Ron Gleeson
Staff Writer

The two candidates running for the position of the Associated Students president defended each other Wednesday in the Student Union.

Kevin Starks and current A.S. President Tommaso Kolodziejczak discussed a variety of topics, most prominent being the lack of student involvement with the university.

Starks said one of his immediate goals, should he take office, is to increase student involvement within organizations on campus.

“Associated Students is not just an organization, but it is our organization,” he said. “It is paid for by the students and it needs to be about everybody. We need to provide opportunities on the board for everyone to get involved.”

Kolodziejczak said he agrees with Starks and has created a plan called “5 Ss,” which he plans to introduce to the university should he be re-elected.

Kolodziejczak said the “5 Ss” stand for “scholarships, student success, Spartan pride, student outreach and strong representation.”

“It is a right approach to tangible solutions for the future,” he said. “I hope to expand the scholarships and hopefully reach out to alumni so we may do to that.”

Starks claimed that Kolodziejczak had stolen the “5 Ss” from university presidential candidate David Steele, but Kolodziejczak said “I don’t wish to donate.”

“Those projects of their own. The plan Steele had made was called “5 Rs,” he said. “It dealt with topics such as revenue, nothing like the plan I have created.”

Annamali Shuyave, a junior management information systems and communication studies double major, said she said and carefully communicating to the students is vital to accomplishing any goal for the new A.S. president.

There is a lot of information to give to students,” she said. “The students, however, should not become overwhelmed. The information should be delivered simplic- ity and direct to create a har- monious culture throughout the SJSU.”

The new A.S. president will face the task of having to introduce to the new university president, Mo- hammed Qayoumi — some- thing both candidates said they are prepared for doing in the fall.

Starks believes this change made a crucial turn for the future of SJSU and it is extremely important that all students become vocal and let their voices be heard, especially with a best-case scenario $50 million and a possible $1 billion cut to the CSU system.

“We are going through a huge restructuring of the entire CSU system and President Qayoumi is part of that,” he said. “We did a similar task at CSU East Bay and we need to make sure he knows what the student wants when he takes office.”

Starks believes that past A.S. presidents have not used the time they get with the university pres- ident wisely during their monthly meetings.

SJSU bookstore management turns new page

Donovan Phan
Senior Staff Writer

Barnes & Noble is scheduled to take over management operations of Spartan Bookstore before the end of April.

According to a news release published Wednesday, Barnes & Noble signed a contract with Spartan Book- store for 10 years, making SJSU the 173rd CSU to sign with Barnes & Noble.

Senior English major Hoan Phan said he hopes that when Barnes & Noble takes over the running of the bookstore on April 25, the store will bring with it ample resources and efficiencies.

“Hopefully things will be different in terms of streamlin- ing the whole book ordering process,” Phan said. “A lot of times, whether a book is ordered or not the book will come in, it’s kind of ridiculous.”

Phan said he hoped Barnes & Noble supplies might be out of the control of Spartan Bookstore, but with Barnes & Noble he hopes these issues will be resolved when he returns for the fall semester.

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In addition to managing the bookstore, Barnes & Noble agreed to make a “significant investment in building out a new bookstore” when the construction on the Student Union is complete in 2013.

The bookstore will be moved to a temporary on-campus location during the fall semester of 2012, according to university news releases.

Barnes & Noble will offer services such as in-store books and text book rentals.

Neither Spartan Shops nor Barnes & Noble were available for comment regarding the temporary location changes or the services being offered.

Karen Ries, co-owner of Roberts Bookstore, said the change is not something the man- agey said she isn’t surprised that Barnes & Noble will take over the management of the on-campus bookstore, and Barnes & Noble won’t have a large impact on the way the students buy or sell books.

“We’ve been here for over 50 years and we’ve been through many managers and through many changes in the industry and in our bookstore and in Spartan (Book- store),” Ries said.

SJSU research visitors: Be persistent, follow your interests

Ryan Fernandez
Managing Editor

With their projects before them and an array of edible goodies laid out, SJSU’s five finalists for the 25th Annual CSU Student Research Competition showed off the fruits of their labor Wednesday in the Engineering building.

Master of Geomatics Pamela Stacks said the event, called the 25th Annual CSU Student Re- search Forum, allowed the finalists to present their efforts to friends, family and the campus community using postcards in conjunction with a verbal presentation.

“The competition is over,” said Stacks, the associate vice president for graduate studies and research. “But the posters give people a chance to act more intimately.”

