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## Problematic pests no match for university

Nic Aguon  
Staff Writer

Pests can be a nuisance if not handled properly. The university works hard to keep them out of sight and out of mind, said the director of facility operations.

Betty Luna said the university uses several preventative measures for pests.

“Roaches are managed by service requests,” she stated in an email. “Honey bees and tree squirrels are protected species and we are limited on what we can do.”

In an annual pest control report from Facilities Development and Operations at SJSU, there were a total of 93 service requests for the 2009-10 period. Service requests included picking up deceased animals such as birds and rodents.

Dead squirrels and pigeons have been disposed of by grounds services on several occasions. According to the report, a dead pigeon was found on two separate occasions in April and June 2010.

“Ground squirrels and pigeons are not protected and cause great damage,” Luna said.

According to the report, a request for service at Duncan Hall was made Sept. 1, 2010, in which workers found 33 pigeons in a single room.

“We do preventive measures for mice and rats,” Luna stated. “Outdoor bait traps are set twice per year.”

These bait traps have caught mice in the Engineering Building on several occasions. The report included an encounter with mice on June 25, 2010, which took five days to handle.

Bees and wasps are a common nuisance on campus based on the events recorded. Numerous bee hives have been spotted and removed near the Associated Students House and outside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

“I remember one time I was at the barbecue pits for an event near the A.S. House,” said Danny Garcia, a sophomore mechanical engineering major. “I was in line to get a burger when, all of a sudden, I looked up and noticed a swarm of bees in the smoke.”

Ants were also reported in large numbers near windows in the Health Building and Spartan Complex. Service requests in December 2009, and January and March 2010 called for an ant problem at the Health Building.

According to the report, roaches were spotted Sept. 22, 2010, near Campus Village Building A, but the problem was taken care of quickly with the area being sprayed with pesticides.

“Other than the large number of squirrels, I really don’t see any problems on campus with pests,” said sophomore business major Allison Beasley.

According to the university’s website, pest control on campus is provided by in-house licensed qualified applicators, or by contracted Pest Control Operators. In addition, all methods and materials used are registered by the Federal and State Environmental Protection Agencies.

Emergency maintenance service can be requested during normal campus business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Never too early for Earth Day

Festivities bring SJSU’s Sustainability Week to a close with food and games

Anastasia Crosson  
Staff Writer

SJSU sustainability week, which kicked off with a native species planting at Clark Hall, finished with an Earth Day celebration at San Carlos Plaza on Thursday.

The Environmental Resource Center hosted the event, bringing students together with more than 50 local organizations, student organizations, a live music performance and a sustainable-food vendor.

The center is a student-run organization affiliated with the department of environmental studies that is funded through Associated Students. The center was established in 1967, according to a statement from the organization, just three years before the first Earth Day celebration on record with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Decades after that first celebration, SJSU hosted one of its own.

“Its important to learn about the impact our choices have on the global, not just local, environment,” said senior communications major Jeremiah Navarette.

Navarette was staffing an Education First (EF) Spring Break information table at the campus Earth Day celebration.

EF College Break is an organization that specializes in international travel and foreign exchange programs for college students, which Navarette says is essential for students to gain a global perspective on environmental impacts.

This organization was one of



Photo: Jesse Jones / Spartan Daily

**Sophomore music major Matt Martinez and English major Emily Knight are about to collide into each other with Earth balls for Earth Day, which is celebrated on April 22.**

dozens represented at the event including the Crossroads Exchange Co., a vintage and previously-owned clothing retailer.

This retailer was also a major supporter of this year’s Trashion Fashion Show, having donated clothing to the event.

Among the attractions at the

event was the Treatbot food truck, a dispensary of ice cream treats that boasts a mobile karaoke machine. Several students tried their vocal luck at singing for a karaoke score of 90 or higher to win a free ice cream.

Laura Detar, an employee of Community Alliance with Family Farmers, was distributing informa-

tion on local farms, farmers’ markets and community-supported agriculture programs to passersby.

Detar was also seeking to enlist SJSU students into the organization’s Farm to School campaign, where volunteers visit elementary school children to “get kids excited about non-processed food.”

## New name, new money for school of nursing

Alex Wara  
Staff Writer

With the dropping of a banner from the Health Building, students, faculty and community members were able to read a new sign in bold letters that revealed the new name of the school: The Valley Foundation School of Nursing.

