Potential students get a taste of the Spartan way

Weather

High: 67°
Low: 50°

Food, games and tours welcome 9,000 visitors to Admitted Spartan Day

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Staff Writer

Thousands of wide-eyed, college-bound students headed SJSU’s campus for the first time on Saturday, giving upon the wide assort- ment of organizations and student groups that attended Admitted Spartan Day.

At 8 a.m. 5,000 guests flocked the walkways of campus, greeted by booths from more than 150 event that featured 81 organization at SJSU, according to Eileen Daler, manager of Student Out- reach & Recruitment.

“Those 5,000 who attended, the event, 3,500 were students,” Daler stated in an email. “For some families, this was their first visit to San Jose State.”

Created by a canopy of blue and yellow balloons that marked their campus and student cultures, faculty and students and family members arrived as early as 7 a.m. to check-in for the day’s events, hosted by more than 150 volunteers from across campus, according to Daler.

Volunteers from admissions, financial aid, financial counseling, housing, graduate admissions, stud- ent organizations and orientation leaders were all present for Admit- ted Spartan Day to inform crowds of prospective students of SJSU’s re- quirements found across campus, according to Daler.

“I had no idea there were so many campus activities and de- partments,” a high school senior said. “It’s so different from high school, that’s for sure.”

Financial Aid was a frequently visited booth, packed with parents and financially savvy students inter- ested in finding out how they could qualify for reduced tu- ition.

“We give general information out here,” said Camilyn Guilt, ad- ministrator II of Financial Aid and Scholarships. “If they need anything specific the best bet is to come to the office.”

“We can’t talk about our in- formation — we just don’t have the access from here.”

Guests could also go on tours of SJSU buildings, learn about de- partments, pursue the Dining Com- mittee and meet the students and faculty who made Admitted Spar- tan Day possible.

Academic presentations were held by the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, Business, Educa- tion, Humanities and Arts, Science, Engineering, Social Science and for undeclared majors, according to the program for Admitted Spartan Day.

The program also included the entire schedule of Saturday’s events, detailing tours, special top- ic workshops and the best places to grab a bite to eat, helping outline the best way for guests to spend their day.

As the events and presenters began to conclude around 2 p.m., a line for the English Placement Test and the Entry-Level Mathematics examination started to form out- side Dudley Moorhead Hall.

What started as a line of sev- eral dozen waiting to be registered turned into a waiting list that stretched from the building’s northeast door to the grassy lawn featuring the Tommie Smith and John Carlos Statue.

“I just get here 10 minutes ago and mine was here for the Admitted Spartan Day,” said Eric Sutton, a high school senior who plans to at- tend SJSU in the fall. “I’m here for the EPT, but had no idea this many people would be here.”

While not the highlight for most, the placement tests were an- other reminder of what the college environment promises for an ad- mitted Spartan, even after a day’s worth of fun.

A.S. victors announced at barbecue

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Staff Writer

New A.S. government mem- bers were announced on Thursday amid music and free food.

Spartan Day turned with stu- dents at the A.S. Barbecue Pit as tension mounted before the an- nouncement of the winners at 5 p.m.

“I’m happy to announce that students, said Jose McLean, a graduate student in software programming, said he felt the strategy of offering free food was effective in getting stu- dents to attend, and he enjoyed the opportunity to have a dialogue with candidates.

“Diversity of students from dif- ferent majors came together to have fun,” he said. “Maybe, like me, they want to know who won,” he added. (Student govern- ment) to provide new options for students — scholarships and en- tertainment, as well as education programs.

Brettty Erickson, director of programming affairs, helped or- ganize the event. She said she had enjoyed her job and was glad to provide an opportunity for others to serve in the same position.

Erickson said she felt events such as the barbecue were impor- tant because they provided rare opportunities for students to in- teract with their board members.

“It’s important to get to know A.S. government because they rep- resent the students,” she said. “It’s the only way the board will know what students want.”

Scholars Hall, director of faculty affairs, said results of these elections are nerve-racking by na- ture.

“It was very nervous for my friends,” she said. “As the end, ev- eryone was a strong candidate but the reality is somebody has to lose for the other to win.”

Ultimately, she said being con- nected on campus is everything in these elections, as several candi- dates who won were supported by their fraternity organizations.

“If the more involved you are, the more people you know, the better chance you have to win,” she said.

Lucretsha Daniels, chief of the A.S. Election Board, said voter turnout for this year exceeded 2,100, tying 2008 for the second highest in the last five years.

