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### POTENTIAL PROBLEMS CAUSED BY SOCIAL NETWORKING

- Blurred vision
- Dry eyes
- Fatigue
- Sleep disturbance
- Concentration problems
- Poor academic performance

# Students perform for cancer funds

ALEXANDRA RUIZ-HUIDOBRO  
Staff Writer

Breast cancer month is over but the cancer continues to spread.

More than 200,000 new cases of breast cancer will occur in women in 2010, according to the Susan G. Komen website.

This may happen to your co-worker, your professor, members of your family, friends or even the girl sitting next to you in class.

Alicia Lopez, a sophomore business administration major, said her mother was recently diagnosed with breast cancer on Oct. 16 and said she has been spending all of her time with her.

"I haven't told people so people don't really understand why I do the things I do," Lopez said. "Like why I always go home and why I always hang out with my mom."

The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity hosted a concert Friday night, with all proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Foundation (for breast cancer research).

Lopez went to the fraternity house Friday evening to support the cause, support the event and support her brother, who is also a Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity member.

Junior finance major Todd Mortensen said he has been an active member for a year and helped put together the "Love Pike" T-shirts that were sold as a way to raise money.

Although he has not been directly affected, he said he was there the day his fraternity brother Martin Lopez found out about his mom's diagnosis.

"I was next to him when he found out that same day," Mortensen said. "It motivated me to get out there more and push to raise money towards this cause."

He said although it hasn't happened



Senior finance major Rodve Lewis performs at PIKE's Giving Back Concert held by the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity Friday night.

PHOTO: TERRY ROBINSON | CONTRIBUTOR

to his immediate family, the fraternity is his family while at school and so if one of them is affected, he's affected.

Mortensen said 250 T-shirts were sold, bringing in a total of \$650 toward the cause.

"It's a way to get our name out there and to promote the concert," he said.

Senior kinesiology major Ryan Fontillas is the philanthropy chair for the fraternity and the mastermind behind

the event.

He said he came up with the idea of a semester-long philanthropy that included a barbecue, car wash, pledge auction, a pay-per-view night and the concert — all proceeds went to the charity.

"We raised an estimated \$13,400 and we're donating to Susan G. Komen Center for the Cure," Fontillas said. "It means a lot to us to get involved with the school and get involved with char-

ity as much as we can."

He said the concert was a great way to give back to the community in a fun way that people could participate in.

The concert performers were King of Hearts, Aaron Miles, V6 317 and the Starting 6, all of whom are students at SJSU with exception of the last, Fontillas said.

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# Social networking can have a negative effect on health, productivity

REBECCA HENDERSON  
Staff Writer

Two SJSU psychologists discussed the physical and psychological side effects that social networking sites such as Facebook can have on students.

William Boyd, a freshman animation/illustration major, said the workshop helped him find ways to limit his online usage, get more sleep and finish the things he needs to get done.

"I'm not so much addicted to Facebook, but I find myself quite often staying up late on the Internet," Boyd said.

“The college student population is especially vulnerable right now.”

NEDA KHARRAZI  
Counselor for counseling services

According to the Power-Point presentation, some of the physical and functional problems that may occur because of social networking sites are blurred vision, dry eyes, fatigue, sleep disturbance, concentration problems and poor academic performance.

Neda Kharrazi, a counselor for counseling services, said the main point of the presentation was to increase awareness of how these issues can affect students and how personal use can affect others.

"Technology is something that all of us are

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# Appeals court judges debate California's Proposition 8

SUSAN FERRISS  
McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

SAN FRANCISCO — Three federal judges took on the historic clash over California's Proposition 8 on Monday, asking probing questions as they weighed arguments about whether voters acted rationally when they banned gays from marrying in 2008.

Proposition 8 supporters are appealing a ruling this August by U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker that the measure violated the federal constitutional rights of gay people. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals proceeding, broadcast around the world, was another legal step in what many believe is an inevitable finale before the

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# FINALS ARE STRESSFUL ENOUGH

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# Obama, GOP reach deal to extend tax cuts, unemployment insurance

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(MCT)

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama reached agreement Monday with congressional Republicans to extend and deepen tax cuts temporarily — and extend unemployment insurance — in hopes of stirring the economy and creating jobs.