About 250 SJSU administrators, faculty and students gathered in front of the Health Building on



Photo: Michelle Terris / Spartan Daily

**Junior nursing major Stephanie Lopez practices putting bandages on a dummy purchased with the help of The Valley Foundation.**

Thursday to honor The Valley Foundation in the renaming ceremony.

SJSU nursing student Katie Weigand said she attended the event because she wanted to support her major’s program.

“We are very grateful for the generous donation that has been given to us,” she said.

Weigand added that she has seen

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## Life lessons from an alternative spring break

Ron Gleeson  
Staff Writer

The University House played host Thursday night to a welcome-back dinner for students who participated in the Alternative Spring Break program.

Seventeen students and two chaperones spent their Spring Break in the Dine Navajo Nation of New Mexico working on community-based projects as well as learning more about their spiritual selves and the good that the Earth

brings them every day.

The welcome back dinner, which was sponsored by Cesar Chavez Community Action Center, featured a group of all women students who shared their experiences while away.

Team leader Joslyn Beard said the trip was life changing.

“The trip was really indescribable,” said Beard, a sociology major. “It was by far one of the greatest experiences I have ever had the pleasure of being involved in during my entire college career.”

For five days, the women lived on the Navajo reserve under the hospitality of Larry Emerson and his sister Gloria Emerson, who welcomed the group with open arms ready to teach the group life lessons they would never forget.

Katie Louey, a senior sociology major and team leader, said the amount of knowledge Larry Emerson shared throughout the trip was one of the many unforgettable aspects of the experience.

“Larry was sort of our professor during the entire

trip,” she said. “He taught so much about a lot of different ceremonies and rituals of the Dine Navajo tribe.”

Louey listed some of the ceremonies the group participated in while visiting, such as the “Spirit Bowl,” which is a ritual which involves placing a bowl of various foods outside for their dead ancestors to eat.

“This particular ceremony I related to quite easily,” she said. “It translates to my culture because we do simi-

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## Entrepreneur combines food, charity with website

Anastasia Crosson  
Staff Writer

If you haven’t heard of Yumspout, an online restaurant review community that brings users together through free tasting campaigns, Andy Tran, founder and SJSU alumni, is sure that you soon will.

The idea behind Yumspout goes beyond the online space, allowing users to receive updates on free food tasting events happening in the area and review the experience later.

It brings Yumspout users into the real, off-line space where they can visit a restaurant and try a selected item from the menu for free.

Yumspout is still in its beta phase, with only two free restaurant tasting campaigns in its repertoire, but Tran said he plans to ramp up the website’s operations through a partnership with SJSU.

Tran is seeking to give his start-up a targeted audience — students — and boost the website’s appeal to local restaurants.

“Trying to get a lot of the local restaurants works perfectly with SJSU students because the restaurants need exposure,” he said.

Tran graduated with a bachelor’s

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the most improvement in the simulation lab where students are able to work with some of the best technology in the area.

The Valley Foundation has been a major supporter of the SJSU nursing program for many years, said Jayne Cohen, director of the school of nursing.

The foundation has donated nearly \$100,000 a year to the program since the start of its association with the school, with much of the money going toward needs in the nursing simulator labs.

Based in Los Gatos, The Valley Foundation is a nonprofit organization that focuses on helping improve health within the county, according to the foundation’s website.

Collectively the group has donated \$8.5 million to the school to help improve the facilities and academic integrity of the program. The most recent donation given was \$5 million.

It was because of the commitment to the program and as a way of saying thank you that the school was officially renamed after the foundation, Cohen said.

“We have a long history working with The Valley Foundation,” Cohen said. “They have supported the school of nursing for nearly 20 years and we have had a fantastic working relationship.”

The ceremony included remarks from Charles Bullock, dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, and from interim President Don Kassing.

“We have been contributing to the school for nearly a quarter of a century,” said Phil Boyce, chairman of The Valley Foundation. “This is really only the start so we will do more as we possibly can.”

A plaque will hang in the entrance to the Health Building with the new name and date of the renaming ceremony engraved on it.

Incoming SJSU president Mohammad Qayoumi was in attendance and said he is looking forward to working with the nursing program and The Valley Foundation.

He said the relationship would give an advantage to SJSU nursing students.

“Hopefully they will be able to have the latest equipment and training and it will make them far more employable,” Qayoumi said. “It will give them the training they need to provide first-rate medical care that our citizens need.”

