Problematic pests no match for university

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

“Resches 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 51 service requests for the 2010-11 period. Service requests included picking up deceased animals such as birds and hawks.

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 stated.

According to the report, a request for service at Duncan Hall was made Sept. 1, 2010, in which workers found 53 pigeons in a single room.

“We do preventive measures for mice and rats,” Luna stated. “Outdoor and indoor stations are placed all throughout the year.”

Both the bat traps have caught mice in the Engineering Building on several occasions. The report included an encounter with a rat on June 23, 2010, which took five days to handle. Boxes are also used in common areas on campus on the exterior, and numerous boxes have been spotted and removed near the Associated Students House.

“Where I live, I can see the bats feeding in the backyard near a tree near the A.S. House,” said Danny Gunas, 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.”

Avis were also reported in large numbers around 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, a request was submitted Sept. 22, 2010, near Campus Village Building A, but the problem was taken care of quickly with the area being sprayed with pesticides.

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

According to the university’s website, pest control on campus is provided through registered pest control companies, local businesses, 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 at 424-6611 or online from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Life lessons from an alternative spring break

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SJSU sustainability week, which kicked off with a native species planting at Clash Hall, finished with a locally grown produce Carols Plans 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 food pound.

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 1987, 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.

“It’s important to learn about the impact our choices have on the global, but not just local, environment,” said environmental communications major Jeremiah Nevares.

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

EF College Break is an organization that specializes in travel and foreign exchange programs for college students, which allows them to see a tiny, or essential, part of the globe. The tour is designed to give a global perspective on environmental impact.

This organization was one of dozens represented at the event including the Crossroads Exchange Co., a retailer and previously-owned clothing retailer.

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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 nursing administrators, faculty and students gathered in front of the Health Building on Thursday to honor The Valley Foundation, Corporate Partner of this year’s Trashion Fashion Show, having donated clothing to the event. Among the attractions at the event was the Tootsieto food truck, a dispensary of ice cream treats that houses a mobile kitchen machine. Several students tried their vocal skills at singing for a navajo score of 90 or higher to win a free ice cream.

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The Valley Foundation has been a major supporter of the SJU nursing program for many years, according to SJU nursing Professor Colleen, director of the school of nursing.

The foundation has donated nearly $1 million to support the start of its association with the school, with much of the money going toward needed in the nursing simulator labs.

Based in Los Gatos, The Valley Foundation is a non-profit organization that focuses on improving health within the county, according to the foundation’s website. Collectively the group has donated $185,000 in the past to help improve the health and academic integrity of the program.

The most recent donation given was $5 million.

It was because of the commitment to the program and a way of saying thank you that the school was officially renamed after the foundation, Colleen said. (From Page 1)

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...let things simmer at planning and respecting our elders — both dead and alive. Other ceremonies described were the sun dance ceremony, which included a prayer session while grinding corn as the sun rose, and the Native American ceremony, which was the last of its kind.

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The students were accompanied by two chaperones, one of whom was Club Sports Co-coordinator Samara Tran. "We are going to spend time with students and connect with them. They 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 pace by making the trip and getting away from their daily hunts."

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The company also was heavily criticized for spend- ing $47 million on a losing ef- fort to defeat Proposition 16. Critics said the ballot meas- ure was named at skidding PG&E from competition by requiring public utilities to obtain a two-thirds vote before they could expand.

Mark Toney, executive di- rector of TURN, a San Fran- cisco-based consumer ad- vocacy group, said Darbee’s “lavish” retirement package should be a caution for officeholders 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 course and focus spending on safety, reliability and cus- tomer service, rather than ex- pensive perks and excesses.”

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The Spartans squared off against the University of Nevada Wolf Pack on Saturday afternoon in a Western Athletic Conference softball matchup at SJSU. Senior pitcher Elyssa Fox starred both in the circle and at the plate.

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, some opportunities to score. The Wolf Pack got the Spartans to ground into several double plays, frustrating the Spartans’ concern.

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. It was either we do that or our season is over.”

Peter Turner
SJSU head coach

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

“It really set the tone for us. Nevada dropped the first game,” 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 a 9-4 victory in six innings.

“The officials called a stoppage to the game after six innings since the Spartans had no outs and were leading and still batting. “Our hitting lately has hardly been up and down,” junior infielder Alex Stange said. “It really meant a lot for us to have the hitting performance I did.”

Stange went 3 for 5 from the plate with four RBIs. Sophomore infielder Becca De Garcia reached base in all three of her plate appearances, knocked in two RBIs 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 Lasatras. “I thought the team did a really good job working to-gether,” Gutierrez said. “I hit my spots, got ground balls and moved into scoring two runs. Turner said the defense was superb all week, continuing to score game after game.”

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

Paster Terry Jones is a mis-guided bigot, we know that. His part-time preacher and part-time used-furniture sales- man has done has damned us to eternal suffering in his role as the leader of the Dove World Outreach Center in Gainesville, Florida, to create more controversy than any poorly funded group has seen.

The trouble began last week, when Jones announced plans to burn copies of the Quran, which he called “filthy trash.” Protesters in Afghanistan and Pakistan, resulting in the deaths of more than 20 people of which several were United Nations workers. American politicians and religious leaders were quick to condemn the actions of both Jones and the violent protesters, and several lawmakers even blamed the blame for the deaths on Jones personally.

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

Jones first came to nationwide prominence by placing on a church lawn that read “Burn the Quran.”

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 so you can possibly say “Wow! That’s a cool visual!”

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PLAY REVIEW

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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. The most prominent oddity was the choice of random, contemporary 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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“All In The Timing,” a play written by David Ives, features one-act comedies directed by SJSU students. A production of the Television, Radio, Film, Theatre, Animation & Illustration Department at SJSU, performances will take place in Hal Todd Theatre from April 27-30.