



## TECH

Windows rolls out  
new mobile OS

SEE PAGE 4



## A&E

Hilarious misadventures  
ensue in 'Due Date'

SEE PAGE 6



# SPARTAN DAILY

Serving San José State University since 1934

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

spartandaily.com

Volume 135, Issue 42

## INSIDE

### SPORTS

- SJSU forward moves to Spartan defense 3

### TECH

- Microsoft's new mobile OS proves worthy of consumer interest 4

### OPINION

- OPPOSING VIEWS:  
Is Cheerleading a Sport? 5
- When life gets in the way of your passion 5

### A&E

- PREVIEW: New 'Glory Daze' series stirs up comedic haze 6
- REVIEW: Misadventures plague odd couple in 'Due Date' 6

## ONLINE

### SOCIAL MEDIA

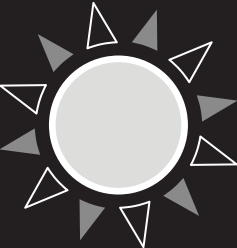


Become a fan on Facebook  
[facebook.com/spartandaily](https://www.facebook.com/spartandaily)



Follow our tweets on Twitter  
[@spartandaily](https://twitter.com/spartandaily)

## OUTSIDE



High: 74°  
Low: 49°

## Students compare experiences at campus housing



PHOTO: DONOVAN FARNHAM | SPARTAN DAILY

Depending on a student's meal plan, housing rates in Campus village can cost between \$5,458 and \$6,955.

## University to issue new Tower Cards

JAIMIE COLLINS

Staff Writer

In January 2011, SJSU will be introducing new Tower Cards for all students, faculty and staff members, according to a university news release.

The introduction of the new cards follows the beginning of a new partnership between SJSU and U.S. Bank to enable students to receive electronic refunds instead of paper checks, according to the SJSU bursar.

"Students are encouraged to enroll in electronic disbursements so they get all their money, all the time," Marlene Anderson said.

She said SJSU will provide two Tower Card options — one with the basic features currently available and the Maxx card, which will provide holders with the option to open an account with the bank and use their card as an ATM debit card, accepted anywhere Visa is honored.

"It's a kind of dual functionality," Anderson said. "It's the standard card for on campus as we use it today and it's for off campus for going to retail stores ... and (using the) debit card."

Joey Myers, a freshman business management major, said having the Tower Cards working as debit cards is an interesting idea that will reduce the number of cards he has in his wallet.

"Being able to have my school ID, public transportation pass and my debit card all in one place is convenient," he said. "I can get rid of cards I don't need in my wallet and will have to carry less. I'm excited for it."

Although the main features of the standard Tower Card will stay the same, Anderson said they will have an updated appearance inspired by a 1932 yearbook, with a golden tower in front of the university seal.

"We had to have a new look," she said. "We've got so many cards in circulation, we want it to be more current. It's got some nostalgia and history behind it."

Undeclared freshman Melissa Leeman said she doesn't feel the new cards will affect her.

See **CARDS** Page 2

## FEATURE

KELSEY HILARIO

Staff Writer

Being the red-headed stepchild is no easy task.

The same can be said about the Bricks being compared to their younger and cuter sibling, the Campus Village.

Other than both places housing bright-eyed freshmen, they really have nothing else in common.

According to the SJSU Housing Services website, housing rates vary depending on where a student lives and what meal plan, if any, he or she chooses for the semester.

Spring 2011 housing rates in Campus Village, with a seven-day Platinum Meal Membership, range from \$6,955 for a studio, \$6,711 for a single occupancy, \$5,864 for a double occupancy and \$5,458 for triple occupancy.

The bricks offer freshmen two options: \$6,493 for a super single occupancy and \$4,703 for a double occupancy — both prices include the Platinum Meal Membership.

### The Bricks

Three rectangular buildings make up residence halls known as the Bricks — Washburn Hall, Royce Hall and Hoover Hall.

Each building is three stories high, has six wings, a kitchen, patio and two lounge areas.

Every floor has two communal bathrooms, one for the boys and one for the girls.

From the outside the Bricks look like a prison, housing student inmates who did not make the grades or even worse, are doing time for cheating and plagiarism.

From the outside, the Bricks are cold and uninviting, but all that changes as soon as you step inside.

People are constantly coming and going, chatter and laughter can be heard throughout the building and the cold exterior quickly melts away and is replaced by friendly faces and positive energy.

Freshman biology major Sara Mickelsen said she is having an amazing first year living in Royce Hall.

"The Bricks are so fun," she said. "I think that everyone knows everyone on this floor. I know everyone on both wings and downstairs and upstairs. I know all of the R.A.s — when I walk in after late night check-in hours they are like, 'Oh, hey Sara.' It is a very personal experience living here."

The rooms in all of these buildings are small and are a perfect fit for two beds, two desks, a mini fridge and tons of memorabilia of your friends, favorite teams and new college memories.

People from all walks of life roam the halls of these dorms.

Freshman psychology major Zarahia Perdomo lives in Washburn Hall and can categorize the people into four groups — "super chill, anal, quiet and loud."

"There are so many different characters — you got to love it all," she said. "There are all different kinds of people to meet and enjoy and you find out which ones you blend in with best."

If roaming from room to room is not your style, then you may be able to meet people at the different activities organized by the R.A.s or in the lounges that are furnished with a foosball table, pingpong table, television, piano and chalk wall.