Obama pointedly refused to drag out the debate any longer over his quest to let taxes increase for wealthier Americans, bowing to the political reality that he couldn't get the Republicans to agree to extend middle-class tax cuts or jobless benefits unless he also agreed to extend tax breaks for everyone.

In the bargain, he risked rebellion from his own party. Congressional Democrats refused to jump onboard immediately, continuing to question tax cuts for wealthy Americans. They planned to discuss the tax deal at closed-door meetings on Tuesday, and still could kill the plan.

Obama acknowledged that many in his own party wanted him to fight rather than compromise. He said, however, that it's critical to settle the tax debate now to help the economy. He also stressed that it would last only two years, opening the way for an intense tax debate in 2012 — the year he and Congress face re-election.

"We have arrived at a framework for a bipartisan agreement. For the next two years, every American family will keep their tax cuts," he said Monday evening.

"Not just the Bush tax cuts, but those that have been put in place over the last couple of years that are helping parents and students and other folks manage their bills."

The key elements:  
•Extending for two years all of the Bush-era tax cuts set to expire on Dec. 31. They will be extended for all incomes.

•Cutting the payroll tax paid by all workers from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent for a year, replacing and doubling the expiring Making Work Pay tax credit.

•Extending Obama-era tax cuts from last year's stimulus bill, including the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Credit and American Opportunity Tax Credit increases from the Recovery Act.

•Extending recently expired unemployment insurance benefits for 13 months.

•A 35 percent tax on estates of more than \$5 million.

•Allowing business to write off investments entirely for 2011.

•Keeping the middle class from paying the Alternative Minimum Tax — designed to keep the wealthy from escaping taxes — through 2011.

The plan would total about \$900 billion over two years — adding that to the projected federal deficit and the federal debt. Extending the Bush-era tax cuts would cost the Treasury \$3.7 trillion over 10 years, including \$3 trillion in taxes on annual incomes below \$250,000 and \$700 billion on incomes higher than that.

Obama said he really doesn't want to extend the tax cuts for the wealthy, arguing that the price tag is too high. But he said a temporary extension is the political price he has to pay to win Republican agreement to extend the lower-income tax cuts, as well as to extend unemployment compensation.

"I know there's some people in my own party and in the other party who would rather prolong this battle,

even if we can't reach a compromise," he said.

"But I'm not willing to let working families across this country become collateral damage for political warfare here in Washington. And I'm not willing to let our economy slip backwards just as we're pulling ourselves out of this devastating recession."

Republican leaders welcomed the deal.

"I appreciate the determined efforts of the president and vice president in working with Republicans on a bipartisan plan to prevent a tax hike on any American and in creating incentives for economic growth," said Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the GOP leader in the Senate.