While the journey isn’t over yet for the five finalists, who will go on to the CSU-wide competition May 6-7 at Fresno State, their experi- ence has left them advice to share with students engaged in research projects of their own.

Finalist Yelena Severina re- ceives her doctorate from Universi- ty of Illinois, her shared the theme of “exile” in Nabokov’s novels “Pnin” and “Pnin Free.”

Severina, who has a Master of Arts degree in English, said one of the hurdles she had to overcome having to wade through large vol- umes of material already written about Nabokov’s work.

However, she said students should use those materials to their advantage, reading what has already been written to formulate their own ideas.

“Don’t be intimidated by topics which have a lot of scholarly work,” she said. “Find your own spin.”

Tracey Schwartz, who is working toward a master’s degree in art his- tory, looked at contemporary Jew- ish-American art to explore the re- lationship between younger Jewish generations and the Holocaust.

“As a young Jewish-American, it was a chance to explore my relation- ship to the Holocaust, to explore how the legacy is continuing,” she said.

While the Holocaust can be a dif- ficult to talk about, Schwartz said it is a topic that must be discussed.

She said she struggled with find- ing resources for her research, and advised students to “exhaust all av- enues” in locating information.

“It helps round out what you’re saying,” Schwartz said. “It’s a better basis for what you’re studying.”

By researching the effects of nu- trient on mice among college students, Marilyn Bakes-Venturas sought to make nutritional assessment, a regular part of overall geriatric care.

She stressed the importance of having a backup in case the original plan fails through.

“You are less forced to perseverence,” she said. “Know there will be road- blocks and have a Plan B to put.”

As part of her thesis exhibitions, Jessica Eastburn said her work in- volved different communication formats of cultures, including native art and textiles of certain Native American, whose has a Master of Fine Arts degree, said the overall aesthetic of her work was to mimic “digital vocabulary using antiquated technology”—using a compass and ruler to create art that appears to have been drawn using a computer.

She advised students engaged in creating work to “follow their inter- est, do what’s interesting” and that the care they take in doing such work will show in what they do.

Dana Arnold, a master of arts student in interdisciplinary studies, said she hoped her research would
SJSU explores changes to smoking policy

Francisco Rendon
Staff Writer

A recommendation to restrict official policy on smoking at SJSU is currently being developed by the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate. Senate administrators analyze Ben Joice said the discussion began out of problems individuals encountered with the current policy and led to a discussion of a ban.

“The issue that came before the senate is that the current policy states that you cannot smoke within 5 feet of any building or windows,” Joice said. “The main problem we have with the policy right now is that it is not being enforced.”

Lynda Sabalis, associate professor of psychology and chair of the executive research committee, brought forth the issue of smoking policy before the Senate for a first reading on March 14.

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Ben Truong
Stephenson Business Management Information Systems major

At the meeting different members of the campus community discussed ideas such as a ban on smoking, designated smoking areas or a fine for violating the policy.

Heiden said she did not anticipate the recommendation would be brought for a second reading and vote before Fall 2011 because the committee hoped to understand cause the committee hoped to understand the feedback from students, staff and faculty.

“My guess is what will happen is there will be some change in the smoking policy, because there are some places in the campus where the current policy is not working, and (individually) are being exposed to second-hand smoke on a regular basis,” she said. “We don’t want this to be an autocratic process. We want it to be health protective.”

A key component of any change in policy would be an educational campaign to inform the campus community of the change, and the resources available to help with smoking addiction, Heiden said.

Remy Sabalis, professor of world languages and literatures and statewide Academic Senate administrative analyst, said that while the felt discussion was healthy, he hoped any new policy would not alienate members of the campus community who smoke.

“With smokers we need to be very realistic. (With a ban) we say ‘You are ostracized, you have to get off campus,’” Sabalis said.

“Certainly it can be amended. Now that we have started to discuss it, we will almost certainly come up with a new policy.”

Ben Truong, a sophomore business management information systems major, said that he felt restrictions on smoking were unjust.

“It’s like taking away our right,” he said. “If it’s legal we should be able to do it anywhere.”

Sabalis said the question was not whether smoking was marketed, but that any policy reform should result from extensive collaboration and consultation.

“We’re not arguing whether it’s healthy, we’re not arguing the fact whether smoking should be legal or illegal, non-smokers should be protected,” he said.

“We just asking ‘How far should these restrictions go?’ I feel that the majority should force people away from our community, off our campus.”