Perdomo said it is not uncommon for groups of people to gather in these rooms to

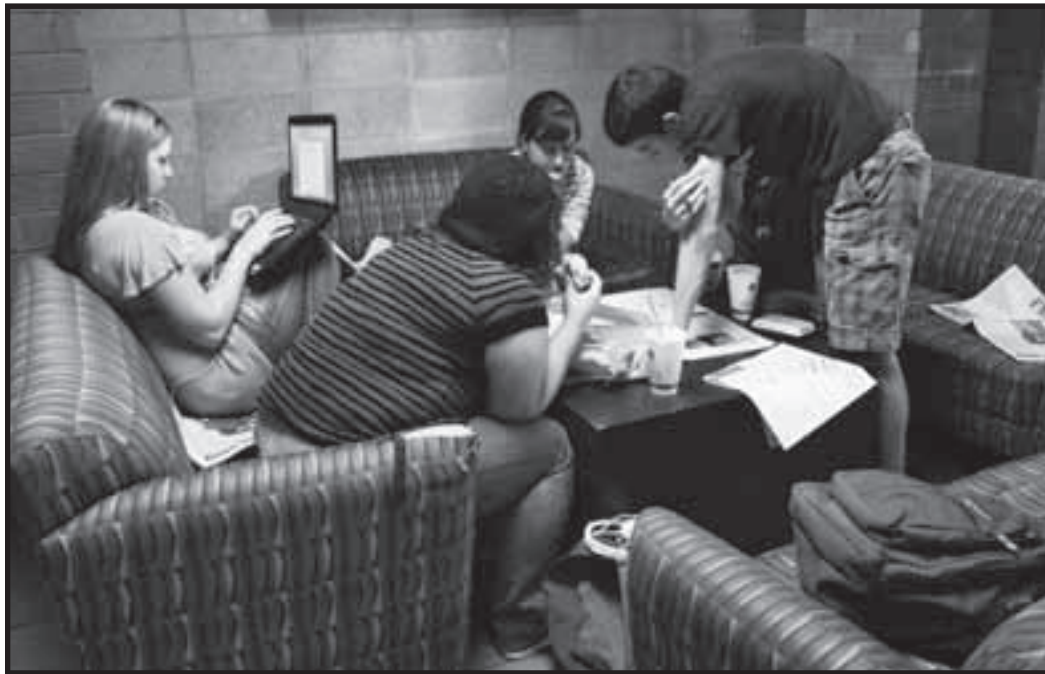


PHOTO: KELSEY HILARIO | SPARTAN DAILY

Students often gather in the lounges of the Bricks dorms for activities organized by resident advisers or just to hang out.

breakdance, play guitar, break into song or watch movies.

Robert Castaneda, a freshman environmental studies major, said he has nothing but love for his home Royce Hall and thinks the Bricks and the people who live there are fantastic.

"I have met a couple people in Campus Village," Castaneda said. "They say that they like it and I think they are cool. I just feel bad for them because they don't live in the Bricks. I think the Bricks are freakin' amazing."

### Campus Village

Although Campus Village is a short walk from the Bricks, the difference between the two places is dramatic.

Campus Village Building B is 15 stories

high and is one of the tallest buildings on campus, towering over the rest of SJSU, including one of its counterparts, Campus Village Building C.

Completed in 2005, CVC, also called the Suites, looks new, smells new and the aesthetic is far more appealing than the retro style of the Bricks.

On the first floor is there a lounge with posters advertising the upcoming activities hosted by the R.A.s.

CVB's lounge is considerably larger than CVC — it has multiple rooms with televisions and games.

See **HOUSING** Page 2





The Tower Card Maxx, set to be released in January, can act as an identification card and debit card for students who choose to create an account with U.S. Bank.

PHOTO COURTESY OF: SJSU.EDU

## CARDS

From Page 1

"I don't use my card that much except for public transit and discounts," she said. "Getting a new card isn't going to change that."

For students who wish to open a new account with U.S. Bank, Anderson said the bank is offering a \$50 matching certificate as an incentive.

"We're co-branding the card," she said. "We've got the U.S. Bank name on there and it's our card. It's a way of advertising for them."

The current cards will be in effect until March 6, while March 7 will mark the kickoff for the new cards as the only card in use, Anderson said.

Thomas Morgan, a senior business management major, said he is glad the campus is updating its cards because he feels they look outdated and worn.

"My freshman year I used my card for everything, including my meal plan," he said. "The color is fading and the picture is almost completely gone. The release of the new cards is coming at a good time."

Anderson said the first round of cards will be mailed out on Jan. 11 to students who do not live in on-campus housing and for students that live in the dorms, the Bursar's Office will be in the Campus Village Building B tower to distribute the remaining cards on Jan. 24 and 25.

"Those two days are pretty much dedicated to just taking care of business, (students) getting their books and whatever else," she said.

Anderson stressed that students should make sure their current mailing address is on file since that is where the IDs will be mailed.

If the address listed on MySJSU is incorrect and the ID is returned, students will have to pick it up at the Bursar's Office, she said.

Senior sociology major Megan Romero said she is excited about receiving her new Tower Card and thinks electronic refunds are a more efficient and convenient way for SJSU to handle students' money.

"Creating this program shows that SJSU cares about making sure students get their funds," she said. "Personally, I rely on my refund money to pay the bills and buy the supplies I need each term. The faster I get my money, the sooner I can concentrate on my classes."

Anderson said SJSU hosted electronic refunds until last June, boasting a 35 to 40 percent campus participation rate but terminated the program when they switched partnerships with an off-campus beneficiary.

The university is resuming the program in Jan-

uary and students will be able to enroll via their MySJSU accounts starting in mid-November, Anderson said.

For partnering with the bank, SJSU will receive a signing bonus and annual royalties from the bank for members of the SJSU community who are current bank members, Anderson said.

For as long as they are bank members, SJSU will be awarded a bonus for being a partner — the Bursar's Office was unable to disclose the amount.

Anderson said these monetary incentives will cover the cost of the new cards, and provide money for marketing and hosting financial events on campus.

"There is nothing wrong with the cards we have right now so I don't understand why we need to create brand new ones," said Joel Gomez, a senior electrical engineering major. "It seems like a waste of funds that could be used for better things."

Anderson said the electronic refunds are beneficial for the campus community because they enable the Bursar's Office to refund financial aid money or money from enrollment withdrawal, meal plan changes, reduction of units or moving out of the dorms.

"Any reason that we owe them money, we want to be able to put funds to their account electronically," she said. "It's actually beneficial to the students because when they sign up for e-refunds they get their money faster and more secure."

The refunds will be issued on a weekly basis earlier than paper checks, she said, which will be mailed out about a week later.

Anderson said signing up for electronic refunds would result in the elimination of processing fee for checks — currently, when the Bursar's Office sends out a refund check, they charge a \$20 processing fee for all checks besides financial aid.

"If a student has a \$20 credit on their account, they don't get that money because it costs us \$20 to process the refund," she said. "If you add that up over a period of being here between four and six years ... we are holding up to a \$100 of their money. If they sign up for electronic refund, they get all their money all the time, even if it's only \$5."

Anderson said students will be given the choice between the two cards and e-refunds can be deposited to any bank account, not just those with U.S. Bank.

