Berkeley analysis is confirming that, Muller said.

"Did such poor station quality exaggerate the estimates of global warming?" he asked in his written testimony. "We've studied this issue, and our preliminary answer is no."

Temperature data are gathered from tens of thousands of weather stations around the globe, many of which have incomplete re-

ords. Over the last two decades, three independent groups have used different combinations of stations and varying statistical methods and yet arrived at nearly identical conclusions: The planet's surface, on average, has warmed about 0.75 degrees centigrade (1.4 degrees Fahrenheit) since the beginning of the 20th century.

Temperature data were the focus of the so-called 2009 Climategate controversy, in which opponents of greenhouse gas regulation alleged that leaked emails from a British climate laboratory showed manipulation of weather station records.

Five U.S. and British government and university investigations have refuted the charges.

"For those who wish to discredit the science, this (temperature) record is the holy grail," said Peter Thorne, a leading expert at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C. "They figure if they can discredit this, then society would have significant doubts about all of climate science."

Thorne said scientists who contributed to the three main studies — by NOAA, NASA and Britain's Met Office — welcome new peer-reviewed research. But he said the Berkeley team had been "seriously compromised" by publicizing its work before publishing any vetted papers.

On the project's website, in a public lecture and in statements to the media, Muller had portrayed the Berkeley effort as rectifying the "biases" of previous studies, a task he compared with "Hercules cleaning out the Augean stables."

He said his study would be "more precise," analyzing data from 39,000 stations — more than any other study — and offering "transparent," rather than "homogenized" data.

Kevin Trenberth, who heads the Climate Analysis Section of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, a university consortium, said he was "highly skeptical of the hype and claims" surrounding the Berkeley effort.

"The team has some good people," he said, "but not the expertise required in certain areas, and purely statistical approaches are naive."

The project team includes UC Berkeley statistician David Brillinger and UC Berkeley physicists Don Groom, Robert Jacobsen, Saul Perlmutter, Arthur Rosenfeld and Jonathan Wurtele.

The group's atmospheric scientist is Judith Curry, chairwoman of the School of Earth and Atmospheric Science at Georgia Tech, who has suggested that temperature data were "airbrushed" by other scientists.

One full-time staffer, Richard Rohde, who recently earned a doctorate in statistics, is doing most of the work, Muller said.

Although in his testimony Muller praised the "integrity" of previous studies, he said estimates of human-caused warming need to be "improved." And despite his preliminary praise for earlier studies, he said further data-crunching "could bring our current agreement into disagreement."

Other scientists noted that temperature is only one factor in climate change.

"Even if the thermometer had never been invented, the evidence is there from deep ocean changes, from receding glaciers, from rising sea levels and receding sea ice and spring snow cover," Thorne said.

"All the physical indicators are consistent with a warming world. There is no doubt the trend of temperature is upwards since the early 20th century. And that trend is accelerating."

CAMPUS IMAGES



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Political Science sophomore Guillermo Aguado (left) and aerospace freshman Justin De Castillo are dressed as zombies on Tuesday's Zombie Game.

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something. We need to communicate by being together."

Aguirre said she thought the open forum went well, but she would like to see more detailed explanation of the candidates' plans.

"I kind of got an idea of what the candidates wanted to do," she said. "The ones that said 'I have a plan for creating community' or 'I have a plan to reduce spending', I want to see an actual plan. I want to see an actual something, not a blank page."

The candidates were also asked how they would increase student interest in the A.S.

To date, the best turnout for A.S. took place three election cycles ago when 3,000 students turned out to vote for board candidates, said Cree Daniels, chief elections officer for the A.S.

Matriculated students at SJSU pay an activity fee, which totals \$4.3 million and is part of the \$6.9 million annual budget that is handled by the A.S. Board of Directors, according to the A.S. SJSU Voter Information Guide.

Marina Troian, who is running for director of communications, said integrating social media such as Facebook and Twitter into the communication process between the A.S. and the students is vital.

"It is a waste of their money if the students are not aware of what is going on," she said.

Kolodziejak also raised

the possibility of instituting a one-unit internship for a director of external affairs position. San Francisco State currently has a similar opportunity for its students.

He also said he would continue to foster a strong connection with the student media at SJSU through public relations and marketing positions that were hired last semester.

Matthew Sampson, who is running for controller, said emphasis should be placed on commuter students, who may not pay attention to the banners and announcements that are displayed around campus.

"The banners are there," he said. "It's a matter of how you get people to recognize the banners. You have to build that sense that this is your home, this is where you belong."

John Sepassi, a junior business management major who is running for director of business affairs, international student Tanmay Sharma, who is running for director of intercultural affairs and Calvin Worsnup, who is the current vice president and is running for re-election unopposed, all addressed a question posed by the audience about how the candidates would overcome obstacles if they are appointed to their respective positions.

Sepassi said it is important for all candidates to understand that it is important for elected officials to have backup plans when attempting to implement policy or ideas.

"You have to say 'if things do not go my way, what can I do,'" he said. "Maybe you go in a different direction or down another path."

Sharma said the ability to



Photo: Michelle Terris / Spartan Daily

Jay Singh (left), a business administration marketing sophomore, and Marina Troian (right) applaud A.S. Election candidates as they introduce themselves in the Campus Village building B on Tuesday.

overcome obstacles in the job begins with the candidate having motivation.

He said he is motivated by his passion to represent the diversity on campus.

"With a good board of directors, we can all keep each other pitched in, keep motivating each other and make it a happy scene," Sharma said.

Worsnup said his experience on the board has taught him that obstacles are part of the job, and that candidates should keep their ambition up as they attempt to help the students.

