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Some of SJSU's international students live at the International House, such as Josef Gullmets a graduate student of cellular biology (left).

SJSU grabs top spot for global graduate students

REBECCA HENDERSON
Staff Writer

For the second consecutive year, SJSU has been ranked as the No. 1 destination for international students among a list of top 40 Master's institutions, according to the Institute of International Education's "Open Doors 2010" report.

Senior psychology major Tom Fox said he was surprised that the school was ranked so high.

"I never knew it was a top destination," he said. "You would think a big city like L.A. or New York would be No. 1."

Kristen Pendleton, the community operations manager at the International House, said out of all the universities that offer a Master's degree, SJSU has the most enrolled international students in the United States.

Out of a total of 31,291 students enrolled at SJSU, 2,611 students are international students, beating out schools such as San Francisco State, Missouri State University, and Cal State Sacramento, according to the Institute of International Education website.

"I think that San Jose has a great location because we're here in the Silicon Valley," Pendleton said.

Nadine Rueegg, a graduate student in business administration from Switzerland, said California is a very diverse state with a lot of different people.

"As an international person you really feel comfortable here because people don't really see that you are from abroad," she said. "It's easier to get integrated."

California ranks No. 1 for enrolled international students in the United States, according to

the same open doors 2010 report.

"The professors from my department are really open with their tolerance," said Jonathan Ben-David, a graduate student in computer science from Israel. "Maybe because they're exposed to a large amount of international students."

He said he thinks international students look for five main things when choosing a university.

"If you're coming from a really warm country you probably look for really warm areas," he said. "I know people who live in really warm countries try to go to California instead of the East coast because it's really cold."

The second reason, he said, is the location. Being near a big city like San Francisco makes a difference, he

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Hunt begins for SJSU's presidential candidates

JORDAN LIFFENGREN
Staff Writer

The search for SJSU presidential candidates continues as the Spring 2011 election date draws near, said the director of media relations at SJSU.

The Nov. 18 meeting that took place in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library was another step in a process to select a group of presidential prospects, Pat Lopes Harris said.

Debra Farar, a California State University trustee, was chair of the Trustees' Committee for the Selection of the President, Harris said.

The other trustee members of the selection committee include Ken Fong, Melinda Guzman, Bob Linscheid and CSU Chancellor Charles Reed, she said.

"The search for the president is conducted by the chancellor," Harris said. "Two committees conduct the interview process. The chancellor shared that he takes every member's feedback into consideration."

She said the current number of applicants is unknown, but interested parties are still encouraged to turn in resumes.

"I hope the next president can speak on students' behalf," said undeclared freshman Christina Wong. "I'd also like someone who's funny because it's good to have a sense of humor in hard times."

Michael Kaufman, chair of the academic senate at SJSU, said other than covering search procedures, timelines and confidentiality guidelines, the meeting allowed every person on the committee to name important characteristics they believe the next president should possess.

"It's such a multifaceted job," Kaufman said. "There are all kinds of things that person has to be able to capture."

Kaufman said he would want to see good communication skills, an understanding of SJSU's culture and shared governments and advocacy for the uniqueness of the campus in the next president.

"I think we need a more assertive president," said Kifle Yohannes, a junior chemical engineering major.

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Cold weather to continue with less rain

JENNIFER HADLEY &
HUSAIN SUMRA
Senior Staff

Although the weekend's wet cold front has made nearly everyone dig their scarves and umbrellas out from the bottom of their closets, this week's forecast looks drier, according to the National Weather Service's website.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the temperature was 54 F, 48 F and 50 F respectively, according to the website.

Freshman zoology ma-

ior Halley Gearheard said it's much colder than it should be.

"It keeps going from hot to cold and my body has no time to adjust," she said.

Junior photography major Joey Maganini said he is also not a big fan of the colder weather.

"I like the sun and the warmth," he said. "I can't ride my bike in the rain. I'm going down south for the holiday so hopefully it will be warmer."

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SJSU students represent Afghans for basketball 16th Asian Games

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Three SJSU students from Afghanistan have more than just their homeland in common.

They are in China preparing to participate in the 2010 16th Asian Games this month.

Countries from across Asia are invited to this multi sport event that takes place every four years, according to the Olympic Council of Asia website.

Qais Haider, a senior civil engineering major, said he plays forward for Afghanistan's national basketball team.

"I played in a tournament ... that had teams from all over the nation ... and the head coach was there," Haider said. "I got invited to try out and was lucky enough to be selected as one of the players to stay on the team."

Safi Mojaddidi, a senior civil engineering major, said he also plays for the

national team as a point guard.

Mojaddidi said he began playing on a traveling team that took him across the United States. He said the team won several tournaments and Mojaddidi won most valuable player of his team.

"In 2007 I got invited to play on this team," Mojaddidi said. "They had me come and try out and I made it."

Habib Kabir, a forward on the team, was unavailable for comment.

Mamo Rafiq, head coach of the Afghanistan national team, stated in an e-mail he knew of Haider and Mojaddidi before both joined the team.

"Our relationship has developed through basketball, but will continue for the rest of our lives ... they have become a part of my family," Rafiq stated.

Rafiq stated Mojaddidi has become a crowd favorite throughout the years, especially during trips to Taiwan and Bangladesh.

