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**STAFF REPORT**

President Obama called for the end of all combat operations in Iraq on Tuesday in a 10 minute speech addressing the American public.

"Operation Iraqi Freedom is over, and the Iraqi people now have lead responsibility for the security of their country," he said.

Ruben Sanchez, a junior animation and illustration major, said he was glad the war was over.

"That’s great," Sanchez said. "It’s been going on a long time. I hope things will work out diplomatically instead of the use of force in the long run.

In his speech, Obama praised the American troops for their service in Iraq and addressed the ongoing war in Afghanistan, saying the transition out of the country would begin next year.

"Our troops are the steel in our ship of state," he said. "And though our nation may be traveling through rough waters, they give us confidence that our course is true and that beyond the pre-dawn darkness, better days lie ahead."
This fall, the new director of the school of library and information science said she is excited to have joined the school.

“I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with the school and its students, faculty, staff and alumni and to help shape the vision of the library and information science profession," said Hirsh.

According to the outgoing director of the school, Ken Haycock, Hirsh was the best fit for the director for the department. He was delighted to see someone who had such experience in the department.

Hirsh has the acade- mic and industry creden- tials to position the school as a leader in library and information science education world- wide, continue to evolve the curriculum and program of fea- tures that ensure the school is preparing students and professionals to meet current and future career needs," Haycock said.

Hirsh said she supports the research and professional contributions of students. “I know how much value you, our school of library science, " said Stephanie Rocha, a graduate student in library science major. "I attend- ed the symposium and I have the chance to know her." Michelle Simmons, a pro- fessor in the school of library and information science, is delighted to have Hirsh as the new director.

We are so fortunate to have her as our new director," Simmons said. "Our program benefited enormously in the last few years from the inno- vative leadership of former director Dr. Ken Haycock, and I am confident that Dr. Hirsh is going to build on this foundation to make SJSU’s school of library and information science even stronger.

Hirsh said her connec- tions at SJSU date back to 1991, when she taught a graduate course in reference services. "For the last nine years I have been serving on the school’s international advisory board," Hirsh said. "Serving in this capacity has given me the opportunity to witness first-hand the growth of the program, the transition to entirely online education, the raising reputation of the School and the addition of several new innovative pro- grams."

Hirsh added her mas- ter’s degree in the field of library and information science from the University of Michigan and a doctorate from the University of California Los Angeles.

She was a professor at the University of Arizona teaching courses in information-seeking behavior, informa- tion resources evaluation and information resources development.

“I taught some of my classes at the University of Arizona online as this fits in well with the SJSU school of library and information science and I am excited about this in- ternet-only, she said. Hirsh said she jumped at the opportunity when she heard the position was going to be available and she was put together three years ago with her colleague for Whitmore," he said.

Sarah Yadagir, a junior biochemistry major, said she had concerns about how long the democratic process in this situation takes. "We have to pick and choose a group who is going to be our next president?" she said.

Kaufman said that her hopes are that SJSU will put committee together as soon as possible to get a new presi- dent by next fall. The last search committee was put together three years ago with Whitmore for Whitmore, he said.

Yadagir said she has a solid idea of what the school needs in a president. "She said that strong leader- ship and honesty play a piv- otal role in positions of such stature. "If you’re going to be a president, why would you want to be a follower, when you need to be a leader?" she asked.

The final list of nominees will be announced Oct. 1 at 5 p.m. The nominees will have a chance to address the academic senate before the senate votes to select the fi- nal two individuals that are to serve on the committee, Kaufman stated.
Goal setting, accomplishments and rewards is what an education counselor highlighted Tuesday during a presentation at Clark Hall. Deanna Peck, the coordinator for education programs at counseling services, led an interactive discussion about different ways to set goals and attain them.

One graduate student who attended said he was there to gain some more organizational skills, even though he has already earned his bachelor’s degree. “I guess I don’t feel completely comfortable with my goal-setting skills,” said Daniel Lebrija, a graduate student in communications.

“I’ve never been a good goal-setter, I guess I have a system but I’m not sure how to explain it.”

That was a point Peck made about setting goals. She said one of the essentials is setting goals down and being specific.