A.S. President Tomasz Kolodziejak, who was re-elected for a sec- ond term, said this election had noticeably more energy than his previous election.

“A lot of people are interested, a lot of people are concerned about what is going to happen to them,” he said. “It was a lot more energy than his previous election.”

While Kolodziejak said he was glad to continue to serve as presid- ent, he hoped the energy behind this year’s elections would not be- come a source of division.

“Let’s not split ‘or between who voted for who,” he said. “We need to have a unified voice.”

A challenge facing A.S. was “fair and accurate” voting, said Persis Karim, associate professor of English and comparative literature.

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A guest lecturer spoke at the En- gineering Auditorium on Thursday evening about the recent uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa and how the United States should allow democratic movements to grow in these areas.

Mahmoud Monshipouri, an in- ternational relations professor from San Francisco State University, be- gan his lecture with one question for the audience to keep in mind Can democracy work in the Middle East and North Africa?“ “These uprisings are not over,” said Persis Karim, associate profes- sor of English and comparative lit- erature. “I want to encourage stu- dents to follow the news.”

Based on events that took place in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya, Mon- shipouri said nations should take their course in the Middle East and North Africa and that the West should back off from support.

“The outcome is something we are not comfortable with,” he said.

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A.S. Elections: Meet the Executive Branch

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Tomasz Kolodziejak has been re-elected and is fueled by his advertised “5th plan,” which he said he will use to stay by during his second semester as A.S. president.

“It is something I am very passionate about,” he said. “I am more than willing to hear ideas for changes to it and it would be great to have people critique and work on it.”

Kolodziejak said he believes returning for a second semester as A.S. president will produce the best results in the future as he said he “knows the people who voted for me have faith in me to successfully hold this position.”

His experience working with student service projects — something he said usually takes up a great amount as he begins his term as vice president.

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- Approves/denies funding requests from student organizations
- Publicizes financial reports to the general student body

VICE PRESIDENT

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- Chairman of Board of Directors
- Plans agendas for board meetings
- Signs all resolutions; meets; sends off to the president for approval

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Researchers: Search for alien life is a worthwhile pursuit for the public

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Staff Writer

Whether it’s one-eyed green aliens or multitalented organisms from the Big Bang, the quest to determine if we are alone in the universe is ongoing.

Jill Tarter, director of the Center for SETI Research, posed that question to the audience during a symposium on the “Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence” hosted by the College of Engineering on Monday.

Tarter has spent much of her life in pursuit of an answer to this question and came to SJSU armed with more than 20 years of experience in answering the importance in pursuing this scientific venture.

Brandon Masich, a freshman civil engineering major, said he did not know anything about SETI before coming to the symposium and found Tarter’s talk compelling.

“It was more interesting than the other symposiums I have been to,” he said. “She was a good speaker and she seemed like actually she wanted to be here and talk to us.”

People not familiar with Tarter or the SETI program may be familiar with the hit motion picture “Contact,” for which Tarter’s words was a major influence and the main character Ellie Arroway, played by Jodie Foster, was based on Tarter herself, according to the SETI Institute website.

Tarter spent most of her one-hour talk covering the technical aspects of SETI’s recent work to the hundreds of engineering students in attendance. This recent work included the Allen Telescope Array and the new setQuest project.

The array, located just north of Lassen Volcanic National Park in California, is currently the highest resolution panoramic, wideangle telescope available to radio astronomers and is also the largest array of radio telescopes devoted to the SETI project, she said. Similar to SETI@home, a project that allows anyone with a computer to help search for extraterrestrial intelligence by donating their CPU time to crunching data, Tarter said setQuest is designed to encourage interaction with the general public by allowing citizen scientists to comb through the array’s copious amounts of data for possible extraterrestrial signals.

While the SETI Institute’s recent work was the main topic of the symposium, Tarter began and ended her talk by making an argument for why the SETI Institute is even worthy of attention and support, something that is not new to Tarter.

“We love in a fragile island of life in a universe of possibilities.”

Jill Tarter, SETI Research

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of what is happening in North Africa is that they are causing a spontaneous revolution.”

One event involved Mohammed Bouazizi, an unemployed fruit vendor in Tunis who set himself on fire in the public in the town of Sidi Bouzid. This resulted in enough protest by the Tunisians, after which Ben Ali, the ruler of Tunisia, went into exile.

Ben Ali, the leader of Tunisia, announced his resignation and established a national unity government. While the revolution was peaceful at first, it quickly turned violent.