"If your goal is to climb a great mountain, you have to know where your goal is, but if your goals are only focused on that, you are going to bump into trees along the way," he said. "But if you are only looking at the ground, you will not know where you are going."

Daniels said she was impressed by the performance of the candidates.

"I think tonight turned out as expected," he said. "I didn't expect a lot of students because I feel like a lot of students don't really care about the elections or know a lot about the elections. I am happy all my candidates showed up, were well versed and they are all excited about the position."

Amalia Renteria, a senior public relations major, said regardless of what the candidates said, she hopes they can perform once elected.

"I just wish the people that do get elected would be able to represent the students," she said. "I know they are candidates and they are wearing their business suits, but when they go talk to the boards and the president they will be able to represent the students."



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A.S. President Tomasz Kolodziejak tells candidates about the A.S. election process.



Photo: Jesse Jones / Spartan Daily

Adessa Kiryakos chants "Take your shoes off," to students around her in an attempt to recruit more students for the One Day Without Shoes march on Tuesday.

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without shoes to help raise awareness of the impact a simple pair of shoes can bring to a child's life," said Adessa Kiryakos, youth services coordinator for the center.

In addition to walking around campus, members of the organization laid out a small pile of gravel, dirt and rocks for participants to walk on and feel what it is like for children without shoes in Third World countries.

"The rock was really painful," said senior music major Thomas Peters. "I can't imagine having to walk on rocks and unpaved roads without shoes, especially for a child."

Non-students also chose to participate in the walk and bring awareness to the global issue.

James Egami came to San

Jose State to take a look at the campus for his daughter, who is thinking about attending the university, and decided to take off his shoes and join the participants as they walked by.

"It's a worthwhile event," he said. "Kids all over the world don't have the same opportunities and amenities that we have."

Participant Kimberly Parada and her year-and-a-half old son Jordan also took off their shoes and joined the walk around campus.

"My aunt goes here and we came with her to support," she said.

Kiryakos said last year 25 participants joined the organization to raise awareness.

"Even if one person goes the day without shoes I'll be content," she said.

According to the "One Day Without Shoes" website, the event was created four years ago by the company TOMS shoes.

For every shoe purchased

from the company, a pair of shoes is given to a child in need around the globe.

According to the company's website, experts identify local regions with the greatest need for shoes and assist with health and improve a child's quality of life. The company currently gives shoes to 23 countries such as Guatemala and Ethiopia, and has given one million pairs of shoes to children.

"Shoes have been shown to be a fundamental resource for protecting children from rough terrain, infection and soil-based diseases," the website stated.

Peters thought the event was beneficial.

"Before this event I never even thought of this situation," he said. "It's helped raise awareness at least with me."

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BASEBALL

SJSU finds success during spring break

Ron Gleeson
Staff Writer

While students were relieved of their academic duties over spring break, SJSU baseball worked hard on the diamond and continued its winning ways, including a two-game sweep of Brown University.

The Spartans (17-7) followed a 9-4 victory on March 29 with another Wednesday, defeating the Bears (2-12) 11-4.

Although SJSU put 11 runs on the scoreboard in the second game of the series, the story of the game was not the Spartans' performance at the plate, but the clinic freshman starting pitcher Johnny Melero displayed on the mound.

Melero, who made his first collegiate start, breezed through the Bears' line up early, throwing four perfect innings.

His perfect game was broken up in the fifth inning by an error, and his no-hitter after a miscommunicated play by freshman second baseman Jacob Valdez and sophomore right fielder Nick Schulz allowed a catchable ball to fall into shallow right field.

"I had full command of all my pitches and I put them all to work," Melero said after finishing with seven innings pitched and allowing only three runners on base and a single unearned run.

Melero's curveball kept the Bears off-balance at the plate, allowing him to accumulate seven strikeouts on the outing, the final four leaving Brown hitters looking as the pitch crossed the plate.

SJSU coach Sam Piraro noticed the authority Melero had with his curveball, as well as the variety he displayed on the mound.

"(Melero) had three pitches he used at his disposal," Piraro said. "He had a curve ball he used to put hitters away as well as a curve ball to get a strike. To add to that, he had a change up that slowed down the hitter's bats and a fastball that took their bats away."

Brown, on the other hand, was not so fortunate with the performance by their pitchers.

The Spartans started slow offensively, but were given base runners throughout the game in the form of both walks and batters hit by pitch.

They were able to break through for the first run of the game in the third inning after Bears' freshman pitcher Chris Hubbard loaded the bases by surrendering three walks to the

first four Spartan batters in the inning.

With the bases loaded, senior first baseman Danny Stienstra capitalized by sending a bloop base hit into shallow center field, scoring senior shortstop Nick Borg.

Stienstra, who finished 3-for-5 with three runs and the sole RBI, said his success came from the hard work of batters that come ahead of him in the batting order.

"The guys around me make the opposing pitcher throw me more strikes," he said. "Guys were getting on in front of me, and I was lucky enough to see some good pitches."

Brown's pitching woes continued following the base hit as Hubbard allowed another walk to third baseman Caleb Natov with the bases loaded, bringing a run home for SJSU.

The following play would add fielding to the list of Brown's troubles.

A slow chopper off the bat of Spartans' sophomore left fielder Tim Quiery resulted in an error by the Bears' second baseman, scoring two runs and capping SJSU's scoring in the third inning with four runs.

The Spartans scored two more in the sixth inning fueled by bases on balls by the Bears.



Photo: Jesse Jones / Spartan Daily

Senior first baseman Danny Stienstra in action against Wisconsin-Milwaukee on March 13.