Being realistic about a goal is also crucial, said Peck, because otherwise that goal becomes unattainable. Students were paired up and asked to discuss the last time they achieved a goal, and the last time they did not achieve their goal.

Lebrija said that when he postponed his graduate work and feels a little out of the loop, his motivation to keep working hard is that he wants to become a professional.
Horror film exorcises past demons

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believing that the movie is true, real footage. “The Last Exorcist” will not only have you squirming in your seat but will make you dig deeper and question the truths of religion and faith.

Do not expect a scene of blood and guts because this movie will not deliver. Eli Roth, the producer, will direct your moral compass to judge the decisions of each character in the movie. The turns and twists of the plot allow your imagination to run wild lending a hand to the suspense already created by the film.

Although the ending may not work for everyone, it seemed absolutely appropriate and plausible to have happened in the backwoods of Louisiana.

This movie is a perfect combination of the classic “The Exorcist” and “The Blair Witch Project”, utilizing the unseen to create suspense and horror.

A trek through “The Infinite Definitive”

His voice, mostly punk-influenced, sounds like the illegitimate child of Billie Joe Armstrong, Tom DeLonge and Kurt Cobain. It isn’t anywhere near as distinct or controlled, but you can hear his intention.

A few of my favorite tracks include “Foundation of Rebellion,” “Moving Out of Frame” and “The Experience of Understanding.”

“Foundation of Rebellion” has a great guitar intro, drums and lead blending together in a melody that builds off of anticipation. Unfortunately, it sounds much more epic in comparison to the rest of the song.

“Moving Out of Frame” also has a great intro that carries on through the rest of the song. The drum fills, instead of the usual 4/4 beat for the first half of the song, keep things interesting as well.

The ebullient guitar in the beginning of “The Experience of Understanding” actually reminds me of “Sweet Disposition” by The Temper Trap. Lynch keeps the piano simple but powerful, playing the chords in eighth and quarter notes through most of the song.

It was a really interesting listen, even just purely music alone. Lynch’s lyrics are cryptic, sometimes sounding hopeless, which is fine for a couple of songs, but a bit much for an entire album.

For example, in the song “Picture Candles,” he says, “You look in every mirror to see what’s on your mind. You’re surrounded by the memories of a life you couldn’t find.” It’s everything that will make you want to hold yourself in a corner while you rock back and forth, but it’s not warm and fuzzy other times.

It seems to be inspired by a lot of personal experiences that lead to some sort of realization.

And from that, the simple fact that Lynch is talented is obvious.

It takes a lot of time, effort and dedication to embark on a musical journey as he’s done with the “Infinite Definitive.”

In Image

A trek through “The Infinite Definitive” by Unknown Component.
Spartans charge into season with high expectations

MELISSA SABLE
Sports Editor

Tonight is the start of the season of nonconference games for the SJSU men's soccer as they face UC Riverside at 7 p.m. at Spartan Stadium.

Head coach Gary St. Clair said he is expecting more from his team tonight than he saw during last week's exhibition game against UC Santa Cruz.

“We've only been in camp for six days,” St. Clair said after Wednesday's exhibition. “We looked rusty, we played rusty — this was not a very good performance.”

He said he thinks overall the team could have done a lot better job.

“Every game is a war,” he said. “I think your most important game is your next one, so UC Riverside is going to be a big one for us.”

Senior midfielder Ricky Dorrego said the team has been doing a lot of fitness training to better prepare themselves this season.

“We're a very fit team right now,” Dorrego said. “We also started a new formation which on Wednesday we are going to try out. We've just playing a lot of games getting used to our formation, especially our defensive shape.”

He said one of the transitions included taking out one of the forwards and adding a little bit more, to do things they don’t want to do.

Skill level is a critical asset to the team, junior midfielder Josh Castro said.

“We have a lot more skill than we did in previous years,” Castro said. “We have players on the bench who are just as skillful as those who are playing on the field.”

He said the team is also more prepared offensively.

“We have a little more attacking mentality than we do defensively,” he said. “Last year we had a lot more defensive players but this year it’s flip side.”