Associated Students President Tomasz Kolodziejak said the priority of A.S. at this point was to see how students responded to the issue. There’s a lot of support, the 559-6900

San Jose State, then why not? Whatever helps out with student costs right now will probably be better!”
WASHINGTON — Congress is considering proposals to reduce federal spending by about 10 percent, down from the current $3.6 trillion annual budget. The cuts would be spread across the federal government, with the largest reductions coming in discretionary programs, such as transportation, energy, and education.

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The Aggies finished second in place in WAC last season with a 12-9 overall mark and have opened the season with a 2-1 nonconference record in 2011. The Aggies have the second best record in the conference entering WAC play, but have only two returning team in that tournament with last year's best hitter and winning pitcher.

During their 28-game nonconference schedule, the Aggies only played four teams with a winning percentage better than .500. Oregon State (27-7), Lamar (21-12), and Cal State Northridge (13-12) accounted for the Aggies' four WAC wins. The Aggies posted a 1-4 record in that stretch.

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The Spartans. SJSU freshman pitcher Alex Mo-
(.381), home runs (10) and RBIs (67).

From 2010, as senior infielder Trevor Paine is hit-
with 12 RBIs but is hitting .180 in 100 at-bats.

The Wolf Pack finished its second straight in the WAC in 2010, ending conference play with a 14-9-1 record that mirrored New Mex-
ico State’s final standing.

NASA’s flight director trek through a tough noncon-
ference slate in March, losing 2011.

The Bulldogs also have two other starters hitting better than .300 with junior outfielder Trayce Tischer (.381) and junior out-
fielder Kyle Redick (.333). Senior outfielder Will Alles-
leads Louisiana Tech offensive
ty with four home runs and 23 RBIs, while hitting .247 for the
year.

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WAC Standings

First Stat: Louisiana Tech’s pitching staff has only allowed
four home runs in 24 innings pitched as a team.

Nevada: 8-6

The Hornets do have the fourth best team

In those 4 2/3 innings, Stassi has been tagged
with 12 runs, 10 earned, in the loss. An injury has prevented Stassi from regain-
ning his form on the mound, as the senior has only pitched 4 2/3 innings in 2011 and has an
17.36 ERA.

The Hornets finished last in that category.

The Hornets have been rebuilding in their ef-
forts to close out of the WAC, but 2011 isn’t likely to have that year of rejuvenation.

With a team batting average of .280, Sac-
ramento State scores the lowest runs per game of any team in the WAC as going into conference play.

The Hornet’s have a single starter hit-
ting better than .300 and are led offensively by sophomore infielder Andrew Ayers who enters
play hitting .278.

Sacramento State: 9-20 entering conference play.

Key Stat: SJSU’s offense has the fewest runs per game of any nonconference WAC team and enters
play.

The Hornet’s offensive output has been
offset by the pitching staff. Senior pitcher
Janessa Gutierrez relieved Freshman pitcher Tanner Mendonca has
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The Wolf Pack has scored the fewest runs per game of any WAC team, averaging 3.9 runs per game in 2011.

Threw the plate, scoring two runs in the first inning.

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Spartans steal win in walk-off victory

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The Spartans stole a walk-off win over the Utah State Aggies Wednesday afternoon with a 5-4 win.

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Louisiana Tech: 15-16 entering conference play

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2011 has been a rebuilding year, as Nevada has staked its chance on a nonconference start and hasn’t been an opponent with a winning record.

NASA is missing the production of 2010 WAC Pitcher of the Year Brock Stassi, who was statistically the best two-way player in the conference a year ago.

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Actress Saoirse Ronan leaps out of comfort zone in ‘Hanna’

Teenage artist takes on first action role

Jaimie Collins
Ad@Ed

A new action film will be hitting theaters this weekend, “Hanna,” is the story of a young woman raised by her father to be the perfect assassin. She then goes on a mission across Europe.

Playing the title role of 16-year-old actress Saoirse Ronan who is best known for her breakout role as Rosy Tilly in “Attention!” and the leading character Susie Salmon in “The Lovely Bones.” On March 29, Ronan caught up with ‘spartan’ between other projects from college across the country via conference call to discuss the upcoming film, her contribution and her personal experience with this project.

Q: What was it that attracted you to this project?
A: It was different. I always like to do something different because it is more challenging. Also, just the fact that I got to do so much physical activity. I had never really done anything like that before or after.

Q: How much of the stunt work within the movie did you do on your own?
A: I pretty much did everything, which I didn’t expect.

Q: How much did you research for the role of Susie Salmon in “The Lovely Bones.”