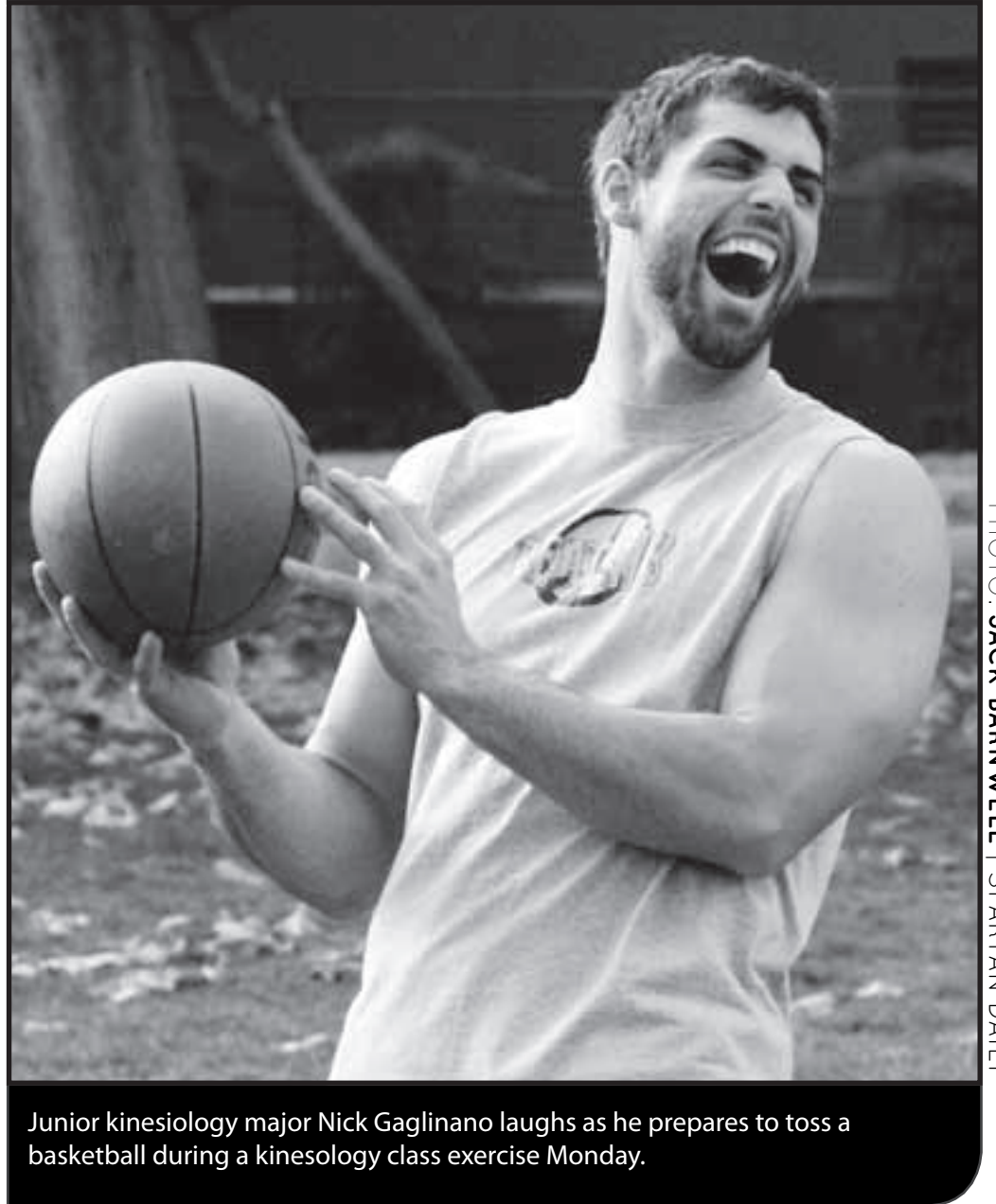
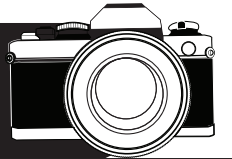
"It's encouraging that the White House is now willing to stop all of the job-killing tax hikes scheduled for Jan. 1. We look forward to discussing this proposal with House Republican Members and the American people," said Michael Steel, a spokesman for Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, who will become House speaker in January.

"This framework will allow us to extend all current tax rates and give economic recovery and job creation a chance," said Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich., the top Republican on the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

Although congressional aides said their Democratic leaders like much of the proposed package, they still weren't sure they could sell it to their members Tuesday. Among their objections: extending the tax cuts for incomes of more than \$250,000 a year and letting the estate tax revert to a lower rate, aides said.

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., his party's leader in the Senate, reacted coolly to the plan.

## CAMPUS IMAGE



Junior kinesiology major Nick Gaglinano laughs as he prepares to toss a basketball during a kinesiology class exercise Monday.

PHOTO: JACK BARNWELL | SPARTAN DAILY

"Now that the president has outlined his proposal, Senator Reid plans on discussing it with his caucus tomorrow," his spokesman said in a statement.

In the Senate, liberals led by Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., have been adamant that they don't want to extend tax cuts for the rich. Though they fell short of blocking such an extension Saturday, they have more than enough votes to launch a filibuster to block the new deal.