The first run came off a base hit by Quiery and the second from a walk drawn by Borg with the bases loaded yet again after the two batters in front of him were walked.

Brown finally made noise on the score board in the seventh inning after an error by Natov.

The Spartans, however, exploded in the their half of the inning by putting another 4-spot on the board, a rally that was once again set up by walks.

A double by Stienstra and two consecutive walks loaded the bases for Spartan sophomore right fielder Nick Schulz, who delivered with a two-RBI double to right center.

With runners on second and third, the Spartans put the game all but out of reach when junior catcher Anthony Bona singled to drive in both base runners, stretching the lead to nine.

SJSU would score one last time in its half of the eighth inning — another bases loaded walk, this time to Bona, earning him his game-high third RBI of the afternoon.

Piraro talked about teaching "panhandling" to his team, which he said means taking whatever your opponent will give you, whether it be walks or anything else beneficial to the team.

"You have to have great eyes as a hitter to take a walk," he said. "You have to know exactly where the strike zone is, and that's exactly what our guys did out there today."

Although Piraro mentioned "panhandling" to his team to produce runs by earning walks, which transpired in Wednesday's game, he said it is not the team's foremost goal.

"We will always take what the other team gives you," he said. "But we also want to be self-sufficient. We want to be able to generate our own income. But, if someone wants to put a dollar in our cup we'll take it."

The runs produced later in the game by stringing together walks and base hits were refreshing, Piraro said.

"We are an average to above-average offensive ball club," he said. "We don't want to do any more than we know we are capable of at the plate. The at-bats late in the game showed me the players recognized that and all they did was try to put the ball in play."

SJSU played three games against UC Santa Barbara this weekend, taking two out of three against the Gauchos, and only one more out-of-conference game remains before the team begins play against Western Athletic Conference schools.

Piraro said this is the most important part of their schedule, and both players and Piraro are confident in their ability, but there is always room for improvement.

"We have a lot of momentum, mainly because the teams we have been winning against are good teams," Stienstra said. "We just need to stay consistent to beat the teams coming up within our conference."

Piraro said there are some questions to be answered before he can feel comfortable, mainly dealing with lingering injuries and improving their level of play offensively.

"There is a lot of improvement to be made," he said. "We are a blue collar operation all the way across the board. We shouldn't be patting our selves on the shoulder just yet. If we are, shame on me."

WATER POLO

Spartans' win streak snapped in loss to Bruins

Nic Aguon
Staff Writer

UCLA's seven goals in the second half overpowered SJSU with a 9-4 victory in a Mountain Pacific Sports Federation women's water polo match on Saturday.

The Spartans (16-9, 2-3 MPSPF) were on a nine-game winning streak going into the game, aiming for a school record 10th straight win. The match marked the final home game for the Spartans' season.

"The third quarter of any game is crucial," said senior utility player Adrianna Vogt. "We needed to adjust our defense in the third quarter."

She said the Spartans came out strong in the first half. Vogt's two goals raised her season total to 60, putting her in first goals scored in the MPSPF.

Vogt is the Spartans all-time leading scorer with 214 goals.

"I thought the players played very well, particularly at the beginning," said head coach Lou Tully. "The object was to slow them down and take control of the game."

He said the Spartans played good defense and kept the scores low in the first half. The game was tied 2-2 going into the third quarter.

Ranked No. 4 in the nation, UCLA played a strong second half that stopped the No. 8 Spartans. UCLA's Grace Reynolds scored two second half goals and changed the tempo of the game.

"I think we slowed down a little bit," said junior utility player Dani Curran. "We tried to get into the groove too much and needed to push more."

The Spartans used a different strategy in the second half against the Bruins.



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Senior utility player Adrianna Vogt holds the ball during the Spartans' 12-9 loss to Hawaii on Feb. 3.

"Their offense responded well to us not crashing back," Vogt said. "It was a good adjustment to what we were doing by them."

She said the Spartans mainly focused on the Bruins' outside shooting. UCLA's adjustments in the second half led to more scoring opportunities against the Spartans.

"In this game, once someone gets two strokes ahead of you, it's hard to catch them," Tully said.

The Spartans scored twice in the second half, but their

defense could not hold back the Bruins' offense. The Bruins pulled away with a 7-3 lead with four minutes remaining in the game.

"You don't want to run and gun out here," Tully said. "The counterattacks will break your back."

The Spartans head to Santa Clara University on Saturday to participate in the Bronco Invitational, a two-day tournament.

"I think we have a good shot at the tournament this year," Curran said.

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■ PROFILE

Student muggles practice magic on SJSU Quidditch pitch



Eric Austin
Staff Writer

Quidditch, the fictional sport played by wizards in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter book series, may very well be the fastest growing college club sport in America and at SJSU.

For those die-hard Harry Potter fans that have conjured up thoughts of flying around on broomsticks at break-neck speeds, it should be made clear that this is Muggle Quidditch, which differs from J.K. Rowling's creation in one important aspect — the most flying any player does lasts for only a few seconds.

The rest of the game remains as close to its magical counterpart as possible. Chasers still earn points by throwing the Quaffle through one of three goals, Beaters still throw Bludgers at players to knock them out of the play and Seekers still try to catch the Snitch to end the game.

In Muggle Quidditch, however, the Snitch is not a magical golden orb, but a person dressed in gold and adorned with wings.

Maybe the best way to explain how Muggle Quidditch works to those not familiar with Harry Potter is to compare it to more familiar sports.

"It's like a mixture of dodge ball and water polo, but on the ground with brooms in between your legs," said Erica Schroeder, a senior environmental studies major and SJSU Quidditch team member.