CAMPUS IMAGES



Photo: Jesse Jones / Spartan Daily

*Christine Le, a graduate student in speech therapy, reads poetry during an open mic session during Legacy of Poetry Day in front of King Library on Thursday.*

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lar things aimed at pleasing and respecting our elders — both dead and alive.”

Other ceremonies described were the sunrise ceremony, which included a prayer session while grinding corn as the sun rose, at the central location at which they executed most of their ceremonies — the hogan.

Sascha Brown, a junior environmental studies major, described the hogan as a octagon-shaped tent, and said they were required to enter the hogan to the right because it is the same direction the Earth rotates.

“You would really think that it is a simple task,” Brown said. “We all had some confusion with the hogan but we got used to it. It is special to see even the rotation of the sun factor into a ceremony.”

While on the reserve, the women worked on various projects on the Navajo land from building fire pits to constructing sheds with each of the 17 students having little reluctance in sharing her individual story.

Junior sociology major Rose Fried said the most significant lesson she learned from the experience was to slow down, take a breath and enjoy the fruits the Earth presents to her every day.

“We take things for granted every day,” she said. “We get so busy with our lives and school schedule that we forget to take time to appreciate Mother Earth. We need to take a break from what we are dealing with and remember there is something so much greater than us — the Earth we live on.”

Brown said Larry Emerson helped the group learn how to think more attentively.

“He taught us that if you decide to do something, do it with full intent,” she said. “Think of your intentions and the possible outcome before you do it.”

The students were accompanied by two chaperones, one of whom was Club Sports Coordinator Samantha Edelman, who said the opportunity to volunteer for this trip was a great opportunity to spend time with students and connect with them.

“I work in recreation and a lot of the time I help people find happiness and balance in their lives,” she said. “I could tell they were all strong women leaders on

campus and I think they gained peace by making the trip and getting away from their daily hustle.”

No matter which project they worked on while on the reserve, each participant in the trip said she felt a level of happiness she had never achieved before.

“I might never see the shed I built again,” Brown said. “But it’s set in stone and we are proud of working as hard as we did while we were there.”

Above anything they did for others while on the trip, many of the women said the thing they will remember the most are the connections they established with each other and the Earth.

“It was such a great experience and to be able to share it with girls from so many different backgrounds was amazing,” Louey said.

Brown said that although it was technically a “service-learning trip,” it felt like nothing of the sort.

“It was much more than a service learning experience — it was a spiritual awakening,” she said. “There was so much energy between all the women working together. I cannot wait to come back and do it again.”

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degree from SJSU’s College of Business — this background in business and a love of food makes Yumsprout a natural fit for the 25-year-old entrepreneur.

Having placed second at the Silicon Valley Neat Ideas Fair last December, the future of Yumsprout is still making progress.

The Neat Ideas Fair is hosted annually by the Silicon Valley Center for Entrepreneurship within the College of Business, which the Yumsprout founder said he views as instrumental to both his development and that of his project.

“SJSU, they did a lot for me when I was a management student,” Tran said. “It’s a really good school that opened a lot of doors to a lot of students.”

Tran has a sense of giving back to the community he came from, not just SJSU but also his hometown of San Jose.

For that reason, Yumsprout incorporates social campaigns into its free food tasting events.

Tran said he is still seeking ways to expand on the idea of incorporating social good into the events — so far, efforts have included placing posters in the restaurant and talking to patrons to inform them about a selected non-profit.

Past food tasting events were hosted at San Jose-based restaurants Sizzling Kabob House and Rosie’s New York Style Pizza.

■ BUSINESS NEWS

PG&E CEO steps down amid controversy

McClatchy Tribune

Seven months after the deadly San Bruno gas pipeline explosion, Pacific Gas and Electric Co. announced that Chairman and CEO Peter Darbee will step down.

Darbee’s retirement comes as the San Francisco-based utility giant is facing state and federal investigations into the Sept. 9, 2010, disaster that killed eight people and flattened dozens of homes.

“Peter concluded that a change in leadership would create the best opportunity

for PG&E to move ahead after a challenging year,” said longtime board member Lee Cox, who will serve as interim chairman and CEO until a successor is found.

Darbee, 58, whose retirement takes effect April 30, has served as CEO since 2005 and earned newly \$8.4 million last year.

According to the company’s proxy, Darbee is entitled to nearly \$35 million in retirement and pension benefits.

In addition to the San Bruno blast, Darbee’s tenure has been marked by other

controversies, such as the company’s advocacy of Proposition 16 and its handling of a \$2.2 billion smart meter program.