The numbers are easier in the House — Democrats control 255 of the 435 seats. But the House tends to be a more liberal-dominated chamber, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has been adamant that she doesn't want cuts extended for the wealthy.

The proposed deal also would restore checks to out-of-work people whose benefits ran out on Dec. 1.

White House aides said

the plan would extend the benefits for 13 months, covering the two million out-of-work Americans whose checks run out this month and another seven million who would run out of benefits over the next year.

They also predicted that the extended benefits would create 600,000 jobs as the out-of-work quickly spend their checks, sending that cash percolating through the economy.

The average family receives \$290 a week in unemployment benefits. Normally, benefits can last up to 99 weeks, depending on state's jobless rate.

On the estate tax, the Bush tax cuts had reduced the tax, then eliminated it altogether for this year.

As that law expired, the tax would have returned to 55 percent of all estates of more than \$1 million. Under Republican pressure, it will be set for two years at 35 per-

cent on estates of more than \$5 million.

At least one prominent liberal said he doesn't like the deal, but called it the best that Obama could get now.

"The Republicans got tax cuts for the best-off two percent and lower estate taxes for the very wealthiest families, neither of which will do much if anything to create jobs," said Lawrence Mishel, the president of the Economic Policy Institute. "President Obama won policies that will put or keep money in the pockets of the families of the unemployed and middle- and low-income families, which will increase spending and create jobs."

(McClatchy Washington Bureau staff writer Kevin G. Hall contributed to this article.)

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## PROP 8

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U.S. Supreme Court.

For more than two hours, the panel of judges asked pointedly whether the voters could legally take from gay people the right to marry that had been briefly granted them by the California Supreme Court.

When an attorney representing Proposition 8 supporters repeated claims that society — and voters — had an interest in banning gay marriage because of children's welfare, Judge Stephen Reinhardt fired back: "That sounds like a good argument for prohibiting divorce."

Judge N. Randy Smith, considered more socially conservative than the two judges appointed by Democrats — Reinhardt and Michael Daly Hawkins — also demanded to know why it made sense to bar gay marriage given that California already recognizes many domestic partnership rights.

"We're left with a word: marriage," Smith said, adding that "I'm trying to find the rational basis in this situation when California has gone as far as it can."

Hawkins asked the Proposition 8 attorneys, "Could the people of California reinstate school segregation?"

Attorney Charles Cooper conceded that voters could not because the U.S. Supreme Court has clearly prohibited it. In contrast, Cooper argued, the nation's high court has not clearly defined gays' rights, and lower courts in other states have upheld other state restrictions on allowing gays to marry.

Theodore Olson, attorney for the gay plaintiffs, told the judges that the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that homosexual intimate relations are constitutionally protected. The high court has also ruled, in separate cases he said, that marriage is a fundamental right. Olson said gays are only seeking what should be theirs under the U.S. Constitution.

Reinhardt interrupted to ask Olson if he was suggesting that the U.S. Constitution required allowing gay marriage.

"I'm trying to find out how far we have to go if we are to accept your view of this case," Reinhardt said, adding that circuit courts are advised not to reach into constitutional questions unless judges conclude it is necessary. He asked if the panel was "free" to rule in a narrow or broad fashion, suggesting that the panel might consider how it could restrict its ruling to California.

Smith also challenged Olson's arguments, wondering if it was "really irrational" to try to promote marriage as a word reserved for heterosexuals as a "vehicle" to promote responsible procreation.

Olson said it was, arguing that Proposition 8 attorneys had failed to prove that barring gays from marrying has any benefit other than to enshrine prejudice in the state constitution.

The judges also probed the consequences of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Attorney General Jerry Brown — the governor-elect — declining to defend Proposition 8.

The appellate judges must also decide if Proposition 8 ballot organizers — or Imperial County — have the federal legal standing to defend the measure after Schwarzenegger and Brown declined to.