Muggle Quidditch got its start back in 2005 at Middlebury College in Vermont as an intramural league and has expanded exponentially since then.

According to the International Quidditch Association there are now over 400 colleges and 300 high schools with Quidditch teams, half of those being involved in competitive play.

Riding the wave of popularity, the SJSU Muggle Quidditch club, otherwise known as the Original Wizarding League of Spartans (O.W.L.S.) was founded in the spring of 2010 by senior English major Emily Knight.

"My friend at Occidental came home on Thanksgiving break and said she was playing Quidditch," she said. "I thought that was the coolest idea ever and that we had to have that here so I got it started."

Knight has seen her team grow since then, she said.

"On a good day we have about 20 or 30 people out to practice," she said. "We have something going on every week."

Every year the official rules for the game are modified and released by the International Quidditch Association and teams try to play as close to the rules as possible, Knight said.

"We try to keep by those rules, although our field is a little smaller and we are not as strict about fouls as we play a little bit gentler than is typically done," she said.

The SJSU Muggle Quidditch team is not just an intermural team either as they have recently partici-



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The SJSU Muggle Quidditch club hones its skills during a team scrimmage in preparation for the International Quidditch Association's Western Cup.



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Erica Schroeder, a senior environmental studies major, carries the Quaffle in the club team scrimmage.

pated in two tournaments, one of them being the Western Regionals Cup at UCLA last weekend, which featured over nine Quidditch teams from as far away as Utah.

Jason Orozco, a freshman software engineering major who joined the team last

semester, said the Quidditch club is welcoming to anyone wishing to join.

"What most people can get out of Quidditch is that it's different from other sports you play on campus," he said. "Everyone is out here just having a good time."

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CD REVIEW

Yellowcard returns with mature sound after break from mainstream



Ron Gleeson
Staff Writer

Just short of three years ago, Yellowcard, one of my favorite bands, went on hiatus because the members needed more time for their personal lives.

The band was just finishing a nationwide tour for their last album, *Paper Walls*, an album in which the band geared for a more mature approach to its music.

Even though *Paper Walls* showed some advancement in the band's musical talent, it left some fans wanting more from the band, which burst onto the mainstream stage with their chart-climbing album *Ocean Avenue*, in 2002.

On March 22 the wait ended for Yellowcard fans who longed for the band to begin making music together again, with the release of a 10-track album titled *When You're Through Thinking, Say Yes*.

The new album fills the void the band left behind during its three year break.

However, more than just filling the void, it truly scratches the itch that many fans could not reach listening to music without the vintage Yellowcard sound of perfect harmonies between guitar, violin and vocals.

Simply put, Yellowcard is back without disappointment.

The opening track, "The Sound of You and Me," immediately refreshes the memory of how good the band can be.

The track is about the band's reformation and the thoughts flowing through each band member's mind.

Finishing with an emotion-filled riff to end the track, following a slow a capella bridge by vocalist and guitarist Ryan Key, "The Sound of You and Me" is easily my favorite track on the new album.

"For You and Your Denial," the second track on the album, was previously released on the band's website as a preview for the album.

The track did not necessarily ap-

peal to me right away, but when it was accompanied by the rest of the new songs on the album it quickly grew on me.

The song begins with a long, upbeat solo by violinist Sean Mackin which eventually calms down only to introduce an explosion of sound consisting of easily recognizable Yellowcard harmonies.

The chorus will stick to your brain like glue, as do many of the tracks on the album — another Yellowcard cornerstone.

The album contains two ballads: "Hang You Up" and "Sing For Me," which are nestled in between the heavy guitar riff-filled and inhumanly fast drumming of Longineu Parsons.

These tracks serve for nice breaks between the uplifting songs that surround, and give the band the opportunity to show other sides of its talents.

The album concludes with "Be the Young," an anthemic track in which Key voices that youth is forever lasting and that "we will forever be the young."



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Yellowcard's 10-track album, *When You're Through Thinking, Say Yes*, came out on March 22 to anxious fans.

The one bone I have to pick with the album, is that all the punch seems to be packed within the first three songs.

Although I can listen to the entire album with ease, the catchiest songs are located at the beginning of the album, leaving the middle section of tracks blended together without an identity.

That said, any long-time Yellowcard fan will find the album to be one of the best pieces of work that the band has ever come out with.

They have taken their signature sound and raised it to a new high and I wish they never go on hiatus again because this album could be a sign of more great music to come from the band.

BOOK REVIEW

'Safe Haven' adds suspense to a traditional Sparks novel



Melissa Sabile
Sports Editor

Nicholas Sparks' newest book, "Safe Haven," is a breath of fresh air in Sparks' long line of romantic novels, as it adds a thriller element that his stories don't normally exhibit.

The story focuses on a young woman named Katie, who randomly shows up in the small town of Southport, North Carolina.

Deemed a bit sketchy by the residents of the small town, Katie maintains a mysterious profile as she keeps to herself and avoids questions that might lead to any sort of personal information.

Despite her attempts to remain a mystery, an act of fate forces Katie into a friendship with Alex, Southport's widowed general store owner, and the stage is set for the traditional romance found in any Sparks novel.

With the help of his two young children,

Josh and Kristen, Alex begins to break down Katie's walls and help her find security as she begins to make a new life in the small town.

But as the story progresses, we find out that Katie has a secret that has left her emotionally scarred and looking over her shoulder in hopes that her past won't catch up with her.

When Katie finally lets her guard down enough to establish a relationship with Alex, the two begin to fall in love and Katie finds herself looking forward to a future with Alex and his family.