"Safi is the ultimate competitor with

great shooting and defensive skills," Rafiq stated. "Although he does not add size (to the team) he has added a level of toughness and confidence that we cherish."

Rafiq stated that Haider is the newest addition to the team of these three and he continues to develop his skills every year.

"His dedication has been contagious to the entire team which makes my job as a coach much easier," Rafiq stated. "Although he has always been a strong player, he has developed his fundamental skills to make him an offensive threat."

Rafiq stated he has coached for several years in positions such as graduate assistant coach at Idaho State University from 2005 to 2007 for the women's basketball team and from 2004 to 2005 for the men's basketball team.

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COURTESY OF QAIS HAIDER

Basketball players Qais Haider, Safi Mojaddidi, Habib Kabir (from left to right) will be representing Afghanistan in the 2010 16th Asian Games.

CHINA

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The team has already won a gold medal earlier this year in the 11th Annual South Asian Games held in Bangladesh, Haider said.

The South Asian Games are a biannual multi sport tournament in which eight other countries participate: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, according to the South Asian Games website.

"When we won the tournament in January ... it was the first time Afghanistan has won a gold medal from a team sport," Haider said. "That was a big honor ... People were coming up to us after the game, crying."

Rafiq stated going to China is the opportunity of a lifetime for this team.

If the national team does well in the Asian Games, it could qualify the Afghanistan team for the 2012 Olympics in London, Haider said.

Life off the court

People count down the minutes to get to Thursday, the beginning of the weekend for most college students.

Everyone except Haider, Mojaddidi and Kabir.

"For the last couple of months, every Friday we've been flying out to O.C.," Haider said. "We're there Friday, Saturday and Sunday night. Monday morning we're back in class."

Haider said the practice facility and the headquarters for the national team is based out of Orange County.

Mojaddidi said juggling

the different roles has been a challenge.

"It's definitely hard, especially if you have to work too," Mojaddidi said.

Keeping up with scholastic life has also been difficult, both players said, but they have been able to manage with the help of their professors.

"Every lecture is so important, every class is so important," Mojaddidi said. "If it wasn't for my teachers being OK ... I wouldn't be able to go."

Engineering instructor Paul Kutler has been teaching at SJSU since 2004 and said it is extremely difficult for students who fall behind in engineering courses to catch up.

"(There is) so much complex material presented in the textbooks and the lectures," Kutler stated. "So much homework is required (of students)."

He stated Haider is a good student who communicates well with him and his fellow students.

"Communication on both the in-class problems and research project is imperative to produce quality results," Kutler stated.

Haider said his parents are supportive of him playing basketball, but still consider his education the top priority.

"They let me know there is more to life than just basketball," Haider said. "I let them know that without our teachers being supportive, there is no way we could even think about going on this trip."

Passion for their country

Being a member of the national Afghanistan team has taken much commitment and sacrifice, both Mojaddidi and Haider said.

"It has pushed it (graduation) back a little," Mojaddidi said. "But this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Haider said belonging to this team has at times enhanced his college experience.

"You're doing so much more, like traveling," Haider said. "Traveling is such a blessing and to see the whole world just to play basketball."

On the other hand, he said, leaving every weekend leaves him out of the loop.

An active member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, Haider said he held positions in the fraternity in the past, but doesn't get to do as much as he used to.

"Every day it's just more, trying to finish our homework or trying to do our homework for the trip and the time we're going be missing school," Haider said. "(We) have to manage our time tightly ... when we do have spare time we're in the gym playing basketball."

Mojaddidi said he made these sacrifices for his passion of the sport.

"It's a dream come true," Mojaddidi said.

"You're not only representing a team or club, you're representing millions of people from a country," he said. "Not even all professional athletes in the NBA can wear a jersey representing their country."

Haider said many will tell him it's a bigger honor to play for your nation.

"You're playing for the passion of your country," Haider said. "When I go back home to Fremont, it has a high Afghan base and a lot of people know you play on the team and they show a lot of respect."

Tips for this holiday weekend

KELSEY LYNNE

LESTER-PERRY

Staff Writer

If you plan on going out of town this Thanksgiving holiday, make sure you follow these helpful tips from Discover Northern California's travel blog. These tips have been adjusted to make the information more student friendly.

Happy holidays, and safe travels!

General winter driving tips:

- Slow down. Drive the speed limit unless road conditions call for an altered speed. If all of the traffic in front of you is 45 mph, don't go 65. It's just common sense.

- Don't make any sudden moves. Remember the three-second rule. You should normally be three seconds behind the car in front of you — make it five while traveling in winter.

- Use lower gears, especially going uphill. According to the website, it helps tires grab the road. It will also help you slow down and arrive at your destination safely.

- Turn on headlights. When in doubt, keep your headlights on. If you are planning on driving on mountain roads such as state Route 152 on your way to the Central Valley or U.S. Route 50 on your way to Tahoe there will be signs warning you that you are approaching daytime headlight stretches of road.

- Don't use cruise control or overdrive. There are hazards on the road in the winter that might be avoided during the more sunny seasons. You should always be careful while driving, but be especially alert during this time of year.