While the judges seemed sympathetic to ballot initiative supporters on the question, they scolded Robert Tyler, who represented Imperial County, because his brief named a deputy clerk — not even the elected county clerk — as an official seeking standing.

Neither side predicted how quickly the judges might return with a ruling.

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communicating through but not exactly aware of how it's affecting us," she said. "The college student population is especially vulnerable right now — that's one of the reasons why I wanted to do this presentation today."

The presentation cited a news release from the Jed Foundation stating that technology functions as a critical lifeline for college students, with 90 percent saying they've visited a social networking site in the last week and about four in 10 having over 500 friends on those sites. Yet, one in seven say that social networking sites increase feelings of isolation.

According to the PowerPoint presentation social networking sites can have an impact on relationships, work, sleep and can cause stress — online stressors include cyberbullying, tracking and pressure for immediate response.

"This topic is very important for college students, especially because our generation is extremely dependent on the Internet," Boyd said. "And there's so many things we can do with it and it's really easy to fall into the temptation of staying on it late at night and not getting the things done that we need to."

Karisman Roberts-Douglass, a counselor for counseling services, said the Internet and social networking sites are new domains for developing an identity.

"There's a lot you can test out over the Internet and receive feedback on from other people that you don't necessarily have to do in person," he said. "So I think that's really important to look at how we're developing our identity in college through some of these social networking sites."

During the presentation a two-minute clip was shown from the "I have Digital Drama" episode of the MTV series "True Life."

The clip showed two couples who were having problems in their relationships because they were too involved with social networking sites, causing anger and jealousy between them.

After the clip, students were urged to comment and one student said miscommunication often occurs because people's body language cannot be read through the Internet.

The presentation listed ways to deal with problems relating to the use of social networking sites, starting with changing thoughts and behaviors.

One student said deleting people you don't talk to from your friends list would help.

Freshman aviation major Jacob Guerrero said people need to be more focused on talking to one another face-to-face instead of on the Internet.

"What's going to help you in your job career is face-to-face interactions and learning people's body language if you're helping them or offending them," he said. "Over social networking you can't do that."

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Senior finance major Rodve Lewis said he heard of the concert through a Facebook message sent out by the fraternity and that he was eager to participate.

"Music is my passion,"

Lewis said. "I didn't really have to go out there, but I know I have the ability to make people smile and have fun, so I want to help."

He said the crowd's energy was contagious and it looked like people were having fun.

Lewis said the event had a good turnout and he thinks it had to do with the way they

kept pushing to get donations and get help all semester long.

"Breast cancer month already passed, so ... people that aren't affected by it personally forget about it," he said. "It's December now and it's been going on all semester. It kind of stays fresh in people's minds to want to help and help change people's lives."



THIS DAY IN HISTORY



PHOTO: MCT

ON DECEMBER 7, 1941  
'A DATE WHICH WILL LIVE IN INFAMY' ...

The Empire of Japan attacked the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, which served as the headquarters for the U.S. Pacific Fleet (above).

- On Dec. 8, the Spartan Daily reported that San Jose State college officials had received no word from the college football team, which had traveled to Honolulu to play games against the University of Hawaii and Willamette University. They expressed no immediate concern for the team's well-being.
- Though Dr. T.W. MacQuarrie, the president of San Jose State college at the time, said he expected both games to be played, it would be impossible to relay the results of the game because the broadcast of all amateur radio was banned in the wake of the attack.
- On Dec. 9, more than 3,000 students gathered in the San Jose State college quad to hear President MacQuarrie pledge his wholehearted support of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's declaration of war against Japan.
- Unconfirmed reports indicated that the San Jose State college football team had been assigned to the Honolulu police force to patrol the downtown area.
- College Director of Athletics Glenn "Tiny" Hartranft said he expected the players to arrive home Dec. 24 via steam ship.

CAMPUS VOICES



BY: ALEXANDRA RUIZ-HUIDOBRO

WHAT DO YOU DO TO KEEP WARM THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

VASHTI HAYES



Graduate Nutritional Science

Lots of layers — lots. And warm socks. Usually a sweater — I don't have one on today and I always have a beanie on usually. Today is not a warm day for me.