The Bursar's Office will be tabling at the Student Union Jan. 24 through Feb. 4 along with U.S. Bank to answer questions and assist students and are open at their location within Student Services on Monday through Thursday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

## HOUSING

From Page 1

The Suites boast several different floor plans including studios, three-bedroom, four-bedroom and five-bedroom apartments — each suite has its own kitchenette and at least one bathroom.

The halls of Campus Village are quiet and private and are only used to go to and from your apartment.

Living rooms are each furnished with a couch, chairs, lamps and small kitchen table. The decorating is left to the suitemates.

Melvina Bryant, a junior health science major, lives in CVB and said Campus Village is an ideal place for young college students to transition into adulthood.

"In CVB you can have a room to yourself and you have things to cook," she said. "You can go grocery shopping and you don't always have to eat in the dining commons — it is more free."

From an outsider's perspective it may seem hard to meet people in Campus Village, but Bryant said students often get together to play pool, air hockey and ping-pong, have movie nights and take part in discussions.

There are mini lounges on all of the floors in the Suites, and inside are vending machines and soda machines stocked with energy drinks and coffee from Starbucks.

Sophomore psychology major Scott Stoddard is an R.A. in the Suites and said

**“**  
The Bricks are so fun ... It is a very personal experience living here.  
**”**

**SARA MICKKELSEN**  
Freshman biology major

**“**  
In CVB you can have a room to yourself and you have things to cook.  
**”**

**MELVINA BRYANT**  
Junior health science major

"I lived in CVC my first year as a freshman," Stoddard said. "I made really close connections with my suite mates. You really form a close connection with people that are actually in your suite and that is always really cool. You can make best friends with people you meet on your first day here."

Stoddard said he believes the Bricks are ideal for making friends and acquaintances but truly believes that the bond you have with a best friend can help you get through the tough times in college.

All of the students admit to flaws in both places — the Internet service is slow in the Bricks and they have no elevator, while the elevator in CVB is notorious for breaking down and not functioning properly.

Although the Bricks are old and weathered, they have character and have been around for good and bad times at SJSU.

Campus Village is fancy and new and gives students a place to spread their wings and enter adulthood.

It comes down to a personal preference as to which is better, and the winner in the battle of the Bricks versus Campus Village remains undeclared.

he knows firsthand that the benefits of living in Campus Village are significant.

When the body relaxes, the mind follows.

We offer chiropractic treatments, sports massage, prenatal massage, deep tissue, Swedish and hot stone therapy.

At Day Dreams, we are caring, educated, reliable and licensed massage therapists who listen to your body's needs with our hands, eyes and ears.

**Day Dreams Massage**  
408.293.6520

Exclusive offer for SJSU fans and their friends!  
\$60 for a 60-minute massage     \$30 chiropractic treatment.

2400 Moorpark Ave, Suite 113 in San Jose • www.daydreamsmassage.com •

**SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY** *powering Silicon Valley*

*fall 2010*  
**UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR SERIES**  
HOSTED BY PROVOST GERRY SELTER

**Mary Pickering**

**NOVEMBER 17 FROM 12-1PM**  
King Library 225/229  
San José State University  
**FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Come hear Pulitzer Prize nominated Mary Pickering discuss *Auguste Comte: An Intellectual Biography*.**

Mary Pickering is a professor in the History department. She will be speaking on her three-volume Pulitzer Prize nominated work entitled, *Auguste Comte: An Intellectual Biography*. Comte was a French philosopher and the father of sociology.

PLEASE VISIT THE USS WEBSITE AT: [LIBGUIDES.SJSU.EDU/USS](http://LIBGUIDES.SJSU.EDU/USS)

For more information call 934 2404.  
This event is wheelchair accessible. If you have any questions or need special accommodations, call the Library at 938-2193.

**SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY** KING LIBRARY ACADEMIC AFFAIRS SPURRIN BOOKSTORE



# SJSU forward moves to Spartan defense

## Local product Salvatore Barranco excels on both sides of the line

**CALLI PEREZ**  
Staff Writer

This year's SJSU ice hockey team is said to be in good hands on the defensive end with sophomore Salvatore Barranco.

A Saratoga native, Barranco said he started playing hockey when he was 6 years old after he had watched his dad play the sport.

"He got me into the sport

hard at practices and talks to us before every practice to make sure we know what is going on so we don't waste time," Barranco said.

He said he also coaches at Sharks Ice in San Jose, where the SJSU team plays its home games.

"I coach a lot of young kids at different ages and they look up to me and know I play for state," Barranco said. "I get them to come to the games so they see and

Barranco said they have a good team coming back this year.

"We have most of our players from Nationals returning," he said. "We went to Nationals last year and we are hosting it this year. So with our team last year and a couple of additions, I think we are going to make a really good, strong run."

Barranco said his goal this season is to help the team win.

"As long as the team is winning, I will be happy and fine," he said.

Freshman Nicholas Matejovsky said Salvatore is a very versatile player.

"He can do a lot of things defensively and offensively on the ice," said Matejovsky, a center on the hockey team. "He is also one of the most positive guys on the ice."

Matejovsky said Barranco is the one of the athletes on the team who you can go to after a game and talk to for encouragement.

"He is agile and smart with the puck," said sophomore defenseman Mason Console.

Barranco said he likes hockey because it is a fast-paced game with a team concept.

"When you play hockey, you are out there with not just yourself, but five other guys," he said. "The team consists of 20 players and it is good to be out there as a group."

Barranco said the SJSU ice hockey team is not well known on campus, but he encourages students to come out to the games.

"It's hockey, it's real good hockey," he said.

Barranco said he has gotten to where he is today through the support of his family.

"My dad and mom, growing up, always went to the games and even when I started to play for State they rarely miss a game," he said. "They always have my back and they support me."

Barranco said he has learned that hard work will get you places.

"Once you start being lazy there is always someone else who is pushing for your spot," he said. "No one is going to hand you anything, but there is nothing impossible, no matter what people tell you — 'You are too small' or 'Not quick enough' — you can always work on things to make better yourself and prove them wrong."



Barranco has played as a defenseman in all 15 games this season.

PHOTO: VERNON MCKNIGHT | SPARTAN DAILY

and ever since then we have a special connection in the rink," Barranco said. "We just talk about hockey and have that common ground and we enjoy it."