Senior midfielder Josh Boemecke said the team has higher expectations this season compared to last fall.

“We had a lot of young guys last season,” Boemecke said. “So I guess you could consider this season a rebuilding year. This season we have a lot of returners, a lot of guys with experience and a good core group of guys coming in.

He said teammate Oscar Ynigues is one of the returners who will be beneficial to this season's formation.

“Last year he started in the center and we moved him into a different position this year,” Boemecke said. “He's a very talented player, we're expecting good things from him. We hope he provides strength as with some good goals and good assists. He contributes to a lot of different areas on the field.”

St. Clair said Ynigues comes with a lot of technique.

“Oscar is a crafty player,” St. Clair said. “He certainly has a bit of flair to him, but he is a player that needs to combine with people and needs to be able to take care of the ball.”

He said Boemecke is another player who will test the strengths of other teams this season.

“Josh is a horse,” St. Clair said. “He’s a big guy, he’s fast, he’s strong. He’s going to give the defenses a lot of trouble. He’s going to score and get his goals. He’s the kind of guy you do not want to play against.”

St. Clair said the team's biggest challenge overall at the moment is injuries and eligibility.

“We have a lot of good players,” he said. “But we have to get those players fit and we also have to get them healthy. I think at the end of the day we’ll have a pretty good team.”

In addition to Ynigues, Boemecke and Murphy, a few others St. Clair named as strong players include Ricky Martin, Robert Casteneda and Richard Wimsatt.

St. Clair said the team’s biggest struggle is going to be making the talented players sometimes sacrifice a little bit more, to do things they don’t want to do.

Boemecke agreed, “We just want to do well in the conference and work toward winning a conference championship.”

SPARTAN GAMES THIS WEEK

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SPORTS
With the Amazon Kindle and Apple iPad selling millions of units, e-readers and e-books are becoming more accessible for people around the country. E-textbooks may be the next big thing on campus, but if CourseSmart’s free e-textbook app is any indication of the future, that isn’t happening.

CourseSmart is the world’s largest provider of digital course materials, according to its website, allowing students to download textbooks in addition to having an iPad app. It’s a great idea. Take textbooks and put them on Apple’s iPad, which happens to be a great e-reader.

The execution, however, is not great. The app is free, and looks spiffy. Unfortunately, it also looks like the company got lazy and didn’t know how to utilize the screen space of the iPad.

The entire app is fairly bare, except for a box where you sign in. That sign-in box doubles as the virtual bookshelf, where users can see all the textbooks they’ve previously downloaded.

It doesn’t make sense for CourseSmart to limit the bookshelf to a small box when the iBooks and Kindle apps use all of the iPad’s screen space to display books. It makes the bookshelf feel a bit cramped, and some people with bad eyesight might have a harder time looking at the books. There isn’t an in-app store for textbooks either; the app instead redirects the user to a browser to buy books.

Users will have to buy the textbooks to use them, but once a textbook is purchased there’s no way to keep it forever. Instead, the user has the textbook for a certain amount of days with 180 days being the most common length.

That’s all well and good, and it works well … when it doesn’t lag. It’s impossible pins to zoom into pictures and text as well.

In the Kindle and iBook apps, reading books is a breeze. There is no lag that’s noticeable and they even have nifty animations like page turning, but not in this app.

Once the pages load, the textbook is fairly easy to read, but it certainly takes a long time for all the pages to load.

CourseSmart seems to have a good selection of textbooks to choose from, but unfortunately I wasn’t able to find any for my classes.

E-textbook prices are roughly half the price of owning the book after purchasing it from Amazon. For instance, the CourseSmart app has a 180 day subscription of “A Short History of the French Revolution, Fifth Edition” for $15 and Amazon has the full book for $38.61.

The CourseSmart app has a 180 day subscription of “Engineering Statistics, Fourth Edition” for $87.50 and Amazon has it for $155.01. It’s a great idea, but hopefully future updates will improve lag and clean up the interface.