DARYLL GEMPIS



Junior Biology

I use my SJSU sweater. That thing is so warm, it actually makes me fall asleep. I've had it since my freshman year orientation so I kind of need a new one, but it's good. It keeps me warm.

CHRISTINE NAZARIO



Freshman Spanish

Drink hot chocolate. And a warm jacket. And cuddling.

STEFANITA AZEVEDO



Freshman Undeclared

I love warm clothes. If I could I would bring a blanket but it's probably a little tacky. And also I don't like to sit outside during the winter. I'll find a place inside — anywhere where I can keep warm.

ARMANDO MATEOS



Freshman Undeclared

I put three blankets on me. Since I don't have a heater, that's the only way I keep warm. I wear turtle-necks sometimes — but blankets, that's the main thing.

KRISTI HYNDING

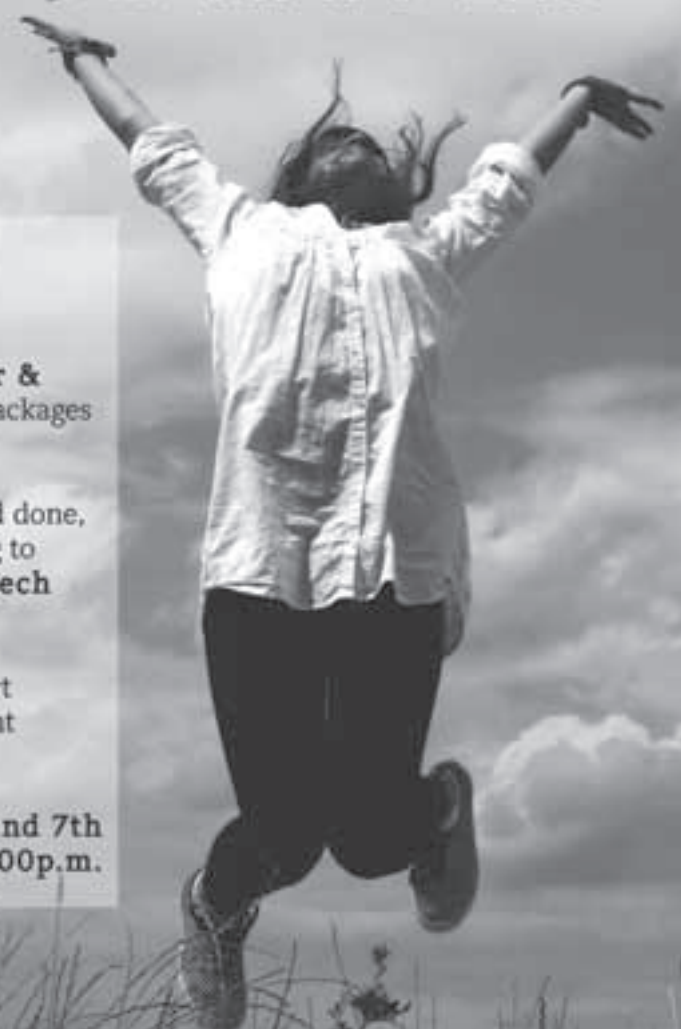


Senior Kinesiology

I have a portable heater with me because my apartment doesn't have a heater. (I take it with me) everywhere I go in the apartment and here I bundle up with at least three layers on and my Uggs.

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# Aviation student moonlights as boxing star

**KELSEY LYNNE LESTER-PERRY**  
Staff Writer

A visit to a boxing club practice at Police Activities League on South 34th St. might lead one to believe that its president's attitude toward the sport is a little more "Million Dollar Baby" than "Rocky."

But he said he can assure you that as student athletes, they train just as hard, or harder, than any other athlete on campus.

"There are so many different people," senior aviation operations major Luc Mai said. "Everybody comes here for a reason. Everybody has a goal — whether it's to take a title or just make some friends."

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When I grew up I was picked on a lot ... I would have to defend myself when I was younger, but now I'm just more skilled.”