Now at age 19, he is ready to help the SJSU ice hockey team succeed in the 2010-2011 season.

"Our coach had him become a defensive player this year, and he had really stepped up his game," said team captain and senior Mickey Rhodes. "Right now he is one of our leading defensive players."

Barranco was previously a

“He can do a lot of things defensively and offensively on the ice. He is also one of the most positive guys on the ice.”

NICHOLAS MATEJOVSKY  
Freshman Center

forward and made the switch to defensive player last year to help out his team.

"I played both positions my hockey career," he said. "I had spoken to Ron (Head Coach Ron Glasow) and I asked if I could try out for defense and see what he thought about it. He gave me the opportunity and he liked what he saw, so he asked me if I wanted to stay there if I was comfortable."

Barranco said Glasow is a great coach.

"He makes sure we work



Sophomore Salvatore Barranco played as a forward last season and had 47 goals total. Barranco has one goal with 10 assists this season as a defender.

PHOTO: VERNON MCKNIGHT | SPARTAN DAILY

# WINTER SESSION 2011

## 3 UNITS! 14 DAYS!

# Classes begin Monday, January 3, 2011.

[www.winter.sjsu.edu](http://www.winter.sjsu.edu)

# Web Registration Begins Thursday, November 4

Who says going invisible won't get you noticed?

Book before December 1st,  
receive \$1,500 off **invisalign**  
& a free in-office teeth whitening

Book your appointment today  
at [SincereSmiles.com](http://SincereSmiles.com)  
or by visiting us on Facebook

888 Saratoga Ave. #102 • San Jose, CA 95129 • 408.642.5407



# Microsoft's new smart phone OS proves worthy of consumer interest

## DAILY 2.0

HUSAIN SUMRA  
Senior Staff Writer

The following opinion is a part of Daily 2.0, a Spartan Daily tech column

Microsoft's new mobile phone operating system is out, and the company hopes it can take on Apple's iOS and Google's Android operating systems.

Windows Phone 7 is a broad reimagining of Microsoft's mobile operating system, which used to be called Windows Mobile.

Instead of bringing a desktop experience to mobile devices, Microsoft opted to totally revamp everything and build their new OS from the ground up.

They call their new interface Metro UI, and it's extraordinarily simple to use. From my brief exposure to the OS, I was blown away using it and was amazed by how intuitive it was.

It's just simple.

Big colorful blocks called "live tiles" are where you access your apps, and they allow you to easily see notifications for new e-mails or text messages.

Despite being impressive, Microsoft's new operating system has some big competitors in the form of Apple and Google.

Apple's iPhone is immensely popular, and Android phones are gaining more users daily.

In fact, Android is the No. 1-selling mobile operating system, according to data from The Nielsen Company.

Windows Phone 7 is coming in cold — it's a totally new system and it lacks some key features that other operating systems have, namely copy and paste and multitasking, although Microsoft promises that these features will be available in a software update.

People generally don't seem to get excited about Microsoft, either — its biggest strength is also its biggest weakness.

What do you think of when you think of Microsoft? For me, some words that come to mind are monopoly, cold, billions, Bill Gates and boring.

Perhaps Apple's brilliant "I'm a Mac, I'm a PC" commercials have something to do with it, but its hard to battle perception and that's what Microsoft has to do.

Microsoft does have the ability to come up with cool and trendy products. For example, Xbox is a successful brand, Windows 7 is a great operating system and Bing, their search engine, is good.

However, what sticks in people's minds tends to be Microsoft's negatives — Internet Explorer, Windows Mobile, Kin and Vista are just some things that have been sore spots for the company.

This time, people should give it a chance. It's version 1.0 and it's raw. There are features missing and there aren't a lot of apps right

now, but it's extremely fun to use.

Apple's Mac OS X is my operating system of choice, Google's Gmail is my e-mail, I have an Android phone and I tend to stay away from everything Microsoft that isn't a Xbox,

but I really enjoyed my time with Windows Phone 7.

If you are considering buying a new phone, don't just shoot for an iPhone, Android or BlackBerry. Give Windows Phone 7 a chance.



PHOTO COURTESY: MICROSOFT

Microsoft recently rolled out its new mobile operating system in the form of Windows Phone 7, shooting for a complete redesign from their previous OS, Windows Mobile.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### OPPORTUNITIES

**\$\$\$PERM DONORS WANTED\$\$\$** Earn up to \$1,200.00/ month. Give the gift of family through California Cryobank's donor program. Apply online: SPERMBANK.com

### FOR RENT

**2 BDRM, 1 BA APT** walk to SJSU \$1200/ mo & \$600/dep. Off street parking & coin laundry (408)504-1584

Apartment close to SJSU. Come see our huge 2 bedroom, 2 full bath. Over 1000 square foot apartment. Walking distance to SJSU. Laundry facility. Parking, security gate. Easy access to Bay Area freeways. Substantially larger than others! \$1200.00 deposit \$1445.00 per month. To schedule an appointment to view and/or have questions, please call the office at 408.947.0803

Now ready to rent! One bedroom apartment. Walking distance to SJSU. Secured gate. Laundry facility. Easy access to Bay Area freeways. \$725.00 deposit \$725.00 per month. To schedule an appointment to view and/or have any questions, please call the apartment office at 408.947.0803

Now available to rent! Studio apartment walking distance to SJSU. Secured gate. Laundry Facility. Easy access to Bay Area Freeways. \$695.00 deposit \$695.00 per month. Please call the office for more information and/or to schedule an appointment for viewing #408.947.0803

### EMPLOYMENT

Earn Extra Money  
Students needed ASAP  
Earn up to \$150 per day being a Mystery Shopper  
No Experience Required  
Call 1-800-558-0872

**CAMPUS JOB FOR SPRING 2011!**  
SPARTAN DAILY DELIVERY POSITION.  
Student needed 6:30am-8:30am, Monday-Thursday on school days to deliver Spartan Daily to campus newsstands. Must have current driver's license with clean record and be able to pass safe driving online course requirement. Student must be able to lift bundles of newspapers. Living on or near campus and classes after 9:00am essential. Must be on time and dependable. Paid training will be completed before the end of the semester. APPLY NOW! Spartan Daily Business Office, Dwight Bentel Hall Room 203 Mon-Thur 10:00am to 3:00pm.