Since its 2006 rollout of smart meters, PG&E has faced thousands of complaints from customers blaming the high-tech meters for skyrocketing electric bills.

The company also was heavily criticized for spending \$47 million in a losing effort to back Proposition 16. Critics said the ballot measure was aimed at shielding PG&E from competition by requiring public utilities to

obtain a two-thirds vote before they could expand.

Mark Toney, executive director of TURN, a San Francisco-based consumer advocacy group, said Darbee’s “lavish” retirement package should be borne by shareholders and not consumers.

“Not one more dime of customers’ money should be spent on rewarding Darbee’s failures,” Toney said. “PG&E not only needs to clean house, it needs to change priorities and focus spending on safety, reliability and customer service, rather than executive perks and excesses.”

SPARTA GUIDE



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BASEBALL

McFarland’s gem carries Spartans to series win

Ron Gleeson  
Staff Writer

The SJSU baseball team completed its series victory over Louisiana Tech at San Jose Municipal Stadium by winning three games out of four, capped by a 4-0 victory Saturday afternoon on the shoulders of senior starting pitcher Blake McFarland.

McFarland completed the game he started, stretching his record to 5-2 while earning his first complete game of the season and first shut-out performance of his two-year SJSU career.

The Spartan hurler tied his career-high in strikeouts with nine and allowed only seven base runners.

Most impressive however is what McFarland didn’t allow — runs.

“I had good command of my pitches warming up,” McFarland said. “It’s always great to go into a game with the most confidence possible.”

The Spartans (26-15, 6-6 WAC) were supplied with two runs in the first inning as products of two errors by the Bulldogs (19-21, 4-8 WAC).

With runners on second and third with no outs, senior first baseman Danny Stienstra sent a ball to the Bulldogs’ second baseman, which found its way through the fielder’s legs and into right field, scoring two and giving the Spartans an early lead.

“I was trying to put it somewhere toward the right side of the field to at least get the runner from third home with less than two outs,” Stienstra said. “I did what I was supposed to do — luckily for us the second baseman made the error and we scored two runs.”

The majority of the remainder of the game was a pitchers’ duel between McFarland and Bulldogs’ junior starting pitcher Mike Jefferson.



Photo: Jason Reed / Spartan Daily  
Senior pitcher Blake McFarland in action during the Spartans’ 4-0 win on Saturday.



Photo: Jason Reed / Spartan Daily  
Senior infielder Danny Stienstra slides in ahead of the tag at third base during the Spartans’ 5-4 loss to Louisiana Tech on Friday.

Jefferson, who was named the WAC pitcher of the week earlier this month, allowed two hits in his 7 1/3 innings pitched, which was less than McFarland surrendered.

McFarland was dominant against the Bulldogs and allowed Bulldog base runners to reach scoring position only twice.

“Blake was really the highlight of the game,” SJSU head coach Sam Piraro said. “His curveball, fastball and change-up were all-out pitches for him today. If he goes out there with three out pitches every time he can beat anybody.”

Piraro said the quiet offensive afternoon was due in part to Jefferson’s performance on the mound.

“I would love to have that left-handed pitcher on our team,” he said. “I would take him in an instance and put him right into our rotation.”

McFarland credited much of the team’s success Saturday to the defense playing behind him.

“Our defense is sort of our main pride here in San Jose,” he said. “We always play great defense and as a pitcher it really gives you a boost of confidence.”

SJSU tacked on two more runs in the eighth inning after sophomore center fielder Andrew Rodriguez led off the inning with a walk and then advanced to second after a sacrifice bunt by senior designated-hitter Craig Hertler.

In a brilliant display of heads-up baseball, Rodriguez stole third base as the Bulldog pitcher threw the ball home amid an intentional walk to Stienstra.

Rodriguez’s mental effort paid off as he then scored on a wild pitch, stretching the lead to 3-0.

“We all knew (Jefferson’s) pick-off move was good,” Rodriguez said. “We knew that if we had an opportunity like that to pounce on we would take it. I saw it and took it.”

SJSU would add another run off the bat of sophomore third baseman Tyler Christian, who sent a base hit into left-center field for the final run of the game.

The Spartans’ victory came at the end of a roller-coaster-type weekend at San Jose Municipal Stadium.

SJSU clobbered Louisiana Tech Thursday night with an 18-0 victory, lead by senior shortstop Nick Borg who finished with a series-high five RBIs.