A: I found that really helped to portray the innocence and naivety of the character. I grew up with books and I read a lot when I was younger and those types of stories were always very much a part of my life.

Q: The film deals with a lot of questions concerning your character’s existence and humanity. How did you deal with answering those big questions?
A: It was a bit tricky at first but it was quite important to basically wipe my own personal memory of anything I had really experienced especially over the past few years, because Hanna never went through those things and has never really lived a life. I found that really helped to portray the innocence and naivety of her.

Q: What was it like traveling and filming in different locations around the world?
A: It was great. It’s always wonderful to travel. I’ve been really lucky, actually, on the films I’ve worked on so far.

In this film, we went to three different countries. We were in Finland and that’s where we did most of the exterior stuff like the snowy shots. We shot all around Germany — Berlin, Hamburg — and then we went to Morocco.

Q: As a talented but young actress, what did you learn from the experience of working with such a great cast, including Cate Blanchett and Eric Bana?
A: We really did have a terrific cast in this movie and everyone did something really interesting with their performances. With Cate ... you can see that she really cares about what she does and for a young actress, that’s really great to see. Eric, I worked with probably more than anyone else and to know him really well.

It was also great as well to have young people on the film like Jaimie Feeney and Adele Malan. It was nice to have people who had a fresh energy around us.

Q: The Chemical Brothers contributed the score to the movie. Are you a fan of the group?
A: I am. They’re so innovative and they’ve really got their own genre sound but they kind of evolved as well. I think it’s their first time doing a score and they did such a terrific job. They really brought the film up to a whole other level.

They kept their own sound, those kinds of hard beats, but they also incorporated a circus sound, which added a bit more innocence and a bit more fun.

Treating action, emotion and suspense, Focus Features newest production “Hanna” opens April 8.
For PTSD in veterans is a serious issue

I am pro military. My mom served in the Army when she was young and my dad, brother and sister all were in the Army. Though I never saw my future in olives, I always felt I would carry the life force my parents still fully support our troops and the brave men and women who wear those all over America.

I know there are many people who respect the war and sending soldiers to Afghanistan. I believe there are a lot of ways in which we can still be a better and bringing democracy to the Mid-East is meaningful to us. People know, or at least have an idea, of what they are getting into when they enlist in the military.

What bothers me, however, is even though such a large number of people are signed up to run a very tactical battle before, no amount of training can prepare any- one, emotionally for the soldier’s witness in the battle.

More recently, in 2008, the RAND Corporation, a non- profit institution that helps provide nonpartisan information to research and analysis released a report about the mental health of returning soldiers.

The report estimated that roughly 300,000, or one-third of soldiers who have returned from Iraq or Afghanistan, are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and/or depression. The report also stated that 530,000 soldiers may have experienced traumatic brain injury from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, many of whom have been diagnosed with combat-related stress or traumatic events, according to the report.

What I find most troubling is that my generation has gone TDF (tempo- rary duty) to Iraq and is not even tanı the safer military bases in the Middle East. Here was a man who served.

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His most recent venture, a seven-month deployment to Afghanistan, was stressful, stressed and constantly on edge — in the battle of living constantly.

He currently sleeps on the floor behind the couch in the living room because it is the only place he feels safe. For the first time in his life he stutters when he speaks. These characteristics, along with other things he is experiencing, are signs of PTSD for a soldier.

It left untreated, PTSD, TBI and depression can have far more severe psychological and physical consequences than just feeling on edge.

Although he returned relatively normal (but with typically the two other times he spent in combat, he was still unprepared for the things he did and saw while away from home.

It is tragic that he is not the only one experiencing PTSD and depression. I’m sure and many others have experienced a thousand times in their in-home combat and for the freedom and rights of others because I think everyone deserves a chance at better life — it is unfortunate that it comes at the cost of the mental and physical consequences.

Yes, knowing all of this, I still support the troops who continue to fight for the security and freedom of others who because I think everyone deserves a chance at better life — it is unfortunate that it comes at the cost of the mental and physical consequences.

Our new leader’s hair would rise against his own.

Above us and all opinions served on silver plates is where our leader was a Republican president. Our new leader was a Republican president.

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— Melissa Nobiling, The Real Deal

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“A Day Without Shoes” marchers make their way past the Event Center on Monday.

A woman was taken to the hospital after falling and not being able to get up.

Brooms and balls aside, Quidditch practice can get quite physical.

A human nearly escapes a bicycling zombie in Tuesday’s Zombie Game.