**LUC MAI**  
Boxing Club President

Mai's personal goal is to always stay ambitious and motivated while getting exercise, keeping up his grades and training with the team.

Candy Lopez, one of the volunteer coaches, said Mai is dedicated and disciplined when he is in the gym.

"He has skill and he knows how to use it," Lopez said. "Except with him, he works fulltime, goes to school full-time — he isn't at his full potential."

He said it is hard for him

because while most of the club tries to train for just a few hours, three days out of the week, Mai is practicing at least 15 hours a week.

"I give a lot of respect to other people that do that," he said. "There is a lot to juggle — school, work and a really good workout — it's like a part-time job."

Like any other senior, Mai said he worries about graduation.

Currently he is taking 13 units and continues to box.

"I'm always behind," he said. "I feel like that because I am my worst critic. I try to just go with the flow. I'm handling it one day at a time and just enjoying my life."

Emily Corso, his boxing club colleague, No. 1 fan and girlfriend of two years, said Mai is doing an amazing job as the president of the boxing club.

Corso is a senior nursing major and has been with the team off and on for a year or so.

"He has been doing it for a long time, but doesn't have enough confidence," she said. "He doesn't think he is as good as he is."

As a young Vietnamese boy born in Stockton, raised in Los Angeles and the second oldest child out of six, Mai said he knows how to express himself because of his big family.

That doesn't mean that it was always easy for him to do so, he said.

"When I grew up I was picked on a lot," he said. "There was a group of older white kids always calling us chinks. When we were playing, they would pick on us. I would have to defend myself when I was younger, but now I'm just more skilled."

He said boxing is an outlet for him.

"I do it for the sport," he said. "I don't go into the ring looking to hit the guy's head off. I go in for the sport of it."

Mai said that using boxing both as conditioning and as an outlet is how he wants to promote the club to any stu-



Senior aviation operations major Luc Mai spars with a volunteer coach at the Police Activities League practice gym on Nov. 24. Mai trains a minimum of 15 hours per week in addition to the 13 units he carries in school.

dent who might have doubts about joining.

Corso said she agrees 100 percent.

“  
We have had champs for the past two years. We need him to be the next one.”

**CANDY LOPEZ**  
Boxing Coach

"I think the club is really underrated," she said. "I don't think people know how good our coaches are. People think, 'Oh, I don't want to get hit in the face.' For me it started off as a good workout, really good exercise, and then you keep doing it. You always want to go into the ring."

Mai said he and Corso met through a mutual friend and adamantly explained that he was a part of the boxing club first.

"She has done kung fu for a long time," Mai said about Corso. "She hopes to compete but has a fear to step into the ring. When you step in, you step in 100 percent."

Lopez, said he has similar sentiments regarding Mai's skill in the ring.

For three of the six years that Mai has been boxing, Lopez has been his coach.

Lopez said he is looking for Mai to take the lead and be the club's next national champion.

"We have had champs for the past two years," he said. "We need him to be the next one. The tournament is in April at the University of Nevada in Reno. We have between now and then to train him and get him prepared."

Mai said of course he wants to compete, but it is a lot of work and can be intimidating.

"I'm a bleeder," he said. "My nose bleeds easily. A lot of fights stop prematurely be-

cause of that."

An example of this was during an Oct. 1 match against Mike Brena, he said.

"I woke up that morning with a nosebleed," he said. "I just have a really sensitive nose. Coach was joking around saying, 'It's going to be a bloody fight.'"

He said the catch weight for that fight was 150 pounds, which means the two people fighting can weigh anywhere from 145 to 155 pounds.

"I weighed 144 and he weighed 156," he said, shrugging. "It's not often that you're in shape for a game like that, so you go for it."

Mai said he was thrilled when he was let back in the ring despite the gruesome-looking nosebleed.

"You fight for the sport of it, win or lose, it's amateur," he said.



Luc Mai leaps over one of his training partners during the conditioning phase of practice.



Luc Mai, president of the San Jose State Boxing Club, warms up and stretches his legs during practice at the Police Activities League practice gym on Nov. 24.



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