The Spartans split a Friday doubleheader with the Bulldogs. SJSU failed to capitalize on its plentiful opportunities, leaving 11 runners stranded on base.

The second game however proved the Spartans to be resourceful after Rodriguez reached on a walk in the tied 2-2 game in the 10th inning. Rodriguez stole second, reached third on a wild pitch by the Bulldogs then eventually won the game on yet another wild pitch.

Coach Piraro said he was pleased with the victory Saturday despite a “flat” performance by the team during its double-header on Friday.

“We did just enough to beat them,” he said. “We did a good job executing to score the runs we did. We forced them into making some mistakes and I am happy with that.”

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SOFTBALL

SJSU splits doubleheader with Nevada Wolf Pack

Nic Aguon  
Staff Writer

Coming off a tough 8-5 defeat Friday, the Spartans squared off against the University of Nevada Wolf Pack on Saturday afternoon in a Western Athletic Conference softball matchup at SJSU field.

Senior pitcher Elyssa Fox started both games for the Spartans.

In the first game, Fox pitched a complete game, giving up just one run on six hits.

Saturday's opening game was a defensive battle as both teams fielded and pitched well, seizing opportunities to score. The Wolf Pack got the Spartans to ground into several double plays, frustrating the Spartans' runners.

Nevada scored one run in the third inning on a single to left-center by the Wolf Pack's designated player Caylin Campbell. It proved to be all the run support the Wolf Pack needed to win game one.

"The first game we had a chance to get a key hit and win it in the last inning," Spartans head coach Peter Turner said. "It was either we do that or our season is over."

With two runners on base and no outs, the Spartans looked to rally. However, sophomore outfielder Markesha Collins, who was a triple away from hitting for the cycle, struck out swing-

ing on a 2-2 pitch count to end the game.

"We're a young team," Turner said. "We just didn't get any breaks the first game."

The Spartans' bats were silenced the first game as Wolf Pack pitcher Mallary Darby limited them to just five hits with no runs to show for in Nevada's 1-0 victory.

Despite being shut out the first game, the Spartans' offense gave the Wolf Pack a rude awakening the second game.

Nevada managed to score four runs in the first inning, forcing Spartans coach Turner to make a pitching substitution before Fox had recorded an out.

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Peter Turner  
SJSU head coach

Darby also started the second game but faltered, lasting 1 2/3 innings, giving up five runs on six hits.

"It really set the tone when Nevada dropped a pop out," Turner said. "It changed the tide of the game."

The Wolf Pack made a pitching substitution but

that didn't stop the Spartans' offense. Nevada's pitcher Ariel Craig gave up nine hits and seven runs over four innings of relief.

Nine different Spartans scored a run in the victory and seven of them had at least one run batted in.

The Spartans scorched the Wolf Pack for 15 hits en route to their 12-4 victory in six innings.

The officials called a stoppage to the game after six innings since the Spartans had an eight-run lead and were still batting.

"Our hitting lately has really been up and down," junior infielder Alex Stange said. "It really meant a lot for me to have the hitting performance I did."

Stange went 3 for 4 from the plate with one RBI. Sophomore infielder BranDee Garcia reached base in all three of her plate appearances, knocking in two RBI's and scoring two runs.

The Spartans' pitching was dominant in the second game as well.

Allowing just one run over six innings, freshman pitcher Janessa Gutierrez dominated the Wolf Pack batters.

The single run Gutierrez allowed was a solo home run by Wolf Pack first baseman Lauren Lastrapes.

"I thought the team did a really good job working together," Gutierrez said. "I hit my spots, got ground balls and did my job."

Turner said the defense was superb all week, con-



Photos by: Jesse Jones / Spartan Daily

(Above) Freshman shortstop Jacqueline Zepeda cheers on teammate left fielder Markesha Collin during her at-bat against Nevada on Saturday. The Spartans lost the game 1-0.

(Left) Freshman shortstop Jackie Zepeda (Left) and sophomore infielder BranDee Garcia (Right) congratulate freshman catcher Jessica Garcia (Center) after she scored during the Spartans' 12-4 win on Saturday.