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Trash bag sweaters, a loofah dress and a newspaper bustier — no, Lady Gaga did not make a surprise visit to campus — these were just a few of the eye-catching creations that student designers showcased on the runway at the second annual Trashion Fashion Show on Thursday.

Hosted by the Associated Student Body's Fashion Council, the Campus Village Quad was packed with spectators watching glimpses of one-of-a-kind fashions that SJSU students made of everything from post-consumer materials.

Down to the plastic water bottle "curtains" decorating the runway, the event aimed to put across awareness about reducing waste and over-consumption while reusing materials to create works of high-fashion art.

"One of the messages we are trying to put out there is to use less water, plastics and not waste," said Ashley Plinga, SSB director of community and intercultural affairs. "Recycle clothes or donate them.Throwing clothes away is not only wasting money but also wasting the time it takes to make them.

Plinga sat on the judges' panel for the Trashion Fashion Show, alongside the year's AS homecoming king and queen. The panel evaluated each of the original fashion submissions for key criteria: creativity, durability, aesthetic appeal, model's confidence and overall look.

Onlookers cheered each piece as models walked down the runway, but it was the judges' decision which placed the most deserving creations into first, second and third place.

A fashion show of previously unselected models from CrossMart Trading Co., a second-hand clothing store, followed the showcase of student submissions.

Selected among a sea of fancy ones for the contest's grand prize, Henneman's design featured a dress constructed from dyed receipts, made by designer Andrea Henneman.

A final run of the pieces, this time with designers accompanying their creations, brought the event to its close.

"I wanted to do this," Tran said. "I wanted to make that out of recycled materials?" Pham's creation was the only one made from a press piece entered into the Trashion Fashion Show, a pant suit with a whimsical look one would expect from campus and "Instantly, I wanted to do this."

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Bonds trial opens eyes to bonds issue

Finally, a decision has been handed down in the everlasting epic of former San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds.

Captain Ahah, the government, can put down his spear gun and be proud that he nicked the whistle.

Bonds was convicted of tax evasion, obstruction of justice, and fraud after the government took him to trial. As I said before, $6 million is a drop in the sum of money that our great state owes.

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It will start as a cold, followed by an intense fever that quickly leads to an extreme case of muscle spasms which eventually trigger the examination process when your dear loved ones start hungering for brains and flesh.

But it's okay, I'm here to tell you to save them from this.

First off, the most obvious thing you need to do is stock up on guns.

I like the "Red Dawn" type of apocalyptic approach. It's good, it's efficient, it gets the job done for keeping up the almighty court system the government despairs of higher taxes, in a state that's experiencing more than $10 billion in taxes this year.

So let's get back to the point now that bonds are no longer a viable option for people to keep their heads above water. The latest report from California Treasurer Bill Lockyer estimates that the state is owed $77.8 billion in outstanding bonds.

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Most Golden State Warriors fans usually find themselves thinking, “Can it get any better?” As this season’s end draws ever near, some fans may well be thinking, “Can it get better?” The Warriors came into this season with low expectations, as many NBA pundits predicted a trade deadline of sorts, but they exceeded those expectations.

The first season under new head coach Keith Smart may not have yielded a playoff berth for the Warriors, but they did actually improve, ending the season with a win against Utah, followed by a loss against Clipper Al Thornton, and the Warriors coming off the bench too, such a dominant center or power forward, to play alongside Lee and Wright.

As the Lakers have proven, size does matter and big frontcourts often yield better defensive results. There’s no doubt the Warriors can score against anybody, but their run-and-gun style takes away from their defense, and as they say “Defense wins championships.”

The Warriors' backcourt of Curry and Ellis is the norm, Curry and Lee but they are still a few good players away from getting over the hump and into the playoffs. If general manager Larry Riley can make some more good offseason moves like the did with Lee and Wright, then the Warriors may re-extend the postseason.

Women's golf
Spartans win third straight WAC title

The 13th woman's golf team edged New Mexico State by two strokes to win its third consecutive WAC Championship in Mesquite, Nev., over the weekend.

Senior Kate Valleau was the first event specialist in SJU history to compete in the NCAA Championships. She received a 9.725 for her routine.

Junior Kate Valleau finished tied for 36th in the second session on floor in the NCAA Championships of gymnastics over the weekend in Cleveland. According to Spartan Athletics, Valleau was the first event specialist in SJU history to compete in the NCAA Championships. She received a 9.725 for her routine.

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