### HOUSING

**SJSU INTERNATIONAL HOUSE**  
One block to campus.  
US & International students.  
Safe. Friendly. Homelike.  
Intercultural experience.  
Wireless Internet access.  
Computer lab. Study room.  
Student kitchen.  
Assigned parking (fee).  
One semester contract.  
Apply now! 360 S. 11th St.  
924-6570 or  
http://sjsu.edu/ihouse

### CLASSIFIED AD RATE INFORMATION

Place your ad online at:  
[www.spartandaily.com](http://www.spartandaily.com)

**Office Hours:**  
Monday-Friday 10a.m. - 3p.m.

**Deadline:**  
10 a.m., 2 weekdays prior to publication date.

**Rates:**  
One classified, 20 words \$5.50  
Each additional word \$0.39  
Center entire ad \$1.00  
**Bold first five words** \$0.50  
Rates are consecutive days only. All ads are prepaid. No refunds on cancelled ads.

**Frequency Discounts:**  
4-15 classifieds 15%off  
16-31 classifieds 30%off  
32+ classifieds 45%off  
Discounts apply to the original base rate, plus the cost of extras.

**SJSU Student Rate:**  
Free! Discount applies to student's individual ad only. Not intended for businesses and/or other persons. Order must be placed in person. SJSU ID REQUIRED.

**Classifications:**  
Events Opportunities  
Wanted Roommate  
Volunteers Announcements  
For Rent Employment  
For Sale Services

**Online Classified Ads:**  
Placing an ad online provides you with the opportunity to post your ad on other college web sites. You may also include up to 4 images for your online ad.

15 days \$25.00

Contact us at:  
408.924.3270

## SUDOKU

5	7		6	9				1
	8				2		5	
6	2		8			7		
		8			3		4	
2								3
			1	8				9
9	5			8	6		1	2
		6		2	1	4		
8							7	

Previous Solution

2	1	4	3	8	6	9	7	5
8	7	9	2	4	5	6	3	1
5	3	6	7	1	9	4	8	2
4	9	1	5	7	8	3	2	6
3	8	7	6	9	2	5	1	4
6	5	2	4	3	1	8	9	7
1	2	3	9	5	4	7	6	8
7	4	8	1	6	3	2	5	9
9	6	5	8	2	7	1	4	3

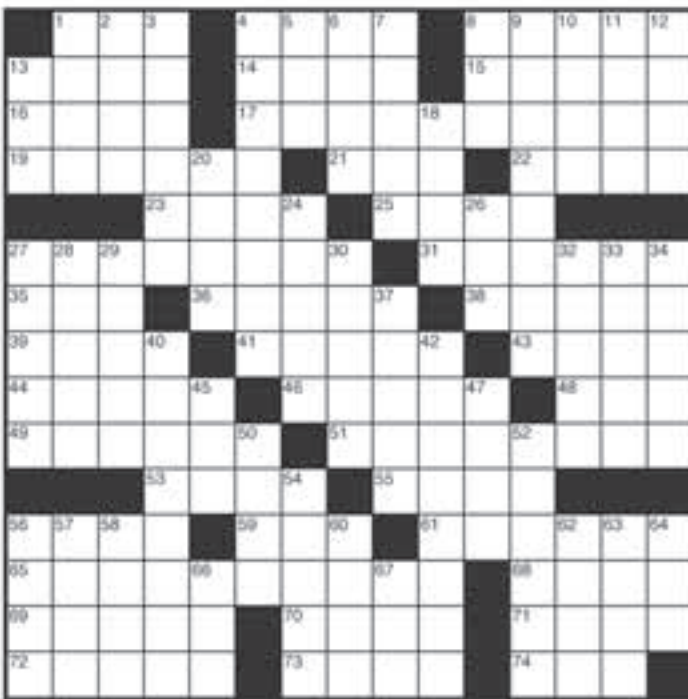
## Crossword Puzzle

### ACROSS

- Cigarette goo
- Purses
- Show biz org.
- Brood
- Correct copy
- Glistened
- Lissome
- Word lovers
- Lease signer
- Mr. in Bombay
- Kid in "Aliens"
- Big hurry
- Safecracker
- Clandestine
- Comfort
- Future fish
- Jazzman Blake
- Wyoming range
- Lahore language
- Panel focus
- Bill, briefly
- Shorthand pro
- Family car
- Mamma's need
- Expedite
- Water or oil
- Subj. of rollovers
- Baba au —
- Just scraped by
- Right this minute
- Caught a glimpse
- Germ-fighters
- Archipelago dot
- Ms. Zellweger
- Jai —
- Summer forecast
- Pick up
- Amaze
- Wool supplier

### DOWN

- Enameled metal
- Could hear — — drop
- Observation
- Sings with gusto (2 wds.)
- Hubbub
- Club bookings
- Floor
- Pale blond
- Roofing pieces
- Nat King —
- From the top
- Nuisance
- Cheyenne hrs.
- Deep-dish desserts
- Unclothed
- Boxcar riders
- Acquired
- Palette adjunct
- Large artery
- Grants
- Less green
- Perfume base
- Kind of relief
- Between, to Pierre
- Lightweight quilt
- More cluttered
- Redeems (2 wds.)
- Above, in verse
- We, in Le Havre
- Prefix for second
- Sports official
- Fizzy beverages
- James — Jones



- Toddler perch
- Long-active volcano
- Shriveled, as flowers
- What "vid" means (2 wds.)
- Nobelist — Wiesel
- Cozy room
- Gentle bear
- Parisian water

YAKS	DWARF	CLIP
AVEC	EAGER	LODE
ROPE	PLEBE	AREA
DWINDLED	ETUDES	
EEO	CHAD	
NEARBY	LABELED	
ANDYS	WHEN	ORE
IDA	CHORD	BUN
LOG	HICK	CREPT
SWEATER	TOASTS	
FOAL	RPM	
MERLOT	SQUEAKER	
ALSO	EVITA	DAME
VIVA	RODIN	ARIA
SEPT	SLEPT	NORM

Previous Solution



# Opposing Views: Is Cheerleading a Sport?

## This S-P-O-R-T is real

## Cute not competitive



LIDIA GONZALEZ  
Senior Staff Writer

The San Francisco Giants just won the World Series. It would have been tough to make it that far without the cheers from their loyal San Francisco fans.