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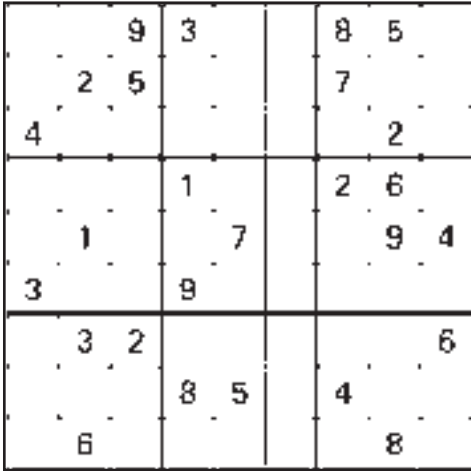
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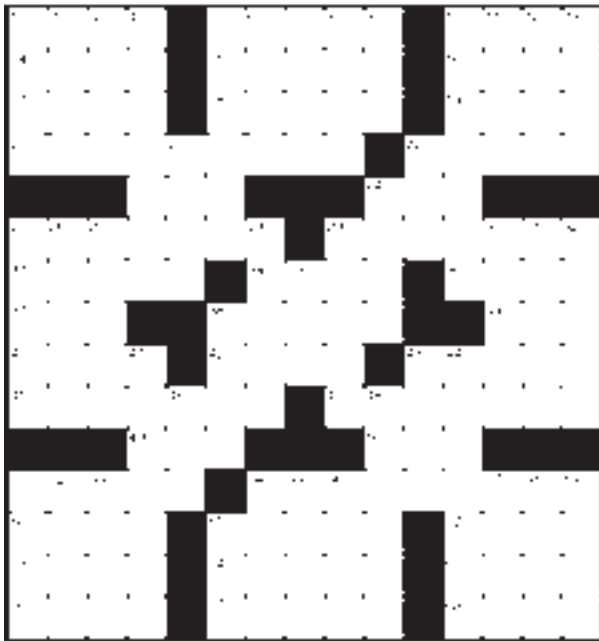
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# It’s time for moderate Muslims to come out of their closets

Pastor Terry Jones is a misguided bigot, we know that.

The part-time preacher and part-time used-furniture salesman has done his damndest to earn that title, using his role as the leader of the Dove World Outreach Center in Gainesville, Fla., to create more controversy than any poorly funded hate group.

The trouble began last year, when Jones and his followers planned to burn copies of the Quran on the ninth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Jones’ intentions were widely publicized and sparked international outrage, which eventually led to the cancellation of the event dubbed “International Burn a Quran Day.”

Jones apparently could not help himself, however, and decided to preside over a March 20 “trial” in which the Quran was convicted for “inciting terrorism” and executed — by burning, of course.

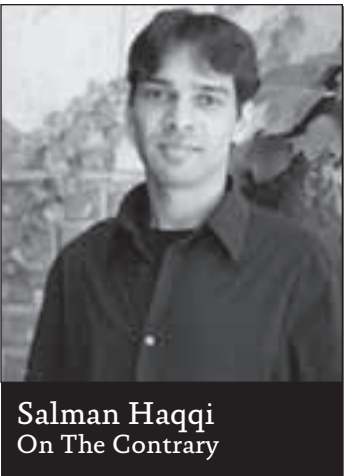
This time, the outrage was real as well.

Protests erupted in Afghanistan and Pakistan, resulting in the deaths of more than 20 people of which seven were United Nations staff.

American politicians and religious leaders scrambled to repudiate the actions of both Jones and the violent protestors, and some went so far as to place the blame for the deaths on Jones himself.

Jones’ credentials as a poorly informed polemicist were well-established prior to his Quran burning.

He first came to nationwide prominence by placing a sign on the church’s lawn that read



“Islam is the Devil.” To top it off, Dove World Outreach participated in a joint protest last year with the ultimate provocateurs at the Westboro Baptist Church, who are known for their inflammatory signs and protests at U.S. soldiers’ funerals.

That being said, Jones is not a murderer.

Shifting the responsibility for these deaths to anyone other than those who committed the murders is irresponsible because it disallows us from examining this issue in its entirety.

Yes, he’s a nut job, there’s a nut job on every corner. But how about we start judging a religion that inspires its most dedicated followers to kill people when you burn its text?

Jones, like the Danish cartoonists who published cartoons portraying Mohammed in a negative light, has been widely vilified for “seeking to inflame” the Muslim community.

Even if this had been his intention, this criticism represents an almost supernatural coincidence of moral blindness and political imprudence.

The point is not (and will

never be) that some free person spoke, or wrote, or illustrated in such a manner as to inflame the Muslim community — It’s that only the Muslim community is combustible in this way.