Just when everything seems to be going perfect for Katie, the death of an old friend puts in motion a thrilling twist to Katie's newly found safe haven in Southport.

As her haunting past suddenly becomes a perilous reality, Katie finds herself fighting, not only for her own life and that of Alex and his children, but also for the feeling of security she never thought she'd find again.

I enjoyed this novel because it brings a level of suspense to the story that makes the reader want to root for Katie in her journey.

After learning about her past, the reader can sympathize with her and some may even be able to relate to the lifestyle she ran away from.

Sparks plays with the reader's own feeling of safety and reading the book left me feeling anxious and stressed and, at times, I felt like I was in Katie's shoes.

Yes, "Safe Haven" follows Sparks' continuing themes of romance, fate and faith that love will always prevail, but what I enjoyed most about the novel was that it didn't have the cookie-cutter outline that I've come to

expect in his books.

Each page left me wanting more and, when I was forced to put the book down, on several occasions I couldn't wait to pick it back up to find out what would happen next.

Sparks' story didn't make me a blubbering, crying mess this time. Nevertheless, he still managed to tug at my heartstrings, get my emotions riled up and left me thinking about my own life and how thankful I am that I too, have a safe haven to go to.



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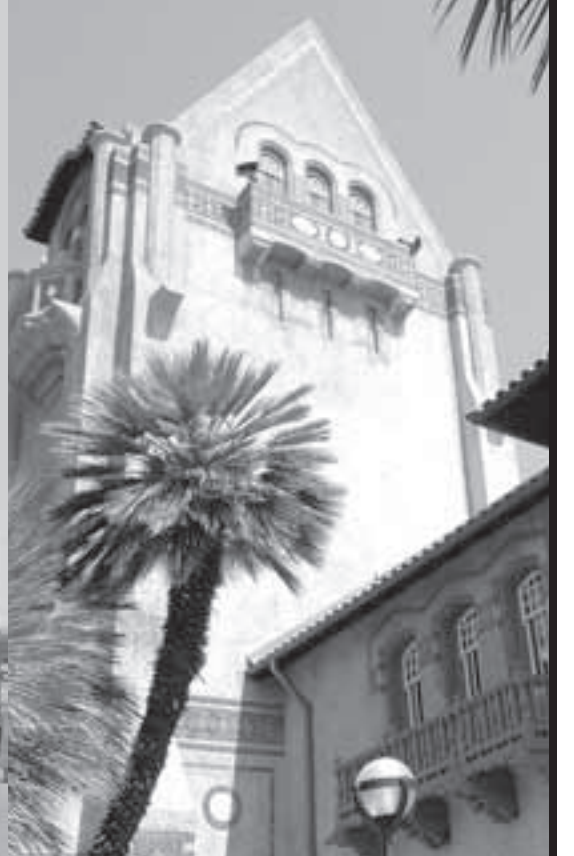
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Best Buy should change its name to Best Lie

Isaiah "Triforce" Johnson was waiting in 40 degree weather in line for the 3DS' launch in New York City.

It was Tuesday and the Nintendo handheld would launch five days later on Sunday, but Johnson definitely wanted to be first in line to get the machine no matter what, despite already having it preordered, according to the Kotaku website.

Johnson wore a beanie and jacket with a picture of a Nintendo Entertainment System controller on it, and a T-shirt with a picture of the NES game cartridge "Wild Gunman" on it. He also wore the NES accessory the "Power Glove" — rumored that he never removes it in a video interview him by Raw Game Play.

Everything was going fine until the man-



Leonard Lai Senior Staff Writer

agement at the Best Buy store Johnson was waiting at had security ask him what he was doing there.

Johnson told security that he was there waiting for the 3DS, but they didn't believe him and told him that the police would be called on him for loitering if he continued to wait in line.

It's like having someone waiting outside the stadium dressed in Giant's attire, and having security not believe he/she when he/she said that they were waiting for the first game of the season to start.

The police were called and Johnson was told that he would need to leave the block.

It's unfortunate that this had to happen, and I think it's even more unfortunate that it's probably because of the color of John-

son's skin — he's African-American.

He still went back during the daytime, because the daytime management shift was OK with him being there, but when the nighttime shift came and took over he was willing to overstay his welcome until he was told to leave.

Best Buy told Johnson the reason he couldn't stand there was because he would interfere with the other lines that form for other releases — that Tuesday night, Chris Brown's new CD was being released and 10 girls had showed up for it, Johnson said in the interview.

I remember the line I was in at Best Buy when Black Friday rolled around, and it definitely had more than 10 people in it.

Hundreds of people were in line there, which Best Buy's staff were able to manage, so I'm calling shenanigans on Best Buy and their reasoning that it would be difficult to manage a line of a little more than 10 people.

Life on repeat

We live in a country that proclaims its promise of liberty, but is unclear whether the major players in any area are really free in their agency.

Are modern-day conflicts the same as those of yesteryear? Are we doomed to repeat the outcome of the past?

It's sad when strife occurs on a global scale. If we could prevent war, oppression or disease we should, using the perspective of dramaturgical analysis, the actors seem to be interchangeable.

If you do believe our lives fit formulaic scenes, such as a movie or play, and you believe that people are fungible, or replaceable, characters acting out our lives on a stage, your views would fall in line with sociologist Erving Goffman who first wrote about dramaturgical analysis in his 1959 work "The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life."

Goffman, in accordance with his University of Chicago sociologist George Herbert Mead, developed the idea of pragmatism, where the universe is nothing but social phenomena in which we share reaction to.