Obviously, the Giants have the physical talent and ability to play the game of baseball, but people like to be supported.

Cheering somebody, or a team, on will boost their morale — it is part of the sport.

Everyone is a cheerleader. Maybe not the traditional pompom, skirt and football game cheerleader, but a cheer-leader.

Traditional cheerleading is still seen everywhere — even the National Football League has traditional cheerleaders.

Modern cheerleading has only been exposed through movies and television shows such as “Bring It On” and “Hellcats.”

Thanks to these shows the sport of modern cheerleading has been beaten, bashed and belittled over and over again.

Astonishingly, cheerleading is more than a Rah! here and a Rah! there.

For 13 years of my life I was cheerleader. I will not

deny it, the first half of those 13 years was nothing but Rah! Rah! Rah!

Not until the physical practice started to get competitive did I feel like cheerleading was a sport.

Competition was no longer between rival schools, like in the 1950s, but more like West Coast versus East Coast.

When I was a cheerleader in high school, before summer break and before the school year began, cheer practice was a fundamental part of my life.

Four out of seven days a week I had practice. Two of those days were two-a-days — meaning that in one day, I had practice early in the morning and later in the afternoon.

“Each practice was about three to four hours. Before and after practice we would run two miles.”

Each practice was about three to four hours. Before and after practice we would run two miles.

The team also spent 30 minutes exercising before we started to practice our cheer routine.

All the cardio and weightlifting we did during practice had a purpose.

Practice was spent mastering our routines as though it were the day of competition.

Of course we didn’t practice with our complete uniforms and hot red lipstick on — accessories were not as important as the physical aspect of the routine.

As cheerleaders we trained our diaphragms to be able to yell as loudly as possible.

We trained our bodies to be able to throw girls 10 feet in the air and to be able to do a double toe-touch out of a “full” aerial layout, all while maintaining a smile on our faces.

If some of this terminology doesn’t sound familiar, it’s OK because it’s more complicated to do than it is to say.

The difficult practices helped prepare us to compete against other schools’ cheerleaders who trained just as hard, if not harder.

The sore days and nights were worth it in the end.

We conquered other divisions, other schools, other states.

Like the Giants, I’m sure it didn’t take uniforms to make them champions.

It took skill, time and practice for their bodies to be able to compete the way they did. Every competitive sport takes skill, time and practice to win.

Cheerleading is a sport because it encompasses all of the above factors.

It just happens to be a sport that emphasizes in S-P-I-R-I-T.

Spirit! Cheerleaders are spirit-leaders, it is part of the S-P-O-R-T.



KELSEY LYNNE LESTER-PERRY  
Staff Writer

I have never considered cheerleaders to be more than a bunch of high school students wanting to skip fifth period in order to flash their midriffs and wear hot pants during a lunchtime rally.

However, a question has recently arisen: Is cheerleading a competitive sport?

The first definition in the 2010 Random House Dictionary defines “sport” as an athletic activity requiring skill or physical prowess and is often of a competitive nature, including racing, baseball, tennis, golf, bowling, wrestling, boxing, hunting, fishing, etc.

A “cheerleader,” as defined by the same dictionary, is a person who leads spectators in traditional or formal cheering, especially at a pep rally or athletic event.

It seems to me that physical prowess is not necessary to the definition of a cheerleader and therefore, by the power of deduction, cheerleading should not be considered any kind of sport, competitive or otherwise.

This isn’t to say that cheerleading shouldn’t be important to girls, boys, women, men, sports players and sports fans everywhere, because it should be.

It is an American pastime, much like hot dogs and football. As a matter of fact, cheerleading has its roots in inter-collegiate football.

In 1898, a medical student named Johnny Campbell assembled a group to energize the team and the crowd at the University of Minnesota during a football game. According to Varsity.com, Johnny picked up a megaphone and rallied the team to victory with the first organized cheer: “Rah, Rah, Rah! Ski-U-Mah! Hoo-Rah! Hoo-Rah! Varsity! Varsity! Minn-e-so-tah!”

That is what cheerleading is about. It’s about making up silly cheers and waving pompoms around to pump up your team and psych out your opponents. It’s about creating a bond with a group of people who care about

“It seems to me that physical prowess is not necessary to the definition of a cheerleader ...”

a team as much as you do. It’s about having a sense of pride in your place of education and its time-honored tradition of sports.

With that said, how and when did a discussion about cheerleading being a competitive sport even arise? By doing this, a disservice is being paid to the original definition of a cheerleader.

In competitive sports you have to compete. Who are the cheerleaders competing with?

Their team? No, because the nature of a cheerleader is to cheer his or her team to victory.

In competitive sports you have to follow rules. If cheerleaders had to follow rules, they would be stuck doing a routine pyramid or a few round-offs while the quarterback of their team scores a game winning touchdown.

Without rules they can throw that routine to the wayside and jump around like maniacs doing cartwheels and screaming for their team!

Sure, cheerleading is athletic. Sure, cheerleading makes you break a sweat. Sure, cheerleaders have uniforms like every other competitive sport team.

But would a real cheerleader want to give up the meaning of what it is to be a cheerleader in order to compete?

Maybe now, maybe in this day, but I don’t think the original pep-boy, Johnny Campbell, would agree.

The simple answer is to leave cheerleading to cheerleaders

and think of a completely different word to describe competitive cheerleading.

My suggestion — synchronized team gymnastics.

“The original purpose of cheerleading is still relevant in today’s world, even with the increasing popularity of competition,” Varsity.com states. “Cheerleaders are the promoters of your school and community. They are a key marketing tool to the athletics programs that they support, and they create the community patriotism we call ‘school spirit.’”

Now those are my kind of cheerleaders.

# When life gets in the way of your passion

I have used writing as a form of therapy since I was in middle school.

When people are young, they find activities they are passionate about and pursue them. Sometimes, unfortunately, the passion is lost as they age.

I posted ridiculously long blogs on my Xanga website almost every day of seventh grade. I would write about the many crushes I had, detailing the events of the day down to what I ate for lunch. The critical and superfluous held equal footing.

Many nights of high school involved fighting with my dad and then sitting at my desk, churning out poems of frustration and distress.

Many days were spent distracted in class, scribbling a line or two in my notebook about how boring the teacher was or about the girl sitting in front of me.