The controversy renders one fact about our world especially salient — Muslims appear to be far more concerned about perceived slights to their religion than about the atrocities committed daily in its name.

Our accommodation of this psychopathic skewing of priorities has taken the form of a craven and blinkered acquiescence.

There is an uncanny irony here that many have noticed.

The position of the Muslim community in the face of all provocations seems to be this: Islam is a religion of peace, and if you say that it isn’t, we will kill you.

Of course, the truth is often more nuanced, but this is about as nuanced as it ever gets — Islam is a religion of peace, and if you say that it isn’t, we peaceful Muslims cannot be held responsible for what our less peaceful brothers and sisters do.

When we burn your embassies or kidnap and slaughter your journalists, know that we will hold you primarily responsible and will spend the bulk of our energies criticizing you for “racism” and “Islamophobia.”

It’s long past time to call a spade a spade and have the moderate Muslims of the world grow a spine and call out the extremist voices for what they are.

“On The Contrary” is a weekly column appearing on Mondays. Salman Haqqi is the Spartan Daily Executive Editor.

# America: Land of the 1 percent moron population



Marlon Maloney  
One-Man Peanut Gallery

A few days ago, a buddy of mine received the now rarely heard news that he had been hired for a long-sought-after job.

Before it could all become official though, he of course had to go through the rigmarole of providing his fingerprints and the seemingly oxymoronic “clean” urine.

It got us talking about how we all have to go through it because of the minority of people out there who just can’t seem to follow the rules.

“You’re guilty until proven innocent,” is what one of us said, and it got me thinking.

There are a number of instances we can all point to in our lives where someone gives that ready-made retort, “But why should I have to suffer because so-and-so did this or that?”

It’s nothing new, but the thought always seems to come up.

Here is my answer, take it or leave it: We live in a society where 99 percent of the population has a fully functioning conscience (aka those two bickering guys on your shoulders) and 1 percent are morons.

Our society is run completely by a system that punishes the majority for the mistakes of the minority. Every bylaw, rule and regulation is put in place so that pesky 1 percent doesn’t do something stupid, which they’re prone to do.

Think about it: Car insurance, alcohol, airports, etc.

Car insurance — we all have to pay more because Brock and the gang decided to go out doing doughnuts and racing in the streets, clipping your parked car as they fled the scene of their “art,” which actually happened to me.

Sept. 11 — boy, getting through that airport check-in sure isn’t as quick as it used to be. You can blame that one on the

actions of a handful of terrorists, yet we all must handle the burden of much more thorough searches to provide a safer flying environment.

Alcohol — I don’t think anything really needs to be said here. We’ve all witnessed the stupidity unleashed by this sweet elixir.

As recently as last semester, SJSU banned the sale of alcohol during sporting events. Having

walked through the tailgating section before a football game, I completely understand why.

“But Marlon, why should I not be allowed to drink a beer just because of a few knuckleheads?” You’re probably a member of that 1 percent the rest of us are trying to protect ourselves from.

We all saw what alcohol could do to some people this year when a San Francisco Giants fan was beaten into a coma by a couple of inebriated Los Angeles Dodgers fans.

It’s a sad fact that not everyone was gifted with common sense or the ability to control themselves.

This is a society where we actually have to have coffee cups that say “Caution: Hot.” We actually need laws that tell us not to rob and kill one another.

Seriously? We know these things are wrong, but there are a few of us out there who don’t get it.

These cautions and laws aren’t put in place for you or me, we just naturally figured those ones out for ourselves.

Yeah, it sucks that the 1 percent ruins a whole lot of things for the rest of us but in the end, it’s to make all our lives better.

Just get over it and get used to it.

“One-Man Peanut Gallery” is a column appearing every other Monday. Marlon Maloney is a Spartan Daily Copy Editor.

# 3-D films are more annoying than anything

Count me among the growing number of moviegoers who are tired of the direction Hollywood is going with visual effects in filming.

I’m speaking, of course, of the ridiculous amount of 3-D movies coming out these days.

I’m getting tired of filmmakers trying to make a few extra bucks by promoting two-dimensional 3-D gimmicks and making us believe the movie will be better somehow because of it.

In fact, a large number of movies this summer will be in 3-D, so be prepared for a lot of eye-poking scenes.

Every time a trailer for these movies comes out, filmmakers promote it as if it’s something fresh and new and each time we moviegoers are sucked into believing the hype that somehow this will be better than the last 3-D film we saw.