Or if you use Karl Marx's "Communist Manifesto" as your guideline, you could say bousousie plus proletariat equals conflict.

This sociological paradigm, called the social conflict theory, is one of the most popular in all of the social sciences. It states simply that political strife tends to be explained by class-versus-class issues.

Despite what the 1950's politician Joseph McCarthy might hope, Marxist socialism is a credible ideology in the Western world.

From free education in many European colleges to subsidized farms in the Midwest and the discounted trains of Amtrak, social programs are goods paid for by the people's money.

Marxist socialism is used to explain why people are upset, but people's dissatisfaction tends to come in waves.

For example, why is it that when the north African country of Tunisia first toppled its dictator, several of the other countries surrounding it suddenly had backlash as well?

If you look at game theory, mathematical equations can be used to explain and predict behavior. The mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. — immortalized in the film "A Beautiful Mind" — developed the Nash equilibrium.

This formula is an actual quantitative diagram showing how the choices we make affect the decisions of others, creating a chain reaction of effects.

The problem with views like this is that they seem to establish a unidirectional scatter of staged pieces where our lives are only the findings documented in social scientists' ideas and aren't cultural, historical or individual — and there lies the problem.

The job of social scientists essentially determines and then studies patterns in people. But it seems if you take the approach Goffman stresses, we are nothing but gray blobs fall-



Leo Postovoit Take Another Look

ing in line. These ideas are simply too rigid. Though some sociologists argue this, other social scientists find it too rigid.

A historian might argue that a politician who uses the written records showing where countries had failed could prevent death when we take a different path. An anthropologist might argue to leave something alone because of its cultural significance, and our intervention might be a problem.

Or even simpler — the psychologist might argue that the issues and effects witnessed are the result of a person's perspective. To use Goffman's terms, the actors are the people on the stage in the mind of an individual.

The key is to never take a single idea and let that be the only factor in play. In actuality, we are affected by many social, psychological and cultural effects that we only know so much about.

Just as archaeologists usually only excavate between 5 and 20 percent of a site, we at most only know a tiny fragment about the complex social system that is our life.

The effects that come out of living in a society that has so many forces at play means that explaining it is not impossible, just extremely difficult.

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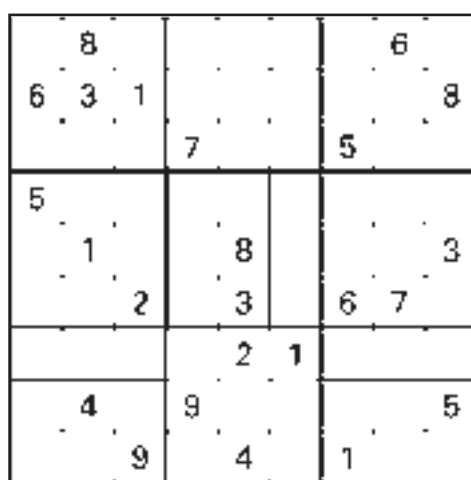
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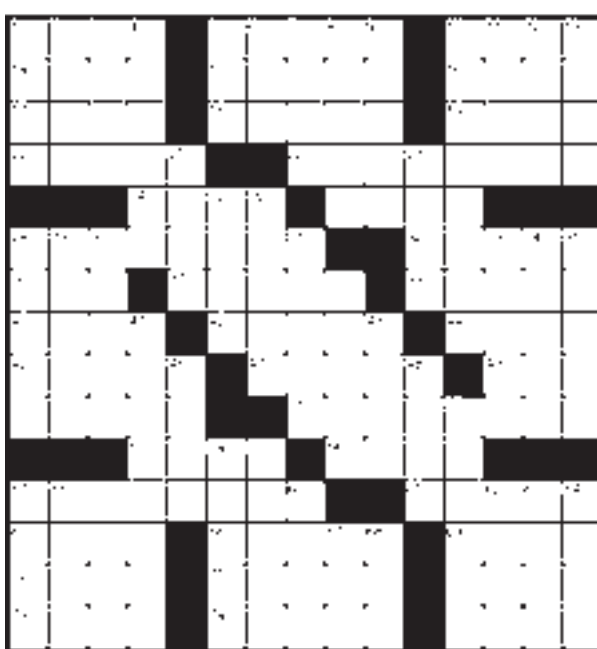


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New unemployment rates are a tease

"I'm tired of pointless phone interviews," my dad recently posted on his Facebook account — he lost his job in March 2010 and has been laid off at least three times since I was in high school five years ago.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported that California's unemployment rate dropped in February.

"California added almost 100,000 jobs in February, fueled heavily by a rebound in high-tech and entertainment positions," according to the story. "The state's unemployment rate fell to 12.2 percent, down from 12.4 percent in January."

That's great, but my family is still hurting.

It's hard to have a family of four, with two college students, relying solely on the earnings of an elementary school teacher. My mom's paychecks can only stretch so far.

My dad is in his fifties and worked as a systems test engineer for years before being laid off as the economy began to slow down and jobs were cut. Ever since that day, he has had trouble finding, obtaining and holding onto jobs.

No one wants to hire an aging man who is over-qualified for the available position in question. It's much safer for companies to hire younger people they can pay less.

Despite the recent job growth, California isn't exactly the best place to find work these days. According to the Chronicle's story, California's unemployment rate is still the second highest among all states.

The U.S. unemployment rate is 8.9 percent.

As gray hairs pepper my father's head, I wonder if he will ever find another job. Time is ticking by, he's getting older and his self-esteem has fallen below the floorboards.

I now see how easy it is for families to become homeless in the United States.