"Rain, sleet, snow, high winds and perhaps fog will visit California roadways the next few days," according to the Califor-

nia Highway Patrol website. Below is a list of winter driving safety tips they compiled for motorists.

- Many crashes are caused by driving too fast for current conditions. The first and foremost tip: slow

“Tip:
Slow down. It's a simple matter of physics that your vehicle can't stop as fast or turn as accurately on wet or icy pavement.

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- Prepare in advance by leaving early, allowing yourself plenty of time to get where you're going. Stay aware of weather and road condition reports through your local media.

- If you're heading to mountain country, bring chains and warm, waterproof clothing. Make sure your gas tank is full.

- Check to see that your windshield wipers are in good condition. And don't forget the law that requires you to have your headlights

on anytime you have your windshield wipers on continuously.

- One of the other weather-related problems we have throughout California this time of year is fog.

- If you encounter fog, again, make sure you slow down. Drive with your lights on low beam. Don't stop on a highway unless it's an emergency, and keep a close watch on your speed.

- For the latest road and traffic condition reports, visit the CHP website at www.chp.ca.gov.

- Remember to always wear your seat belt, don't drink and drive and reduce your speed when on slick pavement.

The Northern California travel website recommends taking most or all of these items if you are planning on traveling long distances or through harsh conditions.

- Spare tire (preferably inflated) and accoutrements

- Small shovel
- Jumper cables
- Tool kit with wooden matches and a compass

- Flashlight
- First aid kit

- Exterior window cleaner, ice scraper, snow brush
- Tow rope and tire chains

- Sand, salt or kitty litter
- Scissors and cord or string

- Heavy warm blankets, caps, socks, mittens
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RAIN

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For this coming Thanksgiving weekend, the National Weather Service forecasts a high of 50 F on Wednesday, a high of 54 F on Thursday, highs of 57 F on both Friday and Saturday and a high of 56 F on Sunday, according to the National Weather Service website.

Jerry Mendoza, a graduate student in engineering, said that drier and slightly warmer weather will be better for holiday travel, but isn't completely against the colder trend.

"The cold started making me cough a lot more, but it's about time because a couple weeks ago it was like 70 degrees still and it was uncommon for this time of year," he said.

Senior sociology major Jamila McCrady said she doesn't mind the cold weather as

long as she can stay inside.

"I'll choose the cold weather over the heat any day," she said. "As long as it doesn't rain I can adjust to the cold. I don't like to drive in the rain."

Precipitation on Friday was at 0.25 inches, Saturday was 0.74 inches, Sunday was 0.17 inches, according to the National Weather Service.

According to the National Weather Service, there is a 10 percent probability of rain during the day. On Thursday and Friday there is no probability of precipitation.

On Saturday there's a 10 percent probability of precipitation during the day and 30 percent probability of precipitation during the nighttime, according to the National Weather Service.

There's more probability of precipitation on Sunday, with a 30 percent probability during the day and 20 percent probability during the night, according to the National Weather Service.

Lastly, Ben-David said SJSU's name is really good compared with other public universities.

"I think people take that into consideration," he said.

Akmal Siddiqui, a graduate student in software engineering, said living in the I-House gives him the feeling that he is not the only one abroad.

He said one of the reasons he chose SJSU was because it's located in the Silicon Valley and he is a computer engineer major.

"When you go abroad you actually want to have a change, really have a different experience, different people, like the whole environment needs to be different," Rueegg said. "If it's not, there's really no point of me going anywhere else, I could stay home."

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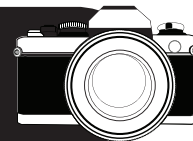


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Sophomore psychology major Ryan Vega practices spinning his rifle with the Air Force ROTC Red Thunder rifle team.

SEARCH

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He said fewer fee increases should be the first order of business for the person who takes Kassing's place.

"The committee, with help of an executive search firm, collects resumes of individuals interested in the job, reviews the resumes and selects four or five finalists who will come to SJSU early next year," Harris said.

Once chosen, she said the finalists will meet with various groups and participate in at least one meeting open to the public, in which each person can make a short presentation and take questions from the audience.

A lot of discussion went into soliciting candidates from non-traditional fields, Harris said.

"We can sometimes find a great candidate who hasn't taken the conventional path to university presidency," she said. "Usually candidates begin as a professor, become a department chair, etc. What we learn from someone like Don Kassing is that sometimes we find people who

aren't professors but understand how the field works and can make great contributions."

Harris explained that Interim President Kassing has a business background and entered the field of higher education as a part-time endeavor.


He became vice president of finance and administration at SJSU and then elevated to the presidency, she said.

"He's done a spectacular job and opened the doors for non-traditional candidates," Lopes said.

Sophomore communications major Kevin Simmon said he likes Kassing as SJSU's president.

"I like him because he seems like a good guy, a good president to fulfill the school's needs, and is good at taking care of business," he said.

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BY: SONIA AYALA

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THANKSGIVING?

NICK
TINDALLFreshman
Engineering

For Thanksgiving I'm just going home and have a big ol' family dinner. We're going to have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. We're getting a 22-pound turkey, we're going to have mashed potatoes, yams, rolls, stuffing — all the good stuff.

JENNIFER
RIDOUTJunior
Music

I am going to my aunt's house and my mom is coming from Oklahoma and we're going to have dinner. And we're going to watch a Winona Ryder movie.