Yes, much of my writing was focused on the opposite gender. Since I was too shy to talk to a girl I didn’t already know, or too much of a friend with the ones I did know, I pined with my pen.

“It was my way of releasing the thoughts that were stuck inside my head.”

It was my way of releasing the thoughts that were stuck inside my head. It didn’t feel like it helped my situation. The subject of my writing, whether it be a tree outside or a cute girl in math class, wouldn’t actually read my writing, but I didn’t understand the importance of my random poems and ridiculous rambles until recently.

Somehow, the inspiration has gone away.

I can’t pick out the day it happened — it wasn’t even the day that my relationship ended. It was some time

shortly after that when I felt like my brain had stopped producing the chemical needed to kickstart creativity.

My way of coping with the hurt of an alcoholic father and the sting of a lonely high school existence just deserted me.

This fact leaves me in a state of desperation.

Where did it go? Could it have decided to buy a ticket to Tahiti for an extended beach stay? Why didn’t it take me with it?

Most importantly, how can I find it again?

It pains me to reveal this desertion, but it seems to be the only thing that is springing out of my fingers.

Actually, that’s exactly the way it used to feel when I was able to bust out two-liners that rhymed — perhaps it’s a path I must go down.

In a backwards way, this might end up being my solution.

Instead of having these thoughts stuck in my head, they will be out there for the world to see.



DANIEL HERBERHOLZ  
The Things I Say

When someone digs a hole for themselves mentally, the only thing they can do is raise a ladder and begin climbing up. Being honest about the hole I’m in will give me the freedom to lift my ladder toward the sky, gazing toward the bright blue path above my head.

I can use the honesty of this piece and a positive outlook to do it.

It may look like a far way to climb, but ascension is possible. This is true for anyone that has lost a passion they once felt.

No matter what, there is always the possibility of pulling oneself up by one’s own bootstraps and re-entering the world with new vigor.

“The Things I Say” is a biweekly column appearing on Tuesdays.

Daniel Herberholz is a Spartan Daily Sports Editor.

## SPARTAN DAILY

San Jose State University  
San Jose, CA 95192-0149  
Phone: (408) 924-3281  
Advertising Phone: (408) 924-3270

### SPARTAN DAILY STAFF

Eric Van Susteren, Executive Editor  
Kristen Pearson, Managing Editor  
Justin Albert, Multimedia & Tech Editor  
Kevin Hume, Multimedia Editor  
Donovan Farnham, Online & Tech Editor  
Marlon Maloney, Opinion Editor  
Jennifer Hadley, Features Editor  
Daniel Herberholz, Sports Editor  
Melissa Sabile, Sports Editor  
Jenn Elias, A&E Editor  
Salman Haqqi, A&E Editor  
Ryan Fernandez, Copy Editor  
Amber Simons, Copy Editor  
Clifford Grodin, Photo Editor  
Matt Santolla, Assistant Photo Editor  
Hannah Keirns, Production Editor  
Rachel Peterson, Production Editor  
Vanessa Alessi, Advertising Director  
Tanya Flores, Creative Director  
Daniel Tesfay, Assistant Advertising Director  
Davagy de León, Assistant Creative Director

### STAFF WRITERS

Sonia V. Ayala  
Jaimie Collins  
Tyler Peter Do  
Amaris Dominguez  
Michiko Fuller  
Isaiah Guzman  
Rebecca Henderson  
Kelsey Hilario  
Jordan Liffengren  
Kelsey Lynne Lester-Perry  
Kenny Martin  
Aimee McLendon  
Jen Nowell  
Calli Perez  
Alexandra Ruiz-Huidobro  
Alex Spicer  
Shiva Zahirfar

### ADVERTISING STAFF

Dan Bergholdt  
Arielle Cohen  
Courtney Criswell  
Micah Dela Cruz  
Nathan Dixon  
Sarah Dominguez  
Ashley Ereso  
Ryan Genzoli  
Jennifer Giles  
Leo Munoz  
Andrew Pau  
Sarah Smith  
Erik Estrada

### SENIOR STAFF WRITERS

Joey Akeley  
Jasmine Duarte  
Ashley Finden  
Lidia Gonzalez  
Leonard Lai  
Husain Sumra  
Kyle Szymanski

### STAFF PHOTOGRAPHERS

Jack Barnwell  
Donovan Farnham  
Kelsey Hilario  
Vernon McKnight  
Alex Nazarov  
Stan Olszewski  
Brian O’Malley  
Matt Santolla

### DISTRIBUTION

Stephen Cheong  
Ron Sim

### ADVISERS

Richard Craig, News  
Mack Lundstrom, News  
Jan Shaw, News  
Kim Komenich, Photojournalism  
Tim Hendrick, Advertising  
Tim Burke, Production Chief  
Tim Mitchell, Design  
Pat Wallraven, Business Manager

### OPINION PAGE POLICY

Letters to the editor may be placed in the letters to the editor box in the Spartan Daily office in Dwight Bentel Hall, Room 209, sent by fax to (408) 924-3282, e-mailed to spartandaily@casa.sjsu.edu or mailed to the Spartan Daily Opinion Editor, San Jose, CA 95192-0149.

Letters to the editor must contain the author’s name, address, phone number, signature and major. Letters become property of the Spartan Daily and may be edited for clarity, grammar, libel and length. Only letters of 300 words or less will be considered for publication.

Published opinions and advertisements do not necessarily reflect the views of the Spartan Daily, the School of Journalism and Mass Communication or SJSU. The Spartan Daily is a public forum.



# New ‘Glory Daze’ series stirs up comedic haze

## PREVIEW

**TYLER DO**  
Staff Writer



For many people, the four years they spend in college may be an invaluable experience, but for the four freshman guys of TBS’ new series, “Glory Daze,” college is a well of a comedic situations.

The pilot is set to premiere tonight at 10 p.m. with an encore showing on Saturday, Nov. 20., at 12:10 a.m. on TBS.

In the first episode of “Glory Daze,” the show will appear to be a re-vamped television series of the 1995 movie starring Ben Affleck as Jack, a soon-to-be alumnus who fears graduation and leaving the glory days.

Instead, the new lead character in the 2010 series, Joel Harrington (played by Kelly Blatz), hopes to discover his own path as he begins his college journey.

Show creator Walt Becker sets the show at an Indiana university in the year 1986, which interestingly enough makes the '80s appear quite alluring.