Amber Simons
Simons Says

One stroke of bad luck, the funds are gone and you've lost your home. I'm thankful for my mother's tenure.

Stress is high in my parents' house, money is always an issue and when I'm flat broke it's become pointless for me to ask my parents for help.

As school loans pile up, I chomp away at my fingernails worrying over my prospects for employment after graduation in May — as if taking a full load of classes and working two jobs aren't enough of a burden on my shoulders.

I read a story in the Los Angeles Times that stated people my age were the hardest hit by the economic downturn.

About 20 percent of 16- to 24-year-olds looking for jobs were unemployed in 2009.

My friend and I were talking the other day about houses and whether we ever thought we would be able to afford one.

According to the Times, from 2006 to 2009, homeownership rates dropped 5.4 percent for those aged 25 to 44.

I guess purchasing a house isn't in my near future.

My hope is that something will spark the economy and jobs will come back to people who have been stuck in neutral for months.

However, it doesn't seem likely that people such as my dad will be employed anytime soon — the unemployment rate is still too high.

For those of us who will soon be entering the job market fresh out of college, let's just say we will be biting, scratching and punching each other for the opportunity to become gainfully employed.

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"As gray hairs pepper my father's head, I wonder if he will ever find another job."

Change the world yourselves, stop relying on Obama

I can still remember watching history take place on television.

Many onlookers wept, others danced in glee and everyone was smiling and waving their flags, rejoicing in what was clearly a momentous occasion.

Amid the jubilation, one couldn't help but get caught up in the moment, to feel a spark of hope.

Change had come to America. Barack Obama had been elected president of the United States.

While I have never had high expectations from our political system, I will readily admit that the messianic rhetoric and sloganization of concepts such as "hope" and "progress" affected me.

I bought it, hook, line and sinker. And I wasn't alone.

Participation in the 2008 presidential elections increased by 5 million from 2004 according to the U.S. Census, to a total of 56.8 percent of the U.S. eligible voter population.

According to data compiled at George Mason University, this was the highest percentage of national participation since 1968.

Campaign T-shirts were sold alongside cigarettes and cellphone chargers at my favorite flea market, and the public could not get enough of the charismatic senator from Illinois.

Flash forward two years and the problems have not been fixed.

We have entered into another conflict in the Middle East and we still incarcerate some demographics at a higher rate than we educate them.

Many individuals are losing their homes and jobs as a result of the private sector's economic convulsions, and talking heads from the left and the right criticize Obama for simultaneously being too spineless and too radical.

It is too easy to blame Obama for the country's problems, for failing to be the savior of the United States, and subordinately, the world.

The imposition of one party's point of view into broad policy reform, be it founded in reason



Francisco Rendon
Francisco's Chronicles

or emotion, of the majority or minority will never be enough.

The American political system, whether you love it or hate it, cannot be a sufficient impetus for the transformation of society, for a change in how we live in our day-to-day lives.

Change can come — it is something that we have the power to bring about every day as individuals.

We can all let each morning be better than its eve, and each tomorrow richer than it's yesterday, we just have to make the effort.

If we wish to transform society, we cannot simply hope some sort of structural reform, however minor or major, will be enough to change how we live.

We must begin changing ourselves if we wish to change society.

When we see problems with how our children are being educated, let us educate them better as communities.

If we see our communities suffering from lack of work and personal connection, let us take charge of our own development, create our own jobs and help each other.

This world is so beautiful, and our time upon it so short, let us spend our days finding ways to work together, to improve ourselves, each other and the Earth upon which we live.

As President Obama has announced his candidacy for re-election in 2012, I pray that change will come to America, but in the form of individuals who take the transformation of society into their own hands, rather than relying on inflexible and ailing systems of current social order to alleviate their problems.

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"Francisco's Chronicles" is a weekly column appearing on Wednesday. Francisco Rendon is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

Hooliganism spreads violence into American arenas

If there's one thing American sports do well, it's creating family-friendly environments for their spectators.

Riots, fighting and hooliganism are relatively nonexistent when compared with stories from elsewhere in the world.

It would probably be worse too, had preventative steps not been taken.

In my experience attending soccer games in England, the fan experience is a much different one from any I've experienced in the U.S.

Visiting fans from opposing teams are given their own section, which is protected by security personnel. They also get their own enclosed area for food, drinks and bathrooms, plus a separate entrance into the stadium.

Even in a regular season match, the fans are very hostile toward one another, despite security and walls separating them.

Taunts, objects and words unsuitable for children fly through the air, and this is considered normal.

Generally speaking, this sort of behavior would not be condoned at a sporting event in the United States.

Yet, following a baseball game last Thursday, San Francisco Giants fan Bryan Stow was assaulted outside Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles by two Dodger fans.

The 42-year-old paramedic and father of two remains in critical condition, and is showing signs of brain damage.

A similar event occurred in April 2009, when a man was stabbed multiple times following an argument in the parking lot after a game at the same venue.

I can't imagine American sports needing additional security to make sure opposing fans avoid confrontation while attending an event, but in some circumstances taking these precautions may be necessary.



Alex Spicer
Sporty Spice

It disturbs me to think that this country's national pastime — a sport that epitomizes warm weather, good times and relaxation — could be a source of violence and hatred.

As a Giants fan myself, I can say that despite my competition-bred dislike of the Dodgers, I would never use that disposition as a source of violence — especially toward another fan.

The vast majority of sports fans would fall in that same category, yet for those few who are unable to control their emotions and actions, it creates unfortunate scenarios such as the one that took place on Thursday.

Being English, I know what it's like to have to deal with the effects hooliganism can have on a sport.