RACHELLE
CELENDADSophomore
Communications

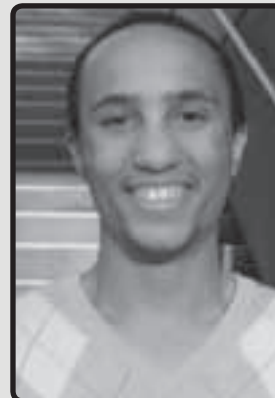
For Thanksgiving, of course it's a tradition to watch the Macy's Thanksgiving parade in the morning. After that I might go out to breakfast with my intermediate family and at night have a large family banquet at one of the uncles' house.

DONNA
LEESenior
Japanese

I'm going home to my parents' house with my new husband because I just got married and it'll be fun.

COURTNEY
BYRDJunior
Psychology

This Thanksgiving I will probably be working on Black Friday, but hopefully I get to spend Thanksgiving Day with my family. It's money and you can't be sad about money, but I just don't want to work the long eight-hour shift but besides that, I'm pretty excited.

STERLING
COLLINSSenior
Science

I'm going home to San Diego and spending time with family and friends. Eating, of course, and I'll probably wake up early for Black Friday to go shopping. I'm very excited because I haven't been home in a while so it will be a nice little vacation for me.

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Top Gear America should call a tow truck

DONOVAN FARNHAM
Online Editor

For car lovers in the United States, Sunday night should have been a momentous occasion.

Top Gear America premiered, bringing with it the hopes that it could recreate the charisma, character and comedic flare that the British Broadcasting Company version has overseas.

Top Gear, a British talk show of sorts, has three middle-aged men who talk about cars in their practicality and usability — all the while bickering like school children about how cool a car is and its ability to go really, really fast in straight lines and around corners.

Top Gear America's first episode tried to do the same, but unfortunately stalled at the starting line.

A typical episode of the British Top Gear has the three hosts — James May, Richard Hammond and Jeremy Clarkson — review cars, compete in a series of absurd and unrealistic-yet-entertaining challenges and watch the show's white-suited tame racing driver, known as the Stig, drive expensive cars around the show's racetrack.

Top Gear America has all that, but some might say that certain things are missing.

For the first episode, the show's

hosts — Adam Ferrara, Rutledge Wood and Tanner Foust — opened with an out-of-this world challenge of taking an all-American Dodge Viper and racing it from one end of a town and back.

All while being hunted by a Cobra attack helicopter.

To viewers unfamiliar with Top Gear this may seem outlandish, ridiculous and lacking any real context of what makes the Dodge Viper a good or bad car.

Well, yes. That's the point of Top Gear. And the American version gets it right — to a point.

After the absurd race against expensive military equipment, the show transitioned to its talk show section where the hosts interview a celebrity and put them in a reasonably priced car and have them set a lap time.

This week's guest driver was Buzz Aldrin — yes, the most famous man to ever come in second place — who chatted with Ferrara about the cars he's owned before driving around the track in the show's front-wheel drive hatchback.

But again, some might say something is missing.

The show closed with the three hosts challenging each other to find the best out of three Lamborghinis by seeing who can get the fastest top

speed at the end of a mile-long runway.

For the British Top Gear this would have the three hosts bicker about who's too old, dumb or fat to know what they're talking about, followed by a lot of gloating from the winner.

Top Gear America follows suit, but some might say that something is still missing.

What's missing is the characters TV magic and polish that the original show and hosts have

Top Gear is a great show in Great Britain not because it talks about Alfa Romeos, Porsches or Aston Martins but because the three hosts' friendship and disdain for each other is real and their passion for cars oozes off the screen.

Top Gear America's first episode and its hosts seemed too structured and staged to really show what's fun about cars.

When the American hosts were racing the Dodge Viper through a sleepy Southern town they stopped in a car wash to discuss the raw power of the car where the two, Wood and Foust, talk and discuss what to do next. The two seemed like actors pretending to be friends rather than actual friends and resulted in one of the most boring conversations ever recorded.

The same can be said about Fer-



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From left to right: Adam Ferrara Tanner Foust and Rutledge Wood make up the hosting trio of Top Gear America.

rara's interview with Aldrin. The interview seemed rushed and contrived in an attempt to live up the British version.

The worst part of the episode was its closer where the three bicker and with each other about the Lamborghinis.

It resulted in more acting and pre-

tending to be friends than actually letting the personalities of the individuals shine through.

Granted, this is the first episode of a show that's been running since the late '70s, but if its going to continue in this artificial state, viewers are better off watching the original Top Gear on BBC or YouTube.

The low-down on Black Friday deals

MICHIKO FULLER
Staff Writer

It's the most wonderful time of the year, when we can justify rampant consumerism as "gifts" for the upcoming holidays. Whether or not purchases are gifts to your family, friends or much deserved reward for a hard semester at school for yourself is unimportant.

Black Friday is the biggest shopping event of any season and sifting through all the sales to find the best deals can be overwhelming. Never fear, a discount fiend is here to guide you through, keep your wallet happy and avoid being trampled at the entrance.

Local Deals

Santana Row will be doing Black Friday in style. Take your receipts to the concierge center and receive a scratch off ticket for each receipt. The grand prize is \$1,000 shopping spree at Santana Row. Starbucks will open at 3 a.m. for early shoppers and 21 stores are offering special sales. You can also donate a gently used coat and be presented with a Santana Row lawn chair while supplies last.

Oakridge will be open early, with select stores opening to the public as early as 4 a.m and the entire mall functioning at 5 a.m. Radio station Mix 106.5 will be at the mall to energize shoppers. According to the list of deals, the first 100 customers at Aeropostale get a free fragrance, Charlotte Russe is having a Red Bull breakfast event and Dynasty Jewelers will have no sales tax among other offers.

Eastridge shoppers who spend more than \$100 during the morning of Nov. 26 can redeem receipts for a \$10 Shop Etc. gift card at the Merrier Shopping Center, according to the website.

The Disney Store and Victoria's Secret at Valley Fair will be opening at 12 a.m. on Black Friday and a cascade of stores will open in the following hours. The entire mall will officially open at 7 a.m.

Beyond San Jose

Shopping within city limits can be productive, but just up I-880 lies the Great Mall in Milpitas. Boasting over 1.3 million square feet, it's the largest mall in Northern California. It opens at midnight for Black Friday and the first 50,000 adults will receive scratch-and-win cards with the possibility of winning American Express giftcards.

The mall's Last Call by Neiman Marcus will be hosting a "Midnight Madness" sale with 40 percent off purchases. Wilson's Leather is 60 percent off anything in the entire store, with an additional 30 percent off clearance merchandise. Ghiradelli Chocolate will be giving a free bar of chocolate to their first 500 patrons.

The Gilroy Premium Outlets house 145 stores with top brands at affordable prices all year, so sales here can be hectic. Black Friday starts on Thursday night for certain stores and hours have been extended from midnight to 10 p.m. on Friday. The rest of the weekend features extended shopping hours as well, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday

and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Specific stores will have special sales with varying degrees of savings. BCBG Max Azria's Winter Sale has discounts up to half off it's regular price. Nine West is promoting a boot sale and Puma shoes are buy one get one 60 percent off. The outlets are 27 miles from SJSU and can be reached via public transportation on bus line 68.



Big Box Stores

Target begins Black Friday at 4 a.m. and will continue the sale for two days. They are giving away 100 \$25 gift cards everyday during the Black Friday sweepstakes that ends on Nov. 27. There's also a deal online for every day leading up to the day of the sale. For every gift card purchased, a donation will be made to the Salvation Army, according to the site.

Walmart opens at midnight, but some electronics will not be available until 5 a.m. Updates on the availability of merchandise can be found on Walmart's facebook and twitter page. Black Friday ads are not currently out, but online deals leading up to the event offer immediate savings.

Macy's has deals in every department and anxious shoppers can begin shopping online early. The catalogue, also available online, has coupons for extra 10-15 percent off sale items. Macy's sales are half off regular prices at the highest. Bring a stamped letter to Santa and a dollar will be donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Tricks of the Trade

As demonstrated by the early morning hours of stores of Black Friday, it takes an early bird to get the worm. Don't expect to pick up door-buster sales if camping out and waking before dawn doesn't suit your lifestyle. Turn to online retailers if your

heart is set on a limited quantity item.

Even if the hours curb some shoppers away, expect the stores to be crowded. The more retailers at a choice destination, the worse parking will be, so prepare to walk distances and endure long lines. Bottom line — wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

To keep your miles walked in the mall to a minimum, know what you want to buy and where you want to go ahead of time. Don't go to Walmart at noon for a deal that started at 5 a.m. or else risk disappointment. Your retail research will pay dividends on the day of sale.

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Are TSA's security procedures out of line?

'Tis the season for airport mayhem. As the holidays approach, people throughout the country will be dispersing in every which way to meet loved ones around the table for Thanksgiving dinner.

Among many, I will be flying home on Wednesday, Nov. 24, which has recently been deemed "National Opt-Out Day" by some.

Choosing such a busy day to protest makes me question the motive of activists choosing to opt-out.

Are they just trying to create change and expose problems or do they hope to throw airports incomplete disarray?

As someone who travels often, I have airport security procedures down to a science.

I know to have my shoes off, laptop out of case and liquids in a plastic baggy prior to reaching a security checkpoint.

I find taking these initial steps as an individual helps speed up the security process for everyone.

I do not enjoy being patted down head to toe by a stranger, which is why I am so happy that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has developed body scanners as a less invasive form of security.

I am aware that there have been in-

stances in which unprofessional behavior by airport security has occurred, leading to demeaning or embarrassing experiences for passengers.

That is not right.

Any case of aggression or unsympathetic behavior by an airport employee should be taken seriously.

For people like myself, who do not feel comfortable with being touched by a complete stranger, the new body scanner is a great advancement as an alternative to a full-body pat down.

Like doctors who often see patients in the buff, the TSA is taking precautions in these body scans for the American peoples safety.

Unlike stripping down in front of a security guard, as many protesters claim, the body scan images are similar to X-ray images.

Many people who have metal plates in their bodies can now choose to step into the body scanner and not have to endure explaining their situation every time they travel.

Last May I traveled home from Italy after having surgery on my ankle abroad with a huge boot on my foot. I was shocked to find that in other countries I was able to be taken around security check points.

Sure, I may look innocent, but as a believer in equality I would expect the same treatment as anyone else.

Once I entered the United States I was thoroughly checked at a security gate.

I wish I had been given the option to go through a body scanner instead because I would have preferred a less invasive, quicker form of security.



CALLI PEREZ
Staff Writer

I understand the necessity that is airport security because as unfortunate as it may be terrorism exists.

With new technology, terrorists have shown that there are now ways around metal detectors.

This has led the TSA to develop security such as body scanners to detect these terrorists.

Airport security is not nearly as interested in seeing people's body scan images as people seem to believe.

They are looking specifically for any devices that a terrorist could bring on a plane.

I couldn't imagine anybody protesting to claim that their right to refuse a body scan is more important than an attack similar to September 11, 2001.

I find that selfish and immature because it is apparent that TSA is doing the best it can to find a balance between safety and personal space.

Please just take a road trip or a train, but don't force those mature enough to handle security procedures to endure hours of airport mayhem.

Another concern Opt-Out Day activists raise is the ionizing radiation caused by the body scanners and that each time you are exposed you are adding to your risk of developing cancer.

The head of TSA, John Pistole responded to this concern in an interview with CNN, saying that the body scans emit as much radiation as three minutes of air travel by anybody at 30,000 feet.

According to CNN, researchers at Princeton found that it would take at least 3,300 body scans to reach the equivalent of one chest X-ray.

I propose that on Wednesday there be two lines.

One for those who rightfully so, "opt-out" and one for us other people who want to get home for holidays.

Lets get to where we are going quickly and safely this Wednesday, not spend our holiday arguing in lines.

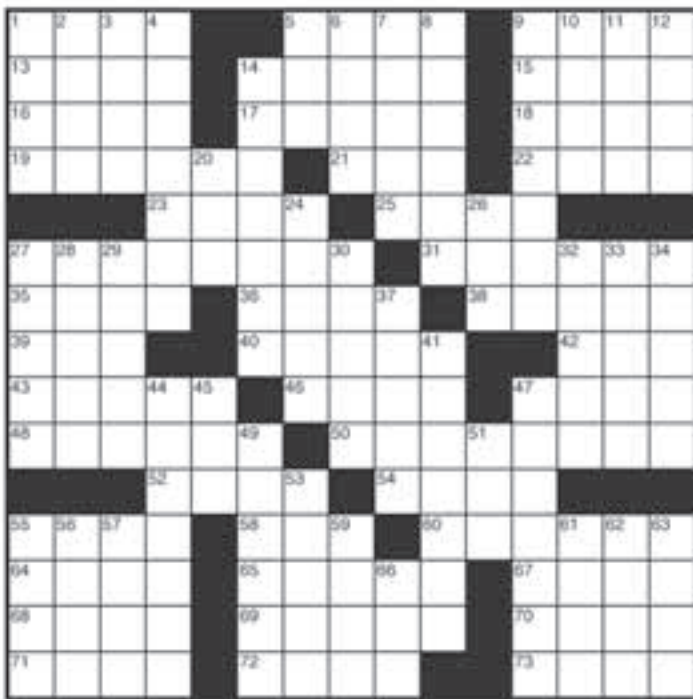
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- 60 Lacking vitality
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Black Friday is overrated

It's that time of year again, when people quickly recover from their Thanksgiving-induced food comas and set off on a shopping frenzy in the wee hours of the morning.

Yes — Black Friday is approaching.

Nov. 26, otherwise known as Black Friday, marks the beginning of the Christmas shopping season.

Stores extend their hours and offer major savings to consumers looking for the best deals on gifts for others and themselves.

It marks the time when people leave their manners and common courtesy at home.

This shopping frenzy of a day is notorious not only for great sales but for chaos, trampling and even death.

In Nov. 2008, a poor Walmart employee was trampled to death after more than 200 anxious early bird shoppers rushed through the store doors like savages in the hope of scoring the big-item sales the store was having, according to an article by the New York Daily News.

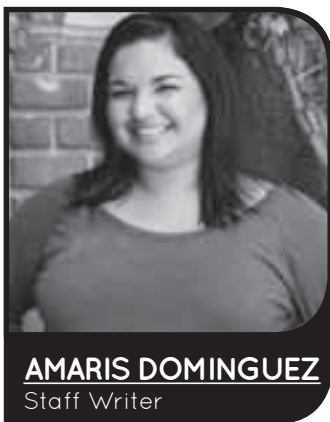
Talk about a huge disregard for human life.

Why spread holiday joy on the first shopping day of the Christmas shopping season when you can elbow people for the last \$3 toaster on the shelf at Target?

It is ridiculous.

Two years ago my sister and I woke up at the crack of dawn and set out on our first Black Friday mission at the mall, but not before getting our Starbucks fix.

With our hot coffees in hand we walked through stores, staring at the long lines of people and beyond messy floors and shelves,



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all the while being pushed and shoved by annoying people.

I remember standing in a line of more than 50 people, trying to buy a few pairs of \$5 jeans and seeing a girl in front of me collapse to the floor because she had fainted.

It was all too much to handle. Not only did I already have anxiety from being crammed into a messy store with crying children, but now having this girl on the floor with EMTs surrounding her

just sent me over the edge.

I put the jeans back, grabbed my sister and got the hell out of there.

After that day, I vowed never to ever do this whole Black Friday thing ever again.

The savings are not worth the hustle and bustle of waking up early, fighting for parking, or dealing with rude people — let alone trampling people to death. It is all overrated.

I remember sitting on my couch in disbelief when I heard about how many people were physically injured by other shoppers in hopes of scoring things like a super cheap big screen TV.

Black Friday seems to bring out the worst in people and encourages people to channel their inner beasts to seek and destroy.

Last week a co-worker asked me to switch a shift with her this Friday so she could come in later and take advantage of the Black Friday sales.

When I agreed, she asked me why I don't partake in Black Friday festivities, to which I simply replied, "because it's stupid and I'd rather sleep."

“I remember sitting on my couch in disbelief when I heard how many people were physically injured by other shoppers

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NFL needs to do more

Last night, as I was trying to procrastinate on a five-page geology essay, I was kind of watching the Philadelphia Eagles and New York Giants duke it out on Sunday Night Football.

There was one instance when Eagles defensive back Asante Samuel rocketed toward a Giants wide receiver and smashed into him like a runaway train.

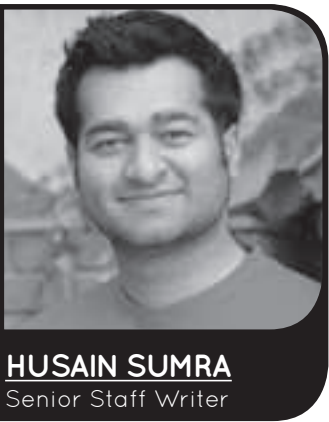
I immediately yelled out, “Whoa! Holy whoa!” And then I chuckled as I thought about the bone-crunching hit. Then I saw the referee's yellow flag hit the field and wondered how much it would cost Samuel in fines.

The problem with the NFL fining players like Samuel is that in the end it won't work. There have been numerous fines since the NFL redefined its policy on hard hits in early November, but it still happens.

Players still lead with their heads. Players aren't tackling anyone, they're hitting them.

It may not look like it on TV, but when a man who's 6 feet 2 inches tall and around 280 pounds comes running at you it's not a fun time.

The impact and sound hits create, in person, are vicious and raw. On TV the impact seems to get lost in translation and reminds me of when the Romans went to the Coliseum to see people battle each other to the death for enjoyment.



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These players are millionaires, a simple \$25 thousand fine isn't going to dent their wallets. Sure, they may not be able to buy any luxury cars that week, but in the end it doesn't really matter.

“Players still lead with their heads. Players aren't tackling anyone, they're hitting them.”

What will matter is similar to what happened to Raiders defensive lineman Richard Seymour. Players are going to have to get ejected from games.

Another sport called football is good at player ejections.

“The Beautiful Game,” we call soccer.

In soccer when a player has a dirty tackle or fouls someone the referee can choose to issue them a yellow card. If a player gets two yellow cards in a game they get a red card and are ejected. The team then loses that position and plays a man down.

In some soccer leagues when a player accumulates two separate yellow cards in two separate games they cannot play in the following game.

I think the NFL should institute a similar policy. Not only is it simple but it really hurts teams, and hurting teams is the only way players are going to change their ways and start to tackle other players rather than hitting them.

The NFL locker room is sacred, and no player wants to mess up anything for their teammates, that's why ejections will make the difference.

Suspensions could work, but they don't have the immediate impact that an ejection has — Fans hold their breath, the minds of coaches starts racing for contingency plans and the player is probably filled with immense guilt.

That's the only way the NFL is going to save their players, it's going to have to pull a page out of soccer's playbook.

It'll be hard, but it's what is necessary. Until then, I'll just spend my time in the modern equivalent of Rome's Coliseum.

Tigers: Vladimir Putin wants to save them and so do I

Over the past weekend I made music with my homies, watched pro football and ate nachos in an attempt to escape from the everyday grind of being a stressed-out college student.

I was taking some much-needed time to relax and focus on myself.

In the middle of my indulgence with everything super-awesome, I turned down Pink Floyd's “Dark Side of the Moon” and came across a news report that blew my mind.

The report by ABC News focused on the Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin inviting officials from across the globe to call attention to tigers being on the threat of extinction.

The moment was significant because Putin fed this patriotic American a spoonful of global reality.

The five-day “Tiger Summit” began yesterday in St. Petersburg, Russia, according to the report.

Both Putin and I hope the “Tiger Summit” will bring attention and save tigers from becoming extinct, and I applaud Putin for highlighting an issue that most people don't think about until it is too late.

At the end of the summit, according to report, the participants are expected to commit to doubling the tiger population by 2022, the next Year of the Tiger after 2010 in the Chinese zodiac.

According to the report, participating countries and conservation groups will commit an estimated \$330 million to saving the animals, most of which will come from the World Bank, which has led the global Tiger Conservation Initiative.

There are 13 “tiger range” countries, including Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Russia, Thailand and Vietnam, which the initiative hopes to impact, according to the report.

“Every person who lives on the planet should care about the impact humans can have on the environment.”