For now, CourseSmart’s app isn’t a smart download.
As a Pakistani expatriate I’ve had a largely ambiva- lent picture with my country. For years, 9/11, the British-led invasion, and the war in Iraq and Afghanistan made the country seem distant from my reality. With a political system so entrenched and corrupt before the floods, the masses have been left to fend for themselves in many cases. The government, however, has shown little appetite for change, and the lack of even a semblance of an education system and virtually non-existent health care remain its most obvious shortcomings.

In many ways the floods in Pakistan embody the tragedy the country has been for the past six decades: a failure to provide its citizens with basic necessities. The statistics are hard to grasp. According to the US Census Bureau, the United States has led to a 1,100,000, 1.2 million houses destroyed, 20 million people displaced and a fifth of the country’s land flooded. The impact of this is yet to be felt.

In spite of my feelings for Pakistan’s ruling party, and while India has developed into one of the largest and fastest growing economies in the world, Pakistan remains stagnant as a nation by decades. Pakistan has been far more visible to the rest of the world in the past few years than ever before, but most of the ads don’t give an honest picture with their face value. The new guidelines are allowing a large number of scammers to advertise while offering no real protection.

As with most disasters, it’s the people who suffer. The floods turned many into refugees and more. Some estimates put neighborhoods completely. New Orleans still requires rebuilding at a time of national disaster. Some of the ads don’t give an honest picture with their face value. The new guidelines are allowing a large number of scammers to advertise while offering no real protection.
College welcomes students with cold treats

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With three-story-high inflatable Sammy Spartan presiding, students took advantage of free ice cream, popcorn and Jamba Juice while getting to know faculty Monday afternoon.

The college of applied sciences and arts held their first Welcome Back Ice Cream Social on the Associated Students’ Lawn to reach out to undeclared, transfer and current students, said the dean of the college, Charles Bullock.

Bullock said the event was created by the department chairs who were looking to connect with the student body.

“We started this to help students feel like a part of the college, obviously the best college,” Bullock said.

Faculty and students representing the seven departments and four schools that make up the college set up in the heat of the day with smiles and information, said a lecturer in the justice studies department Jackye McClure.

The departments include aerospace, health science, journalism and mass communications, nursing, nutrition, food science and packaging and occupational therapy, according to the SJSU website.

“Journalism and mass communications, nursing, social work and library and information science make up the four schools, according to the website.

“The point of this day is to get all the departments involved, and we’re giving out free ice cream while we’re at it so everyone has a good time,” said Aamer Amna, a senior health science major.

“Students can gather information in a friendly way and foster a community within the university,” McClure said.

In addition to attracting new interest to the college, the social was meant to improve retention rates within the college, said Mark Correia, chair of the justice studies department.

Spartan Athletics was present to network with students and get them excited about SJSU sports said sports management alumna, Daniel Hackett.

“Displayed at the table was a helmet signed by Rashied Davis, an SJSU alumna who currently plays for the Chicago Bears.”

“We’re here to show our support to the university, because the university supports us, and we want to give our thanks back,” said Hackett. “We’re all pieces of the same puzzle.”

The Juggling Club was also recruiting students to their program, tossing juggling pins between five members and helping beginners learn as well, said Jaime Derungs, a freshman aerospace engineering major.

“I picked up an ROTC pamphlet and decided to try juggling too,” said Derungs.

While this is the first ice cream social hosted by the college, Bullock said he would like to make it an annual event.

“This helps students reach out, meet faculty and talk about majors,” said Correia. “The major process is so complicated now with the new budget. This shows we care about students.”

TRANSPORT

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“If you have time and want to commute without wasting gas it’s convenient,” Cunningham said.

Stephanie Vo is a senior occupational therapy major said she used the Eco Pass in the past, but finds driving to school easier.

“In general, public transportation around here isn’t so great, but that’s not San Jose State’s fault,” Mendelsohn said, “but in terms of providing information on the buses and light rails and things like that, I think the transportation department does a good job.”

Senior kinesthetics major Nguyen Vo said he has found using the VTA has been very useful to him.

“Throughout these years that I have used it, it has saved me over $3,000,” Vo said.

“From gas, from buying a car, from parking tickets and parking passes.”

Vo said he has used the money he has saved to buy textbooks.

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