Following severe soccer hooliganism dur-

ing the '70s and '80s that peaked in 1985 with the Heysel Stadium Disaster — an incident that resulted in the deaths of 39 visiting fans — English soccer teams were banished from playing elsewhere in Europe, and the ban wasn't lifted until five years later.

Since then, soccer stadiums in England have been made seat-specific only — a stadium that only provides seats for fans to watch from — unlike the Giants' AT&T Park, which provides standing room to watch the game, plus areas for children to run around and play.

Hopefully American sports never stoop to this level, but if violence continues to mar sports in this country, steps may have to be taken that will detract from the fan experience.

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SUICIDE
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alleviate thoughts of suicide is to create a sense of normalcy about the topic.

"People have had these thoughts at least once in their life," he said. "If we can talk about it, we can get some help about it. We need

to let them know that people care about them and what's happening in their lives and that we want to hear their feelings."

Irma Granados, a junior health science major, said she knows many people who have tried to commit suicide, but admits that she has never tried to reach out to them.

"I normally have a hard time talking about it," she

said. "But now I know the procedure of approaching someone in need, I will never cease to lend my helping hand."

SJSU Counseling Services offers both individual and couples personal counseling, which are limited to six sessions per semester.

Counseling Services also offer other workshops such as the one on suicide prevention.

Fujimoto said he believes everybody needs counseling, whether it is from a friend or from a professional.

Some of the best counseling occurs across coffee tables between friends, he said.

"We all do it in some form," he said. "Seeking it out and having the opportunity to talk about things, process ideas and exploring options is extremely beneficial."

Warning signs:

- Untreated depression
- Talking about suicide
- Withdrawal from family
- Hopelessness
- Helplessness
- Anger/rage
- Feeling trapped
- Mood/behavior changes
- Personality changes

Risk Factors:

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- Prior suicide attempts
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9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Umunhum Room, Student Union

Tunnel of Oppression

Contact: Dr. Rattan @ 408-924-5653

Thursday, April 7

7 p.m., Engineering 189

"Our Summer in Tehran" film screening and discussion w/ filmmaker Justine Shapiro

Friday, April 8

10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Clark Hall statues garden
Growing Roots of Wellness herb gardening workshop

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Monday, April 11

6:30 - 8 p.m., Pacifica Room, Student Union
Growing Roots of Wellness planning meeting

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Wednesday, April 13

7 p.m., University Theatre
Center for Literary Arts presents author Tony Barnstone

Friday, April 29

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49th Annual Honors Convocation

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Saturday, May 14

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A Wish Come True gala by Delta Sigma Pi — Theta Chi chapter

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Japanese nuclear plant workers trace origin of irradiated water

McClatchy Tribune

TOKYO — Workers used a milky bathwater dye Monday as they frantically tried to trace the path of radioactive water seeping into the ocean from Japan's tsunami-damaged nuclear plant.

An 8-inch-long crack in a maintenance pit discovered over the weekend was the latest confirmation that radioactivity continues to spill into the environment.

The leak is a symptom of the primary difficulty at the Fukushima Daiichi complex: Radioactive water is pooling around the plant and preventing workers from powering up cooling systems needed to stabilize dangerously vulnerable fuel rods.

The plant operators also deliberately dumped 10,000 tons of tainted water — measuring about 500 times above the legal limit for radioactivity — into the ocean Monday to make space at a storage site for water that is even more highly radioactive.

Engineers have turned to a host of

improvised methods to tame the nuclear plant after it was crippled in Japan's magnitude 9.0 quake and tsunami on March 11.

Efforts over the weekend to clog the leak with a special polymer, sawdust and even shredded newspapers failed to halt the flow at a cracked concrete maintenance pit near the shoreline. The water in that leak contains radioactive iodine at rates 10,000 times the legal limit.

Suspecting they might be targeting the wrong channel to the pit, workers tried to confirm the leak's pathway by dumping several pounds of milky bath salts into the system, plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co. said Monday.

"There could be other possible passages that the water may be traveling," said Hidehiko Nishiyama, a spokesman for the Nuclear Safety and Industrial Agency. "We must watch carefully and contain it as quickly as possible."

Radioactive water has pooled throughout the plant because the operator has been forced to rely on makeshift ways of pumping water into the reactors — and allowing it to gush out

wherever it can — to bring down temperatures and pressure in the cores.

The makeshift system makes it difficult to contain the radiation leaks, but it is aimed at preventing fuel rods from going into a full meltdown that would release even more radioactivity into the environment.

"We must keep putting water into the reactors to cool to prevent further fuel damage, even though we know that there is a side effect, which is the leakage," Nishiyama said. "We want to get rid of the stagnant water and decontaminate the place so that we can return to our primary task to restore the sustainable cooling capacity as quickly as possible."

To that end, the plant's operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co., said it jettisoned the 10,000 tons of water Monday, clearing space in a waste-storage facility.

An additional 1,500 tons will be dumped from a trench under the plant's units 5 and 6. That water is threatening to interfere with the workings at those units, whose reactors are under control.

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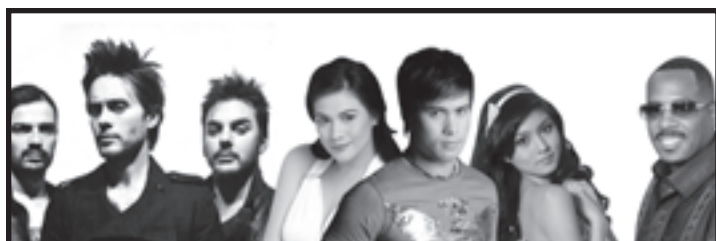
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