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## DA clears student in Taser incident

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Charges against Phuong Ho, an SJSU student involved in a San Jose police brutality case, were dropped today, according to a report from the Santa Clara County district attorney's office.

"I'm a free man," Ho said. "I don't have to worry about anything. I can focus on school now."

The charges against Ho were for brandishing a weapon and resisting arrest in an incident at his San Jose residence on Sept. 3 of last year, according to the release.

"We dismissed the charges due to insufficient evidence," said Amy Cornell, public information officer with the DA office.

A video had surfaced depicting San Jose police officers aggressively arresting Ho using batons and a Taser, according to an article in the Oct. 28, 2009

issue of the Spartan Daily.

The report stated that further investigation is in progress to determine whether to file charges against the officers who arrested Ho.

"There should be a report filed on the police, because the student hadn't done anything violent toward the police officer," said senior math major Sean Vadney.

The incident occurred when Ho allegedly threatened his roommate with a knife, according to a press release from the

San Jose Police Department.

Vadney said the police seemed to use force than necessary used during the arrest.

"I think the student reacted too strongly to the roommate, but the police reacted too strongly to the student," he said. "The student was a nice guy, I had a few classes with him."

Justice Studies professor Roy Roberg, author of the textbook, "Policing & Society," didn't want to comment on the specific case, but said that cas-

es like Ho's could be part of a larger issue.

"They're not going to understand what's really going on on the street until resisting arrest and obstructing an officer charges are tracked," he said.

Roberg said that tracking should also involve the court system.

"They should be tracked, not only by the number of these types of charges officers are making, but also the outcome — those that are dismissed either by the department itself or

by the DA," he said.

Mandy Sekhon, a freshman business administration major, said it was wrong for the student to be Tased if he was not reacting violently to the police.

"As much as they man-handled the student, I see the police department's point of view," said Mohammad Beheshtaein, a nutrition and food science senior. "Too many incidents like these are occurring in the dorms. But it also depends on the situation, each one is different."

## Alert-SJSU perplexes students

**Kevin Hume**  
*Staff Writer*

In the wake of the 10th Street garage robbery at the beginning of the month, students have become concerned with the way Alert-SJSU works.

Herlinda Aguirre, a sophomore art history major, said an alert should have been issued at the time.

"I think it's very important," Aguirre said. "They should have said something like that."

Benjamin Wong, a junior graphic design major, said robberies on campus are a big concern.

"Those are campus incidents, so it's definitely something that the campus should be making us aware of," he said.

Alert-SJSU isn't supposed to function this way, said Lt. Frank Belcastro of University Police Department, the officer in charge of the system.

"Alert-SJSU is for an ongoing emergency that presents a threat to the health and welfare of the campus community," Belcastro said.

Alert-SJSU wasn't used in the Feb. 3 robbery because it wasn't an emergency situation, Belcastro said.

"It was considered an isolated incident," he said.

Because of the situation, Belcastro said a different type of alert was issued.

"If we have a robbery on campus, we do put out crime alerts," he said.

Crime alerts will include the location of the crime, a description of the crime and will ask students to call UPD if they can help with the investigation, Belcastro said.

"We do put those out on a regular basis when something happens that falls under what we need to notify people," he said.

The university shouldn't have a problem with sending out texts to alert students to these incidents, Wong said.

"I hardly think it would be very difficult for them to implement that as part of Alert-SJSU," Wong said.

Larry Carr, associate vice president of



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public affairs, said this isn't how Alert-SJSU is supposed to function.

"It's not designed to be a system that just updates people on the status of things or about occurrences that they need to be vigilant of and watch out for," Carr said.

Sending out crime alerts via text isn't something planned by the university, Carr said.

"We sort of view text as a way of communicating about something that is happening right here at the moment," he said. "Crime alerts are not that type of an alert."

Pat Lopes Harris, the media relations director for public affairs, stated in an e-mail that Alert-SJSU texts were designed to be used sparingly.

"We wanted people to know that when Alert-SJSU was activated, something big was happening, and we needed everyone's attention immediately," Harris stated.

Overuse of Alert-SJSU could be dangerous, Belcastro said.

"If we continually use it for stuff that may not rise to that level of emergency, you're going to desensitize people to it, and they're going to not pay attention to the message," he said.

Harris stated a new plan for Alert-SJSU is in the works, because technology improvements have allowed the university to be able to send out mass e-mails in a timely fashion, which would allow them to send out crime alerts to both faculty and students.

"One possibility would be sending the alerts via e-mail, rather than text, so that texts would be reserved for life-threatening situations," