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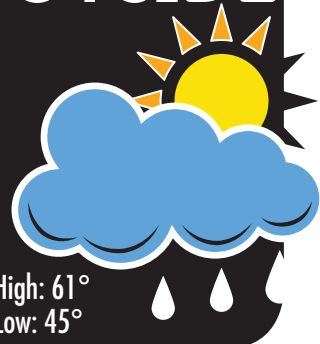


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Moss Landing find a setback in fight against global warming

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Executive Editor

A potentially serious flaw in a technique to reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide levels may pose a major setback in the fight against global warming, according to a November report by scientists at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories.

The technique, called ocean iron fertilization, proposes seeding the open ocean with iron particles to promote the growth of phytoplankton, microscopic organisms that naturally filter carbon dioxide to produce oxygen, said Kenneth Coale, director of the labs. Iron is vital to phytoplankton growth because it is a necessary catalyst in photosynthesis, phytoplankton's process of extracting energy from the sun, according to an article in the journal "Photosynthesis Research."

"Basically what happens is that these (phytoplankton) suck up carbon dioxide and convert the carbon to biomass in their bodies," said Claudia Benitez-Nelson, a co-author of the report. "In essence, carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is converted to cell walls and tissue."

"When most of these (phytoplankton) die, they sink to the bottom of the ocean and decompose there. When you talk about something 4,000 meters under

water — that's not coming up any time soon."

Coale, who co-authored the report, said that though the technique was effective at carbon dioxide extraction, it spurred the growth of pseudo-nitzschia, a neurotoxin-producing organism.

"This is not good news for those who are interested in fertilizing the ocean," said Benitez-Nelson, the director of marine sciences at the University of South Carolina.

Mary Silver, a co-author of the report, said ocean iron fertilization had been extremely promising as a means of carbon dioxide extraction.

"It would be a beautiful remedy — it's inexpensive and it would earn carbon credits," said Silver, a professor of ocean sciences at University of California, Santa Cruz.

A carbon credit is a tradable certificate equal to one metric ton of carbon dioxide that is not emitted into the atmosphere, according to an article on the U.S. Department of Agriculture website.

These certificates can be bought by parties interested in offsetting the greenhouse gases they produce, according to the article.

"At current costs of capturing, carbon sequestration could be worth \$400 per ton of carbon," Coale said. "Only a few parts per trillion (of iron) are required for a

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Steven Martenuk, a lab manager at Moss Landing, prepares a research sample at Moss Landing Marine Laboratory.

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Marine lab seeks ocean's secrets

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Managing Editor

Moss Landing Marine Laboratories is one of the little-known graduate programs of SJSU, according to the director of the program.

"It's a secret," said Kenneth Coale. "It comes to people at San Jose State as a surprise that we have a marine science graduate program. It is better known nationally and internationally than in California."

The laboratories are "smack dab" in the middle of Monterey Bay, be-

tween Monterey and Santa Cruz, said Professor Erica McPhee-Shaw from the marine labs.

Brynn Hooton, a student in ecology at the labs, said there are core classes students are required to take, such as marine ecology and biological and chemical ecology.

"This is a great opportunity to be in a small class," she said. "There are a great number of specialty classes in areas of a student's particular interests and some of those classes have only two students. It's a good opportunity to work with faculty one on one."

McPhee-Shaw said some gradu-

ate students commute to take a class from SJSU, but most of their students are enrolled in the program.

"The thing about our classes that's funny, but good, is that many of them run a whole day," she said. "Some of them start at nine in the morning, take a lunch break and end at four in the afternoon."

The classes, she said, consist of about three hours of lecture and three hours of lab time.

Hooton said in one of her classes the students were required to give a pair of two-hour lectures on the topics covered in class.

"It really required critical thinking," she said. "It taught us not only how to lecture, but also gave us an opportunity to do in-depth research."

When students graduate they can go in a lot of different directions, Coale said.

"Thirty percent of students go on to Ph.D. programs throughout the nation," he said. "Some of them get jobs in resource management, teaching positions at community colleges and four-year universities, as well as jobs at research agencies."

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FINALS ARE **STRESSFUL** ENOUGH

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Adviser: Get early start on graduation

KENNY MARTIN
Staff Writer

Many students enter college with a preconceived idea that they will come in, earn their degree and get hired at a well-paying job — doing this is not necessarily easy, or even ideal, said the director of academic advising and retention services.

Cindy Kato said she has several tips that will help students be more successful in college.

“Start out easy,” she said. “It is easier to do more units when the classes relate. The

biggest mistake students make is they take on too much.”

When students start slower, Kato said they can do what she calls “ramping up,” which means gradually increasing the workload students take each semester.

“I want to graduate in four years, but it is too hard,” said junior business major Jacob Sponko. “You can only sign up for 14 units, but you need 15 units each semester to graduate in four years.”

Kato said another important step for students to keep in mind is applying for

graduation two semesters before they graduate — not only are students mailed a list of all the classes they still need to take to graduate, but graduating seniors will get priority enrollment in classes only if they have turned in a graduation application.

Shanique Flynn, a sophomore interior design major, said that being able to sign up for 14 units initially makes things harder, but she has learned that planning ahead is really helpful in overcoming that barrier.

“When there is difficulty

getting that fifth class at the later date, know way ahead of time what classes you want,” she said.

Advisers are a good resource to use, Kato said, but students shouldn't rely solely on them.

“Advisers know all of the possibilities, but they don't make decisions,” she said.

Kato also said students should be wary of seeking advising at the beginning and end of each semester, as this is a very busy time for the advisers, between graduating and the influx of advising appointments.

“Advisers aren't busy between Sept. 15 to Nov. 15 and Feb. 15 to April 15,” she said.

To supplement the information the advisers give, Kato said students can visit the SJSU student information website to find class schedules, see which classes can substitute for equivalent classes at SJSU (if they transferred to the school) and look at an online catalogue.

Sometimes students switch majors, and she said MySJSU has a service called the major progress report,

which is a “what if” feature that allows students to see what they would need to do in order to graduate with a changed major.

“Switching majors to health science helped me,” said Renee Guzman, a senior health science major. “The biggest difficulty is that there are so many things to remember.”

The last bit of advice Kato had for students was to register for all of the classes they want as soon as they are scheduled for registration, which is something she said not enough students do.

Campus elevators have their ups and downs

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Staff Writer

Elevator breakdowns, overloads, maintenance, power outages, fire recalls, nuisance calls and student safety are all factors that Facilities Development and Operations has to deal with when it comes to the elevators at SJSU, said an associate director for maintenance operations.

“There are different circumstances that will take a car out of service,” John Skyberg said. “It's not unlikely for 90 cars (elevators) to have one or two breakdowns in a week. You can run into problems with anything electronic.”

Skyberg said there are two different types of elevators located on campus — hydraulic elevators and traction elevators.

“We have hydraulic elevators which are located in buildings that are less than four stories like the one in DBH (Dwight Bentel Hall),” he said. “There is a big piston that goes down to the ground and lifts the car up. They are really slow but they are bullet proof.”

Skyberg said traction elevators are located in buildings that have four stories or more. They are driven by cables and are faster in speed. Traction elevators are more expensive to renovate but are cheaper to maintain.

In contrast, hydraulic elevators are cheaper to renovate but require a great amount of maintenance, he said.

Breakdowns

There have been a variety of elevator breakdowns reported since the beginning of the semester, such as in Duncan Hall, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, Campus Village buildings A, B and C, and Joe West and Dwight Bentel halls, Skyberg said.

Senior psychology major Lea Vugic said malfunctioning elevators are a problem for every student on campus but especially for disabled students.

“The school should make sure that the elevators on campus are working prop-

erly,” Vugic said. “Because a disabled student should have the same opportunity as any other student here on campus of getting to class.”

Skyberg said SJSU has a \$250,000 contract with an elevator repair company known as Amtech Elevator Services, which is responsible for repairing any major problems such as elevator breakdowns and entrapment's that take place within all 90 elevator units around campus.

“The contract is very detailed in relation to maintenance and as to how many times they have to visit the cars and service cars at SJSU,” he said.

Skyberg said SJSU also has an elevator mechanic on site who works daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

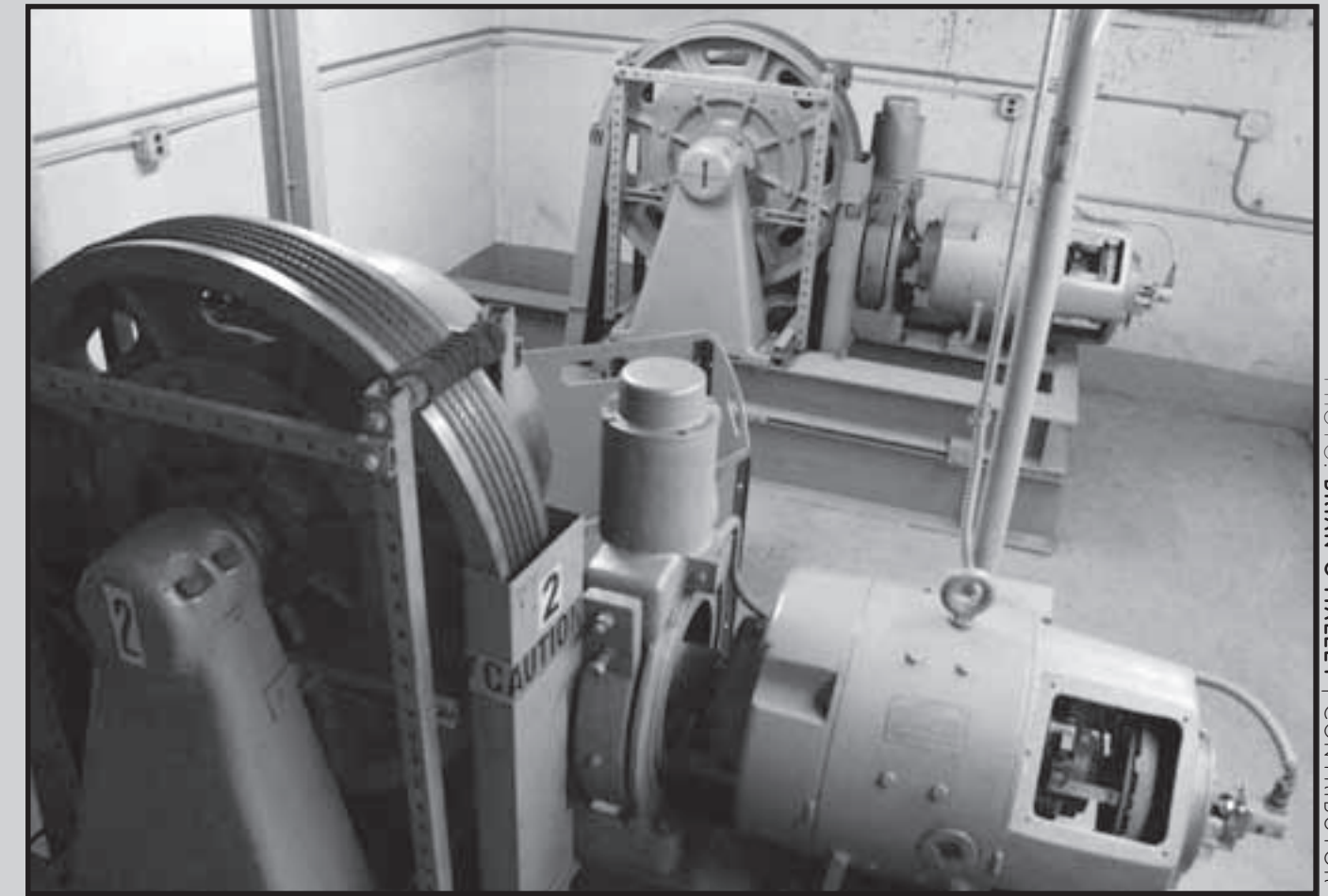
The mechanic focuses on taking house calls, updating the elevator permits and handling any minor maintenance problems that take place.

“We leave all the major elevator repairs to the Amtech professionals that are trained to fix elevators, because of the liability that is at risk,” Skyberg said. “The elevator mechanic can push the wrong button by accident and cause a car to launch.”

According to Skyberg, the on-site elevator mechanic deals with situations such as the one that took place on Aug. 30 inside Dwight Bentel Hall in which a wheelchair-bound student could not get upstairs to her class because the only elevator inside Dwight Bentel Hall was out of order.

“I had to drive an hour from Salinas and it was a total waste of time because I wanted to add the class upstairs, but I couldn't get upstairs,” said senior advertising major Brenda Amarez. “I felt helpless in a way and even though people offered to help me up the stairs, I felt it would be too dangerous for their health and I didn't want to risk their health.”

Skyberg said when the elevator in Dwight Bentel Hall was reported out of order on Aug. 30, he notified SJSU's elevator mechanic, but a lack of communication



Traction elevators like the ones located in Boccardo Business Complex are considered some of the safest on campus.

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resulted in the elevator not being fixed that same day.

“We had a mix up of communication on that Monday where the elevator mechanic thought we had said YUH (Yoshihiro Uchida Hall) not DBH,” Skyberg said. “So when he went to YUH he was checking a completely different elevator. Then by the time he figured out that it was DBH it was at the end of his shift so he came back and redid it on the Tuesday.”

He also said that if students ever find themselves in the same situation as Amarez they should call his department because they can contact the instructor and make him or her aware of the student's situation.

“If we need to follow up with the instructor and say the elevator was down and the student was also, we can do that as well,” Skyberg said.

Malfunctions

Skyberg said one of the reasons why elevators fail at times is because they are computer operated.

“Elevators like in King (library) — had gremlins for the first 18 months ... because they are electronically operated,” he said.

When Clark Hall was modernized five years ago, Skyberg said there were problems with the elevators because the building used to be a library and the elevators had been heavily used.

“We had trouble with the elevator in Clark within the first year,” he said. “It (the elevator) kept tripping people out by locking four or five or six people in there and it was a frightening event. People were taking the

stairs because they didn't want to take the elevators. We checked the elevators in Clark maybe like 10 times over a five-month period.”

Skyberg said students also contribute to the dysfunction of elevators around campus.

“The biggest complaints are when the doors time-out,” he said. “When students hold doors for other students too long and the doors go into a nudge, the elevators trip out. Then they automatically reset themselves.”

When Skyberg referred to the elevators timing out he said he meant that the elevators reboot themselves and they erase all the calls that were placed before it shut down.

Overloading is another issue, Skyberg said.

Elevators can fit between 8-12 people but when there are 15-18 people in one elevator he said that is too much weight and the elevator may timeout.

FD&O also gets a lot of nuisance calls Skyberg said, such as when people push all the buttons in the elevator.

“The elevator keeps going up like normal but once someone gets out and it doesn't feel that there's a difference of weight in the car it's not going to stop at all the floors on the way down,” he said.

Maintenance

Though the inspection certificates posted inside the elevators of certain buildings have expired, Skyberg said this has nothing to do with the normal failure of the elevators.

He said all 90 units on campus are inspected at least once a year by the government and according to his files all the elevators on campus are up to date.

“We're not really sure why the elevator mechanic is behind on posting the updated permits inside the DBH and MacQuarrie Hall elevators,” Skyberg said. “But the permits inside DBH and MacQuarrie Hall don't expire until 2011. I have the permits right here and I just printed the new documents to give to the elevator mechanic.”

He said the elevators themselves have been programmed by the elevator mechanics and staff on what to do during an emergency, such as a power outage or a fire.

“Luckily with our elevators, they ring directly to university police, Skyberg said. “So if you're stuck in

an elevator, remain calm, push the red call button and it will dial directly to university police. University police will get in contact with the on-call manager or the elevator mechanic and let them know that you're stuck.”

Every building has a smoke detector on each floor and the elevators on campus have been programmed to do what is called an “alternate floor fire recall,” he said.

This means that when there is a fire and people are using the elevators (which are non-combustible) at the time, the elevator will take them to the opposite floor of where the fire is and will open the doors.

Skyberg said his department's focus on the elevators has not been affected by the budget cuts and that they have been making sure to check every machine room in every building every day.

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Students shape up at annual Aerobicthon

SHIVA ZAHIRFAR
Staff Writer

Rows of students spent two hours shaking their bodies to high energy music during the Aerobicthon on Friday in the Spartan Gym.

Six instructors showed the more than 150 attendees routines from various forms of aerobics: Zumba, Jazzercise, cardio hip-hop and Bombay Jam.

Alexandra Tuony, a senior business marketing major, said she is currently in an aerobics class and, unlike the repetitiveness of her class, the instructors at the event each presented new moves that kept the two hours fun.

Senior kinesiology major Danielle Erves said she felt the event helped her feel better by getting rid of stress.

The Aerobicthon, held once a year in the fall, was started in 1991 and about 50 people attended, said kinesiology Lecturer Carol Sullivan, who coordinated the event.

Sullivan said the Aerobicthon has continuously been held on the first Friday in December because the students during finals are so stressed out they need some way of to blow off steam — they can come and have fun and work out with friends.

“I feel sweating does the body good,” she said.

Remixed world music, hip-hop and pop were played throughout the event while the instructors demonstrated moves to the entire gym.

Senior psychology major Karen Johnson

said the music and instructors made the atmosphere inviting and energizing.

Senior nursing major Alaysa Thygersen said she was looking forward to the Zumba portion of the event.

“I’m excited to try Zumba,” Thygersen said. “That’s a class that most gyms charge extra for.”

Zumba is a form of exercise that fuses together moves from Latin dances, including salsa and merengue, according to Zumba fitness.

Senior science major Abry Gomez said she had never done two hours of aerobics at one time before.

“If it’s fun we’ll stay,” Gomez said.

Justin Diaz, a senior mechanical engineering major, said although Gomez was the reason he went to the event, he was looking forward to trying the different types of aerobics.

Some members of the SJSU’s gymnastics team were attending the event for the fourth time, said senior kinesiology majors Shanice Howard and Lily Swann.

“It’s fun,” Howard said. “We just came from practice, so we are already sweaty.”

Besides having fun, another goal of the event is to get students active, Sullivan said, along with having them become more aware of their health, taking care of their bodies and helping them develop a better lifestyle.

When the event ended at 6 p.m., Erves said that although she was tired, the exercise had given her energy.

“I feel like I could run a mile,” she said. “Not that I want to.”

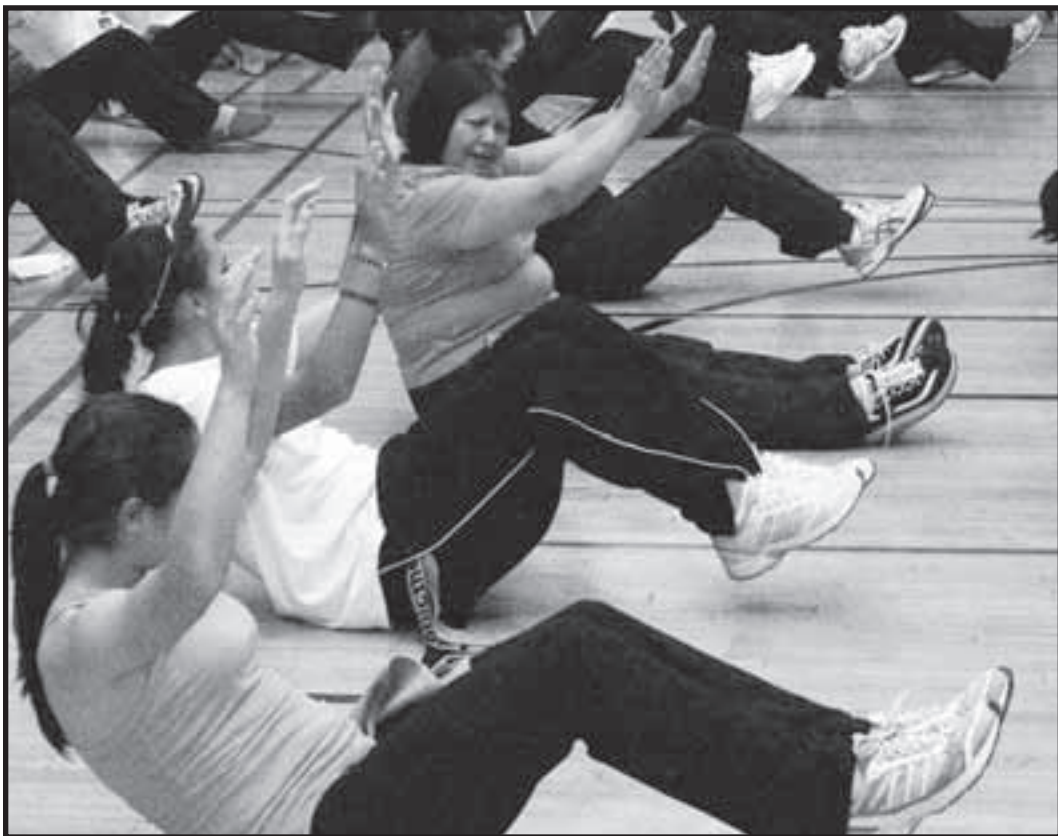


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SJSU students pack the Spartan Complex for a workout during the kinesiology department’s Aerobicthon event Friday.

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McPhee-Shaw said graduates from the program end up all over the world in Ph.D. programs.

“A lot of our students go on to get a Ph.D. because they like the research,” she said. “One of my graduate students is applying to programs in Australia and New Zealand.”

Hooton said with budget cuts at the lab they had to close the doors to the public.

“Because the receptionist is gone we’ve had to lock our doors and tell visitors that we are no longer open to public viewing,” Hooton said.

Outreach has turned cold, she said. “People used to just walk into the atrium area and they’d get to see all the educational displays set up out there,” she said.

Coale said the cuts have affected the marine labs in almost every way.

“I lost key staff positions, including the assistant director, receptionist and facilities,” he said. “We haven’t been able to hire any new faculty. It becomes more difficult to carry out the mission.”

Hooton said another thing that made this hard was losing staff to the cuts.

“We lost the person who ran the front office,” she said. “She did everything that tied up all the ends on campus from checking out vehicles to students taking field trips.”

McPhee-Shaw said furlough days last year were very hard on the teachers at the labs because it cut down on their schedules.

“The hard part was that we had no extra time to run into faculty in the hallways and interact with colleagues,” she said. “We are not just teaching professors, but we also do research and we didn’t have time or schedules that overlapped.”

Hooton said the budget cuts have greatly affected students and staff at the school.

“The entire last year we shut down on Friday,” she said. “Classes had to be condensed into four days and there were a lot

more classroom conflicts.”

Coale said research activity is one of the few things that has not been affected much from budget cuts and for every \$10 million that comes to the labs, they return \$20 million through their research.

“This provides the San Jose State Research Foundation with about one-third of its operating income,” he said.

Because the school is open on Fridays again, Hooton said things have gotten a little better around campus.

“A lot of our students go on to get a Ph.D. because they like the research.”

ERICA MCPHEE-SHAW
Professor at Moss Landing
Marine Laboratories

“It was a more depressing mood on campus last year,” she said. “There are definitely still areas where the school is hurting.”

Hooton said a way they make money every year is an annual open house the school holds in May.

“We get about 3,000 to 5,000 people coming in through our doors,” she said. “The whole student body participates. The event is entirely free, but we sell food and have an opportunity drawing. Otherwise people could bring a picnic lunch and it’s completely free.”

The event is created for people of all ages and from everywhere, Hooton said.

“There’s a puppet show for kids every year, which is a big draw,” she said. “Sometimes people see our sign on the highway and sometimes we get people who come back every year. We have even had prospective students come for the open house.”



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Campus computer services a convenience for students

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Staff Writer

Whether it's typing up a six-page term paper, looking up the latest Kardashian news or having a fun iChat session, a computer is necessary to make it all happen.

Amith KC, a University Help Desk student assistant said the help desk in Clark Hall has a total of 60 desktops and 60 laptops available for students to use.

Junior sociology major Kayla Wills said she needs to use a computer all the time and is not sure where there are computers available on campus without a fee or purchase required.

"I'm a transfer student and I've never used the computer services on campus before, but it would be beneficial to use it," she said.

William Nance, vice president for information technology, said there are a variety of locations where students may go to use computers.

He stated, according to his records, there are 5,000 university-owned computers on campus and 34,000 personally owned computers among the campus community.

"We basically help customers with any problems they have such as wireless, logging into systems," said Amith KC a graduate student in computer science. "They are both Mac and PCs, half and half."

He said students, faculty and staff members of the university are able to get technical assistance and borrow computers for two to four hours.

"The Clark help desk also gets a lot of students normally during the weeks of finals and projects and the room fills up fast so students should take advantage of it," KC said.

He said the best times for students to use the computer center are during the early mornings from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and in the evenings after 6 p.m.

Kevin Tran, operations coordinator of the A.S. Computer Services Center in the

Student Union, said the center provides three types of services for students such as self-print, computer usage, laptop repair and a laptop rental program.

"Students just need to register once per semester to use the roughly 75 computers we have," the graduate student in electrical engineering said.

He said the center has both Macs and PCs for usage along with software such as Adobe Creative Suite, IBM SPSS — a program for analyzing statistics — and MathLab.

"Students are encouraged to come in and use our services — such as virus removal — besides just computer usage," Tran said.

Diana Teddington, student service center supervisor in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, said the lower levels of the library have roughly 100 computers for SJSU students to borrow.

The senior business major said the library also has about 30 backup computers in the storage room in case of insufficient numbers or technical issues.

"Within a day, we have around 200 people or maybe a little more come to get a computer," Teddington said.

She said the computers are currently insured by Hewlett-Packard Co. and it takes care of any hardware issues.

However, Teddington said, students are still liable for a \$1,600 fine if the laptop comes back damaged and is not covered by insurance.

"Students sign a policy waiver every time they check one out," she said. "It tells them they are liable if they do not follow the terms in the waiver."

"If you want to come somewhere to use a computer, this is just a convenient way for all students who want to study in the library as well."

Teddington said students need a Tower Card to check out a computer for four hours and can call in to renew a rental before the period is over.

"Students just need to remember to return the computers 30 minutes before we close," she said.

According to the office schedule, the library computer center is open seven days a week for computer rentals.

"There's never been an issue with not having enough computers, but we get really busy around finals time," Teddington said. "But we have backup for those when it gets really busy."

Nance said when dealing with technology, there are budget limitations and he is unsure if the university will be purchasing new computers at this time.

"In regards to shortages, there hasn't been a complaint to me or necessarily to my department," he said.

For the time being, Nance said he is unaware of any new computer purchases to be made, but the current number of available computers appears to be satisfying the needs of those within the university.

"They're (computers) pretty available if I don't have laptop with me because I just run to the library or I can use the wireless on my iPod Touch," said junior English major Katrina Swanson.

She thinks it is beneficial for those who commute because it's difficult to bring a laptop and all the different peripherals that go along with it.

Junior sociology major Edward Moran said he brings his own personal computer now but the university's own computer collection is something students should take advantage of.

"We need them," he said. "They're useful for all of us because I have used them in the past."

CLARK HALL HELP DESK HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday - Saturday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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massive phytoplankton bloom."

Noting the massive amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and the inexpensive nature of the technique, Coale said the business of using ocean iron fertilization to earn and sell carbon credits could be worth trillions.

"It's a wonderful, inventive argument for reducing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere," Silver said. "Of course, people didn't know it would produce this toxin-producing algae."

The algae, which had previously been encountered only near the shoreline, produces a lethal neurotoxin, domoic acid, Silver said.

"We've seen it mainly on the shore because that's where the impacts are — swimmers, fisheries, shellfish," Benitez-Nelson said.

Silver said the level of domoic acid produced from the pseudo-nitzchia was significant.

"On the coasts, if you saw that level of toxicity you start seeing animal kills," she said.

According to an article by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, fish and shellfish can accumulate the toxin without ill effects, but in mammals and birds it crosses the blood-brain barrier and interferes with nerve signal transmissions.

Benitez-Nelson said the toxin can cause memory loss, dizziness, nausea and death.

"It's a potent neurotoxin," she said. "When you see it, you shut down the shellfish industry."

Silver said the effects of ocean iron fertilization may not be worth its toxic drawbacks.

"I wouldn't want to mess with it," she said. "Much more testing is necessary to know its full damage. That requires an enormous amount of money."

Benitez-Nelson said too many questions about the technique's danger and efficacy remain before it can be implemented as a climate mitigation strategy.

"One might take the position that iron sequestration is off the table," Coale said. "The consequences of not dealing with (global warming) are far greater than putting together many sequestration techniques."

The countries of the world emit seven billion tons of carbon dioxide into the air each year, according to a Congressional research report by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"We've worked ourselves into a corner out of which there are no good solutions," he said. "If we don't focus on turning this around, the problem next generation will face will be insurmountable."

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Spartan comeback thwarted, Vandals victorious in overtime

STAFF REPORT

A 26-yard field goal at the end of regulation, which would have won the game for the SJSU football team, was blocked and the Spartans lost to Idaho 26-23 in overtime on Saturday in Moscow, Idaho.

"It's been one gut-wrenching loss after another," said head coach Mike MacIntyre in a post-game news conference.

After freshman kicker Harrison Waid booted a 39-yard field goal in overtime for SJSU, senior Vandal quarterback Nathan Enderle responded by connecting with senior wide receiver Eric Greenwood for a 23-yard touchdown pass to win the game.

With SJSU down 20-13 in the fourth quarter, senior quarterback Jordan La Secla completed five straight pass attempts, including a 42-yard toss to senior wide receiver Jalal Beauchman, and found junior tight end Ryan Otten for a game-tying 6-yard touchdown.

Following a three-and-out by Idaho, La Secla went 4-for-5 on a 70-yard drive, bringing the Spartans to the Vandal 7-yard line.

"We drove it down," MacIntyre said. "You couldn't ask for a more textbook perfect ending ... to bring it down there and put it in for an extra-point basically. We kicked the sucker low and it gets blocked."

Waid said junior defensive back Thaad Thompson was able to get up high for the block.

"I thought we finished pretty well in the second half," La Secla said. "Every time we were in the red zone, I think we got points except for the last one."

Waid also missed an extra-point attempt in the third quarter following junior running back Brandon Rutley's 13-yard touchdown run.

"I kicked it and thought it went inside the right upright, but the ref didn't see it that way," Waid said.



Senior wide receiver Jalal Beauchman (88) is taken down by Aaron Grymes (6) and Quin Ashley (12) in the Spartans 26-23 loss to Idaho at the Kibbie Dome in Moscow, Idaho. Beauchman finished with 111 yards on seven catches.

MacIntyre said the team was its own worst enemy at times.

Idaho scored on touchdown runs of 1 and 37 yards in the second half, and sophomore Vandal kicker Trey Farquhar kicked a 32-yard field goal in each stanza.

The Spartans were the first to find paydirt, on a 72-yard burst by sophomore running back David Freeman.

"They blitzed and we hit it with an inside run," MacIntyre said of the run. "He took off. It was good blocking by our linemen."

La Secla said it was fun to watch Freeman take off down the field.

"For the most part, we were doing what we did the last couple of weeks - we throw the ball, mix in some runs and finally got one to pop," La Secla said.

	SJSU	IDAHO
First downs	25	22
3rd-downs conv.	5-11	9-16
Net total yards	496	421
Net passing yards	310	250
Comp.-Att.-Int.	30-41-2	16-30-0
Net rushing yards	186	171
Rushing attempts	28	37
Sacked-yards lost	2-9	3-14
Penalties-yards	9-57	5-60
Punts-yards	4-182	4-198
Red zone chances	3-6	3-4
Possession	31:58	28:02

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Rebels run away with win against Spartans

CALLI PEREZ
Staff Writer

The SJSU women's basketball team was defeated 80-48 by the University of Nevada Las Vegas Rebels Sunday in the Event Center.

"We had it at first and we probably could have kept competing and kept the score a little closer," said freshman guard AJ Newton. "But I think we just got tired and they were just outrunning us, but we could have had it."

The game started off with two baskets by the Rebels, setting the tone for the game.

The Spartans reacted to the Rebels' four-point lead with their first timeout.

With junior center Dominique Hamilton out for most of the first half because she committed three personal fouls in the first four minutes of the game, the Spartans were out-rebounded 39-21 in the game.

The first half ended with the score of 41-25 in UNLV's favor.

With a team total of three turnovers for traveling, eight team fouls and 17-for-48 shooting, the Spartans fell short in their attempts to catch up to the Rebels.

Junior guard Sara Pavljanin led SJSU in scoring with 14 on 5-for-7 shooting from the field. Junior forward Brittany Johnson added 13 points.

"It was a learning experience," she said. "I feel at times we played hard but it wasn't a full game."

Johnson said in the future the Spartans need to come out hard in the beginning of the game instead of waiting until the middle of the game.

Newton said the Spartans need to work on passing and executing in future games.

"Our next game is against Denver, and they are probably really aggressive so we have got to match their aggressiveness," Newton said.

Sophomore guard Monique Coble said she has been hampered by an injury this season.

"This game was actually the first time that I drove to the basket because that is what I do," she said. "So I was a little timid these last few games, but I actually got my confidence back up to actually drive."

Coble said a highlight of the game was when she had to defend Rebel center Markiell Styles.

"She was larger than me, like 6'3," Coble said. "That pumped me when I stopped her."

Coble said in future games the Spartans have to focus on the little things.

"We did better with turnovers and the game plan," she said. "We followed most of it, but we need to rebound better. I think we played together for the most part but we just got to clean it up on the boards and use the actual game plan and actually stick with it."

The Spartan season of almos

COMMENTARY

DANIEL HERBERHOLZ

Sports Editor

I know what the SJSU football team's record this season begs me to say. But I'm not going to say it.

Instead, I'm going to stand against an oncoming horde like this school's namesake at the Battle of Thermopylae, spear out and at the ready.

In this case the oncoming horde isn't the Persian empire but a swarm of negativity from SJSU students and alumni, continually delighted to curse up a storm about this year's football team.

Despite 12 losses, eclipsing a 10-loss campaign for Dick Tomey's final season, the Spartans are headed in the right direction.

Please, don't laugh.

Besides the five losses against nationally ranked teams, the Spartans lost five of their other games by seven points or less.

"The thing that amazes me about these young men is, and I truly believe this, even though we're 1-12, there are a lot of teams that would not have fought as hard the last six weeks," said head coach Mike MacIntyre.

Four of the those within-one-score losses were in the last six games.

On Oct. 30, senior quarterback Jordan La Secla tossed two fourth-quarter touchdowns to give the Spartans a 27-23 lead over New Mexico State. However, Taveon Rogers, a junior Aggies wide receiver, pulled in an 8-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Matt Christian as time expired to defeat SJSU.

A week later, Utah State's Derrin Speight sprinted into the end zone with 34 seconds remaining to put the Aggies up.

Senior quarterback Jordan La Secla responded by moving the Spartans down the field with back-to-back 27-yard passes, staging a shot at winning the game.

But an interception foiled SJSU's chances, much like it did two weeks later against Louisiana Tech.

In the SJSU senior game on Nov. 27, La Secla connected with senior wide receiver Jalal Beauchman with 2:09 remaining to bring the Spartans within one score of the Bulldogs. But the quarterback tossed an interception on his second attempt of the next drive, ensuring another Spartan loss.

Perhaps the most painful of close losses came against UC Davis in the homecoming game. The Spartans weren't supposed to let a Division-1 Football Championship Subdivision team like the Aggies beat them.

A first half that included three straight scoring drives to put the Spartans up 13-0 at halftime was negated by turnovers in the second stanza.

During the intermission, I remember joking with a reporter from the UC Davis newspaper that this was when the Aggies would take over.

In the third quarter, La Secla fumbled deep in Spartan territory, giving Davis possession at the SJSU 9-yard line. The Aggies then found the end zone and did again on the following drive, going 78 yards for a score.

The jokes of a Davis comeback were more valid than I had guessed.

In each of these cases — unlike against then-No. 1 Alabama, then-No.3 Boise State, and then-No.13 Utah — the Spartans were able to keep up with their opponents.

So sure, the end result was an L. But not quite like the 56-3 drubbing the Spartans suffered to the Utes.

In a Nov. 29 news conference,

MacIntyre said he learned a long time ago that a loss was a loss. However, I think the Spartans could have done worse — like getting blown out by 2-10 New Mexico State or 4-8 Utah State rather than losing in the final minute.

The infamous Battle of Thermopylae was not a stand to defeat the Persian army but to slow them down before winter set in and thus impede their advance on Greece — all the Spartans needed was time, much like this football team.

MacIntyre faced five nationally ranked opponents in his first season at the helm, and did so with an unreal number of injuries, a tough challenge for a new coach.

Next year's challenge resides in taking control of those close games that were so often lost this year.

I believe MacIntyre and the Spartans can do it.

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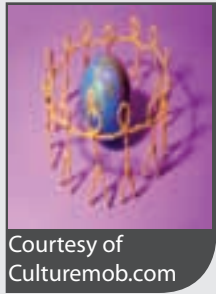
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Silicon Valley Neat Ideas Fair
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Dec. 9

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Dec. 10

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Dec. 11

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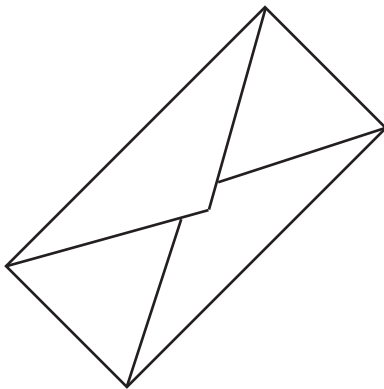
Letters to the editor



In response to the Nov. 30 A&E story "Audience gets 'Tangled' up in a musical fairy tale":

Why not to get "Tangled" at Cinema 12?
If it wasn't for the homeless men on drugs who literally got into a brawl in between the seats, we would have loved to stay and enjoy the rest of the film.
After reading good things in the article about the new Disney picture "Tangled," I bought tickets for my friend and I to check out the movie after class.
Turns out this is the last place young students should be going to see a movie, especially at night.
"Tangled" seemed great and definitely reflected what was written in the Spartan Daily article, however, fighting crackheads take the joy out of Disney.
After I yelled at them to be quiet, they continued to laugh and swear obnoxiously.
It was a 3-D showing, but it would have been great if Rapunzel's long 3-D hair could have strangled the loud and dangerous men a few seats over.
We safely, yet unfortunately, left "Tangled" early. However, we did get our money back.
Next time you want to view a film near SJSU, think twice about going to Cinema 12 on 2nd Street.

Tamra Davis, public relations



In response to the Dec. 1 opposing views opinion stories "Who's to blame for cheating?":

I read the original article and was not surprised.
These people who make a living doing work for others are writing original work. That is why it goes largely undetected.
If the students had been left to their own devices, they would have probably been caught by Turnitin.com for plagiarism.
There is some discussion that this is a problem with students who speak English as a second language.
I find that while English as a second language students have a tougher time writing in English, they do know the material and only have difficulty communicating it in English.
I think instructors can work with this. Most of these students are not English majors. It is my opinion that cheaters fall into two categories: lazy and stupid.
The lazy ones have the money to hire people to do things for them.
The stupid ones think they belong in college, but really are not smart enough to survive.
Higher education should be available to all who can perform. Not all people are capable of performing higher learning.
I am not saying dumb people do manual labor. I know many smart people that are not capable of driving a forklift, welding, or even making fries.
People who perform labor that does not require higher learning possess other skills.
Higher education is not for everyone and rather than passing people and giving away degrees, which will devalue the rest of ours, they should simply fail out of the system.
It is necessary to give students the grade they deserve based on their performance.

That is why work is required in class — to prove you are doing the work.
More emphasis on grading should be placed on work performed in class, not out of class.
I would urge students to realize their potential by either doing the work themselves, or save your money on tuition and find out what you are really good at and do it.
Instructors should make sure they are doing their job in communicating the knowledge so that students have a chance to perform well.
If the student does not perform well, grade them accordingly. To the university, let's weed out the students who do not belong at this level.
Stop accepting students so you can take their money when you know they will not be successful. We all have a part to play.

Marty Froomin, computer science lecturer and graduate student

In response to the Dec. 2 news story "Walls constrict campus walkways":

Being late to class is bad enough, but when I have to stand in a two-way walkway it only gets slower.
I guess I would feel more at ease if I had plans or blueprints to look at while walking in a slow line of students on my way to class to give me some piece of mind that the wait is worth it.
I understand the construction is for bigger and better things, but I would like to at least have an idea of what that is.
Even though, as a senior, I know I won't be able to see the final product, I would love to at least see something.

Lauren Mendoza, public relations

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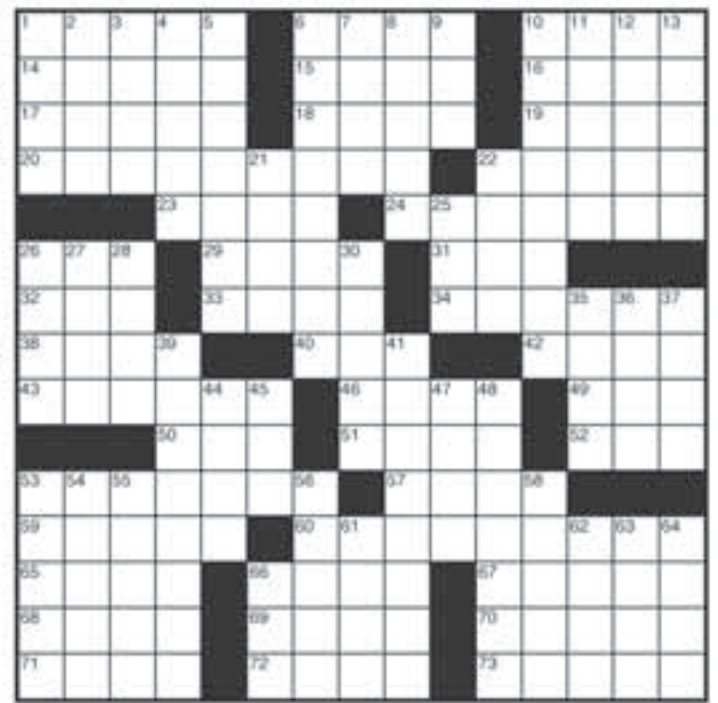
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Stockpile
- 6 Vague amount
- 10 Used plastic
- 14 Quiz-show host
- 15 Hardly —
- 16 Coax
- 17 Wisdom tooth
- 18 Actress Turner
- 19 Zoomed
- 20 Round candies
- 22 Following
- 23 Kid's marbles
- 24 Griddy or cager
- 26 Zuider —
- 29 Poet's black
- 31 NASA counterpart
- 32 Mantra chants
- 33 Secure
- 34 Like skim milk
- 38 Playful bites
- 40 Brownish fruit
- 42 About 2.2 pounds
- 43 Tubb or Hemingway
- 46 Mardi —
- 49 Hectic place
- 50 Winery cask
- 51 Heaviness
- 52 Koan discipline
- 53 Evening-gown fabric
- 57 Headphones, slangily
- 59 Mete out
- 60 Sextant predecessor
- 65 Colleague
- 66 Subarctic tribe
- 67 Exercise equipment

DOWN

- 1 Dress bottoms
- 2 Melville opus
- 3 Freedom org.
- 4 Undo detente
- 5 Horse races
- 6 Liquidates (2 wds.)
- 7 Face shape
- 8 High-IQ group
- 9 Victorian, e.g.
- 10 Maneuver around
- 11 Took notes
- 12 White heron
- 13 Tractor pioneer
- 21 "SOS" band
- 22 Mr. Moto remark (2 wds.)
- 25 Decimal base
- 26 Sector
- 27 Omani title
- 28 Cable channel
- 30 Whirny
- 35 Bubble
- 36 Shampoo additive
- 37 Cel character
- 39 Begin a journey (2 wds.)
- 41 Hand shakers
- 44 Bird treat
- 45 Explosive letters



- 47 Nowhere near
- 48 Disco flashers
- 53 Pre-recorded
- 54 Queen of the Misty Isles
- 55 Good hoppers
- 56 Baseball great Hank
- 58 Perform a gissade
- 61 Flower product
- 62 Comparable
- 63 Wagers
- 64 To be, to Brutus
- 66 Amigo of Fidel

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The war on 'Merry Christmas'



AIMEE MCLENDON
Staff Writer

Before I came to San Jose State two years ago, I was under the impression that God was not allowed in schools.

Turns out I was wrong. On a weekly and sometimes daily basis, I have heard the name of God and Jesus Christ from students, professors, colleagues and faculty alike.

Normally, God is used in conjunction with damn or some other profanity and I've even had the displeasure of hearing the name of Jesus Christ with the F-bomb in the middle of it.

Since they are two such acceptable, consistent and widely used terms, I think the politically correct police should back off from trying to obliterate Christmas from the campus or the community.

If the name of Christ in Christmas is so offensive that it must be replaced with

"happy holidays," logically it would follow that the word Christ would also be banned from people using it with profanities.

But that's not the case. I have not heard of any other religious celebration being forced to change its name because others are offended by it.

When someone says "Happy Hanukkah" or "Happy Halloween" to me, I am in no way offended just because I don't celebrate those days.

I trust those people are being genuine and mean no harm or offense.

This exercise will be tough among academia, intelligentsia and the elite — but try for a moment to suspend disbelief.

Let's say that God really is who He says He is — creator of heaven and Earth.

And let's just say Jesus Christ is really who he says He is — the only beloved Son of God, come to Earth in the flesh out of love, to give his life for all mankind as redemption for our sins.

If all of that were true, wouldn't that be something worth celebrating? Just the thought of it overwhelms my heart with gratitude.

Many Americans still believe this and should be free to wish friends, neighbors, professors and strangers a Merry Christmas without being scolded.

So many people advocate for free speech and have no qualms about using and even abusing that speech.

But when it comes to freedom of speech in the religious realm, those same people shake their fists and foam at the mouth at the practice of free speech.

And for what?

Because they are offended at the dark and sinister greeting, "Merry Christmas?"

I'm not contending over the true day Christ was born or the commercialism that has taken over Christmas.

I'm merely asserting that no institution, administration, man or women has the

right to force anyone to replace the name of Christmas with happy holidays because it's offensive to some.

Does it require too much graciousness to "tolerate" those who celebrate the birth of Christ with zeal?

I never once demanded any of those students, professors, colleagues or faculty stop using the name of God or Jesus Christ as profanities.

Was it offensive to me? Of course it was. But if freedom of speech works one way, it certainly has to work the other — and that's why I tolerated it.

A majority of Americans use the word Christmas when the politically correct police aren't around anyway.

So why not ease up, lighten up, relax and stop trying to force people to say happy holidays rather than the true name of the celebration — Christmas.

It reminds me of a quote by C.S. Lewis, "A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word, 'darkness' on the walls of his cell."

And by the way, to all those who celebrate, have a very Merry Christmas!

“When someone says “Happy Hanukkah” or “Happy Halloween” to me, I am in no way offended ...”

I'm graduating, now what?

With college graduation comes an influx of free time

After seven years of signing up for classes like clockwork, working out a new schedule with work and buying new textbooks, I now have only one thing to do at the end of the semester.

Finding a job could prove to be more difficult than anything I've ever experienced, but for some reason I'm not worried.

In a way it's unsettling to no longer have a routine and to see close friends, whom I will soon leave behind, getting ready for next semester.

At the end of every semester, I've signed up for at least 12 units (usually around 18) for the next semester and readjusted my work schedule to fit my school schedule.

Sometimes it feels like I've done nothing since my junior year of high school but work, go to school and do homework.

The one thing that puts butterflies in the pit of my stomach about this whole graduation thing is what I will do in place of going to school and doing homework.

Essentially, I've been working 60-80 hour weeks, if you include homework

and classes, for at least the past three years.

Work has only taken up 40 hours of my week, so I wonder what will take the place of the other 20-40 hours.

I can only hope that I do something productive again, such as exercising, reading, sleeping, cleaning and cooking, instead of sitting like a bump on a log watching TV or friending people on Facebook.

But really, that's so much free time.

What do people do with themselves that extra time?

I guess I need to talk to a few of my friends who have graduated to find out what they do with their extra 40 hours.

Thankfully, there won't be a long period of only having 40-hour work weeks. If I get accepted to the program I'm applying for, I'll be living in Tanzania, East Africa, for two years, starting in September.

There will be intense training and I'll be working probably 60-80 hours again. I'm looking forward to more work already.

I'm also still taking classes at the ministry school at my church, so I'm glad I'll at least be getting some education and will be reading some books that don't scream "UNINTELLIGENT!"

Even with all the learning I'm doing, I might buy some new textbooks simply to keep myself sharp.



KRISTEN PEARSON
Pearson's Ponderings

Learning is so important to me, I don't know what I would have done over these past few years that I've been in college.

How do people drop out of college or high school?

I can understand that some of the teachers give extremely ridiculous assignments and our brains would be put to better use by actually going

out and doing something in our fields to prepare us for reality, but I don't know where I would have been without classes like the Spartan Daily.

My teachers, colleagues and parents, who have been with me and prepared me for reality, are more invaluable than I had ever dreamed they would be.

These people have been influential in the way I take on work and school and have taught me how to conduct myself in the workplace as well as in interviews and life.

One day I'll show them how much they mean to me.

I hope they know that when I graduate I'm not worried about where I'm going to work, but I'm worried that I'll forget everything they taught me and all the valuable things I've learned.

This is the final appearance of "Pearson's Ponderings."

Kristen Pearson is the Spartan Daily Managing Editor.

Gun control for trained minors



MELISSA SABILE
The Real Deal

I've always known my uncle as a hunter.

Even as a little girl, I remember walking into his office and seeing antlers from eight-point bucks, deer heads on the wall and even a wild pig head over his desk.

My 12-year-old cousin has been hunting with my uncle since he was about six and can practically look at any gun and tell you all about it, how to take it apart, clean it and put it back together.

My uncle never had a hunting accident and my little cousin has yet to have one as well.

Yet, there are hunting accidents happening all the time.

On Nov. 29, a 10-year-old boy and his 7-year-old brother were hunting with their father on private land in Nelson County, Virginia.

According to a spokeswoman for the state's Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the younger brother shot at a deer with a pellet gun and missed completely.

The older brother then tried to follow up with the .410 shotgun he was carrying when the little brother ran into the line of fire.

He suffered a wound to his back and was taken to the University of Virginia Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

Two days earlier in Graves County, Kentucky, a 16-year-old girl was hunting with her father and a 15-year-old boy.

Investigators determined that as the boy was loading his rifle, it inadvertently went off and a bullet struck the girl in the chest.

She was taken by ambulance to a nearby hospital where she later died.

These are just two incidents out of many that occur all across the nation during hunting season.

Though these situations are unfortunate, there are thousands of people who hunt who have never had an accident before, just like my uncle and cousin.

But there are many people out there who believe that minors should not be able to go hunting, regardless of the safety courses they must take to obtain a permit to hunt with a licensed adult.

This past weekend, I had the pleasure of going duck hunting for the first time with one of my friends to get a feel for hunting and to see if I liked it.

This isn't the first time I've fired a shotgun, but I am in no way trained in a safety course, other than what my friend taught me and what I've learned from shooting in the past.

Yet, if I wanted to, I could go out tomorrow to get my hunting license simply by passing a test.

The controversy over what the age limit that a minor should be able to hunt seems a bit silly to me.

My cousin, who's trained and has been hunting for the last six years, is surely more qualified to be out in the fields than I am.

What it comes down to is whether a parent feels it is right to raise their child and teach them to hunt.

Accidents happen, but the best we can do is take all measures possible to prevent accidents such as these from happening.

Teaching young hunters like my cousin how to properly handle and respect a loaded firearm would only make them better and safer hunters in the long run.

“My cousin, who's trained and has been hunting for the last six years, is surely more qualified to be out in the fields than I am.”

This is the final appearance of "The Real Deal." Melissa Sabile is a Spartan Daily Sports Editor.

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Famous hot chocolate spreads Christmas cheer

DRINK OF THE WEEK



SONIA AYALA
Staff Writer

It was a cold Saturday night when I set off on a fabulous journey to Christmas in the Park in downtown San Jose to taste some of the world's famous gourmet hot chocolate, which my family and friends had bragged about so much in previous years.

When I arrived in downtown, I figured parking was going to be pretty bad, but it was worse than I thought — every lot around the main attraction was full.

After driving around for a while, I decided that the fastest way to get to my destination was to be dropped off.

Once I stepped into the park I figured I had

passed the most difficult part of my hot chocolate experience, but I was wrong.

As I walked toward the booth where the hot chocolate was sold, I saw about 20 people in line.

Little did I know that this Christmassy hot chocolate would totally be worth the 20-minute wait.

As I stood in line and was constantly bumped into, I looked at the sign in front of me, which read, "World's Famous Gourmet Hot Chocolate." I was so thrilled because I was finally going to buy something that would warm up my cold hands.

When I finally got to the front of the line I ordered a large gourmet hot chocolate and when the employee handed it to me I was amazed at how big and enticing the hot beverage looked.

I had never seen anything like it. At \$5 it was pretty cheap for a unique and delicious hot chocolate this size.

The beverage had about three layers of whipped cream mounted on top and was covered with hot fudge, colorful sprinkles, a small mint candy cane and a cute snowman ornament attached to a cherry.

As I took my first sip, I was engulfed by the Christmas spirit thanks to the chocolatey flavor and the minty, hypnotizing aftertaste.

I really liked this hot chocolate and thought the temperature was perfect. The hot fudge, yummy whipped cream and sprinkles added so much more to the sweet, yet satisfying taste of the hot chocolate.

This drink was totally worth all the obstacles I faced throughout the night because not only was it the most mouthwatering hot chocolate I've ever tasted but it is also the finest decorated beverage I've ever purchased.

Now I know why my family and friends spoke so highly about this beverage, because it's a cup of everlasting joy. What more could I ask for?

I definitely recommend it for children and adults who want to get a taste of Christmas in a cup.

For anyone who hasn't tasted this beverage, I advise you to race down to Christmas in the Park immediately to grab a hot chocolate and walk around San Jose's traditional park of ornaments, lights, Christmas scenes and trees.

You will not regret it.



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With plenty of sugary extras, this hot chocolate delight has become a Christmas tradition in San Jose.

LOOK OF THE WEEK



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NICHOLAS GONZALEZ
SENIOR, GRAPHIC DESIGN

What inspired your look today? I'm actually going to a business meeting. I'm taking a tour of a design firm downtown, so I have to dress appropriate for an office.

What do you hate most about fashion? The fact that I have to do it at all.

What are your favorite places to shop? Express for Men and American Apparel.

In what clothing are you the most happiest? A tight pair of jeans and a nice T-shirt.

What is your most treasured item of clothing or accessory and why? I think my nose ring is pretty badass. I don't see a lot of guys with them.

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