I believe a certain line from “Star Wars: Return of the Jedi” is appropriate here: “It’s a trap!”

But seriously, who focus-grouped 3-D movies for Hollywood?

Nearly every single person I have ever talked to about 3-D films says the effect is disorienting, headache-inducing, uninteresting and does almost nothing to improve the quality of the film.

Ever since “Avatar,” arguably the most successful 3-D movie to date, filmmakers seem to have gotten the idea that their films are unsellable without implementing 3-D effects.



Wesley Dugle  
Wes Side Story

What does 3-D actually do for a film when you are watching it?

It basically tries to get the film to “jump out” at you by pumping the film’s proverbial junk into your face so you can occasionally go “Oooo” and “Ahhhh” when a character is shoving something into the camera.

This in no way advances the story or plot — it just changes things from being a movie to a ride at an amusement park.

A movie with great visual effects can be just as good, if not better, without 3-D, so why do it?

Imagine if “Lord of the Rings” was like this and we had to be subjected to a scene where Legolas fires an arrow into the cam-

era at a charging orc. Would that have made the movie any better?

Or would “Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back” really be any better if Darth Vader’s lightsaber had a gimmicky 3-D effect before slicing off Luke’s hand?

I think one of the few directors in Hollywood right now who actually understands movie-going audiences is Christopher Nolan.

I recently applauded Nolan when he announced that the next Batman film will not be shot in 3-D.

I mean, why would he? The guy does the best cinematography in the business and has gotten an Academy Award for it each of his past two films.

He has no need for a scene where Batman throws a batarang at the camera.

Nolan actually understands how to use visual effects

properly by bringing us into a movie rather than trying to jump out at us.

The scene in “Inception” where Joseph Gordon-Levitt fights the guards in the rotating hallway is an amazing piece of cinematography and it would not have been made any better if it was done in 3-D instead.

3-D is no more than a useless visual device that does nothing to advance a film’s story or visual appeal and, more than anything, is meant to hype a movie a bit more to get a few extra million at the box office.

Filmmakers need to learn a thing or two from Christopher Nolan and understand that a movie doesn’t need 3-D to bring us into a film’s world — great direction and storytelling will.

“Wes Side Story” is a weekly column appearing on Mondays. Wesley Dugle is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.

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■ PLAY REVIEW

# Laughter in sadness is ‘All in the Timing’



Nate Morotti  
Staff Writer

The SJSU theater department is currently home to a production called “All in the Timing,” a series of individual comedies directed by students Morgan Boyd, Cherise Mantia, Iris Benson, Jacquelyn Montellato and Sheryl Sims. The aspect of the show I admired the most was the acting. Of all the different genres and subsections of theater arts, the ability to make another person laugh is quite possibly one of the hardest skills to refine.

To successfully pull off comedy, you have to have a certain level of confidence. All of the actors had that quality, especially actor Jason Kapoor as the Russian communist Trotsky in the play “Variations on the Death of Trotsky.” Trotsky had just the right combination of humor and tragedy to make the perfect dark comedy. It was one my favorite comedies in the production because not many things have the ability to make me laugh about being sad. It is said that the best actors can bring an audience wherever they want without needing a stage, but a

good set doesn’t hurt a production. Provided with an air of minimalism, the set was one of my favorite aspects of the play. Actors were able to take advantage of the space they were given, which is a practice that appears to have been cultivated for this production. A carpet, a desk and a couch were all that were needed to bring me to a large Victorian mansion in “The Mystery at Twicknam Vicarage.” There were a few things, though, that did not sit well with me about the play. The most prominent oddity was the choice of random, con-

temporary music breaks throughout the production, particularly in “Twicknam Vicarage.” It seemed like a poorly executed way of making the play more relatable to its audience, but in the process forgot that the dialogue and pacing were written to fit a very specific mood, which was taken away by the introduction of the Black Eyed Peas. It only takes a small distraction to bring an audience away from where you want them to be, which is what happened to me while watching this scene. It did not ruin the play by any means, but simply drew me away from the situation.

Overall, the school’s production of “All in the Timing” was enjoyable. This was apparent by the abundance of laughter from the audience, which has always been a good sign to those in the comedy business. Unfortunately, as the title of the play implies, the art of comedy is in fact “all in the timing,” which is a lesson that should be learned. “All in the Timing” was performed in the Hal Todd Theater in Hugh Gillis Hall on April 22 and 23 and will appear again on April 27-30, starting at 7 p.m. each night.

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