The characters and plot fails to portray the social era of Pac-Man, MTV and Madonna because of the minimalist cosmetic changes to the set, scene after scene, nor do female blow-up dolls and countless girls in neon-colored bikinis necessarily depict the '80s.

What will strike viewers as tummy-ticking television are the varied characters and familiarity of the college stereotypes brought to life that will appease even the sternest of prudes.

Eli, (Matt Bush), is a Jewish virgin with difficulty picking up girls.

Jason (Drew Seeley) takes on the role of a young, wealthy and preppy Republican.

Brian (Hartley Sawyer) is a reluctant athlete who doesn’t know what college is and searches for his own identity.

Joel, the most normal of the four, is concentrating on his career as a pre-med major, but

quickly is seduced by the collegiate “fruits” when he decides to pledge a fraternity with his new buddies, hence starting their path in the “Glory Daze.”

Together the guys make their way to form a strong male friendship, and their testosterone-based bond eventually brings them closer together and join the Omega Sigma fraternity.

The frat house is seen as a hybrid home that comes off as both a zoo and pseudo-brothel.

Animals roam here and there while girls in bikinis flock the premises, dancing wildly.

The party house possesses such essentials as beer that runs from the kitchen taps and pornography projected on the back of neighboring homes.

The great pleasure the show delivers comes from the hysterically dumb-witted jokes that emerge from the mouths of the characters with practically every line.

Mostly, the inappropriate and amusing situations they get themselves into will bring about tears and screams of joy for the audience.

One gut-busting scene is when Mike Reno (Callard Harris), the head of the Omega Sigma fraternity, pretends to be a staff member of the English department while pushing a little person in a shopping cart with hopes of scoring with a staff member of the same department.

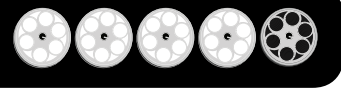
The result of his rich rejection will keep viewers hooked as the playboy’s goal throughout the season seems be to lure this staff member into his faculty, which hints to many comical instances of failure.

Viewers in search of entertainment concerning the male libido should definitely tune in or set their TiVos to this season’s must-see new show to watch these boys seek out trouble in an era without Facebook and iPads.

Audiences should watch with discretion as they will be delighted with unruly jests about topics such as masturbation, intoxication, unrequited love and stuffed testicles that are assured to appease their funny bones.

# Misadventures plague odd couple in ‘Due Date’

## REVIEW 4/5



**JORDAN LIFFENGREN**  
Staff Writer

Perhaps I’m biased because I feel that neither Zach Galifianakis — “The Hangover’s” quirky break-out star — nor Robert Downey Jr. — “Ironman’s” ex-druggie-turned-America’s-new-sweetheart — can disappoint, but the Nov. 5 release of “Due Date” proved to be just as hilarious as expected.

Downey plays Peter Highman, a hotshot businessman simply trying to fly back home to L.A. in time for the birth of his first child, stuffed monkey in hand.

He meets Galifianakis’ character, Ethan Tremblay, an eccentric wannabe actor with a horrendous perm, when they become involved in a minor car accident.

The accident is an obvious foreshadowing of the ridiculous predicaments the two find themselves in throughout the movie, and every situation seems to be the worst until the next scene ensues.

The ordeal first begins when the two meet again as passengers on the same flight.

Tremblay somehow manages to mention the words “terrorist” and “bomb” before the plane even takes off, causing a scene and getting himself and Highman kicked out and placed on the no-fly list.

Highman has no way of getting home after his luggage and



“Due Date” stars Zach Galifianakis (right) and Robert Downey Jr. (left) as odd-ball road trip partners.

PHOTO COURTESY: ALLMOVIEPHOTO.COM

wallet are stolen, forcing him to accept a ride from Tremblay all the way from Atlanta to Los Angeles.

Their cross-country journey turns into one of weird, desperate, uncomfortable and mostly illegal situations, enticing WTFs and LOLs galore.

Tremblay is entertaining on looks alone, dressed in tap-dancing shoes, acid-washed skinny jeans that reveal his butt-track one time too many and a sweet hipster scarf.

He is accompanied by Sonny, an ever-faithful French Bulldog and the cutest little sidekick anyone could ever hope for, whose squished nose and forlorn expression slightly resembles Tremblay at times.

Later on in the film, the audience discovers that there’s a lot more to Tremblay’s character, adding a bit of empathy and understanding toward his strange quirks.

Jamie Foxx makes a bearable cameo as Highman’s best friend Darryl.

Darryl provides the duo with some food and a car since they ended up wrecking their rental, which is a story all on its own.

They have that car for a little while until Juliette Lewis’ character, Heidi the drug dealer, gives them an insanely strong bowl of pot that lands them passport-less at the Mexican border.

That fiasco was just one instance in which they manage to escape authorities, steal something and shoot someone.

One of my favorite scenes, which I knew I couldn’t forget to mention, was when Highman punched a child in the stomach.

The circumstances definitely called for it.

The soundtrack to the movie turned out to be unexpectedly cool as well, featuring Wolfmother, Band of Horses and one of my favorite songs, “Sweet Jane,” covered by Cowboy Junkies.

“Fat Jesus” and “Iron Man” proved to be an unstoppable force of chubby, hairy men I never wanted to escape.



PHOTO COURTESY: TBS.COM

TBS’ new college sitcom “Glory Daze” premieres tonight at 10 p.m.

## LINCOLN LAW SCHOOL OF SAN JOSE

**Enroll now. Classes begin in February.**

Lincoln offers a 4-year part-time, evening study program with affordable tuition. Students typically attend classes three nights per week between the hours of 6:40PM to 9:30PM.

Lincoln Law School is accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California.

One N. First Street | San Jose | 408-977-7227 | www.lincolnlawsj.edu



IF YUO CNA  
RAED TIHS,  
KEEP READING.

Aoccdrnig to rcsheearch at Cmabgride Uinervitsy, it dseno't mtaetr waht oderr teh ltetres of a wrod are in, as lnog as teh frist and lsat leettr of teh wrod saty teh smae. Teh hmaun mnid wliil be albe to raed it bceuase it deos not raed idviniuall lttrees, but teh wrod as a wolhe.

See if yuor firnedds can raed tihs too—olny 55 out of 100 can.



Putting letters in place, since 1934.



**SPARTAN  
DAILY**