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MATT SANTOLLA
Tales From The Creek

According to the report, there are only 3,200 tigers left in the wild because of poaching and deforestation.

The American public is currently focused on two wars and a global economic downturn, so why should we care about cats halfway around the world when some of us just lost our jobs?

Every person who lives on the planet should care about the impact humans can have on the environment.

According the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Congress recognized that the United States' natural heritage is of “esthetic, ecological, educational, recreational and scientific value to our Nation and its

people” when it passed the Endangered Species Act in 1973, and expressed concern that many of our nation's native plants and animals were in danger of becoming extinct.

The purpose of the act is to protect and recover endangered species and the ecosystems they depend on, and it is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Commerce Department's National Marine Fisheries Service, according to the website.

A top official with the United Nations wildlife agency says the world has “failed miserably” in protecting tigers in the wild, according to CBS News.

Willem Wijnstekers, the secretary-general of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, said to CBS news on March 15 that tigers are on “the verge of extinction.”

Just 20 years ago, there were 100,000 tigers in Asia, according to the U.N website.

Trapped in the cacophony of the 24-hour media cycle, it is reassuring to see major world figures pay attention to bland world issues.

Who cares what people think about the causes of global warm-

ing? The battle between evolution and creationism does not directly impact the planet.

Consider that blue, humpback and killer whales are all endangered species in California, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service — what does it say about us as people if we let animals such as tigers and whales completely die out as a species?

At some point all of the resources on the planet will run out. It is inevitable.

Earth would lose it's soul if there were no tigers, whales and other awesome animals doing their thing amid nature.

I understand this is the 21st century, but there has to be a balance between industrialization and conservation.

This is not a call for people to become environmentalists, nor is it an attempt to advocate a specific political cause. This is an attempt to point out a serious issue which matters to some people on the planet — like me and Putin.

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Coach gives SJSU judo traditional perspective

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The hope of training a good judoka from the U.S. to become an Olympic medalist attracted 30-year-old Shintaro Nakano to come help coach the SJSU judo team.

Nakano said he began judo when he was five years old — he considers it his life.

"Judo has helped in training my body and my spirits my whole life," Nakano said. "When I throw, it feels good."

He said he was interested in learning about all of the different cultures in America and about U.S. judo culture and seeing how it compared to Japanese judo culture.

"There is a big difference in the judo population in Japan and in the United States," Nakano said. "In Japan they are more strict."

He was part of the Japanese National Judo Team for eight years and at the age of 19 he took first place in the junior Japanese Judo championship and was named an All Japan Industrial Champion.



Shintaro Nakano

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He won first place in the 2004 U.S. Open with his Seoi Nage technique — a throw in which the judoka throws his opponent over his shoulder — and currently holds a fourth-degree black belt.

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In February, with the help of a generous donation by a friend of an SJSU alumnus, Nakano was able to come to San Jose from his hometown of Miyazaki, Japan, to share his knowledge of true Japanese judo, said SJSU judo head coach Yoshihiro Uchida.

Uchida said he and the assistant coaches were so blown away by Nakano's performance and technique that they knew he had to come teach the SJSU judo team because they could learn a lot from him.

"He brings to SJSU judo the Japanese version of judo, which is a little bit different in that they do a lot of execution on a move with speed," Uchida said. "He moves fast and he throws all our big guys, so of course they are just amazed that he could do this. But he is showing us what true

judo looks like."

Uchida said the students all like Nakano and though he may throw them hard at the end of the day, they are grateful that they had an opportunity to work with him.

Team member Hector Fajardo, a senior communications major, said Nakano brings a level of technique the team has never dealt with before.

"We are able to pick his brain and we feel that as much as we are learning from him, he is also learning from us," Fajardo said. "He has given us tons of judo knowledge but at the same time we've got to trade it off and we're just really close."

Fellow coach Jose Bencosme said Nakano brings a world of experience from an international level, brings knowledge and helps instill that in the team so they can go out and accomplish great achievements.

"He is really good technical and there are intricacies that are part of the sport that we miss out on in the U.S., simply because in Japan, they've been doing judo since elementary school and here, kids are picking it up in high school," Bencosme said.

He said his teaching style differs from Nakano's in that he is more vocal and competitive, while Nakano's style is very simple.

"His technique is so clean that almost anybody can do his style," Bencosme said. "He is very mellow and calm so we both command respect in different ways."

He said Nakano's calm and collected attitude helps keep the students levelheaded during stressful competitions.

Team captain Marti Malloy, a senior advertising major, describes Nakano as a quiet, well-mannered man with valuable information.

"He learned really early tradition-



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Shintaro Nakano oversees two SJSU judokas wrestling on Nov. 18. Nakano holds a fourth degree black belt and came from his home of Miyazaki, Japan to assist in coaching the SJSU judo team.

al style of judo," Malloy said. "He brings us back to basics and tweaks things so it is a little more correct. He gives a lot of one-on-one attention, so if you have a question he knows the answer. He's gonna help you and every time he sees you make the same mistake, he will fix it and remind you."

Nakano said the differences in coaching techniques at SJSU are good, challenging experiences for him and the other judo students and there is always room for improvement, including in ground, foot and gripping techniques.

"I just want to bring up a good judo player from San Jose State," he said.

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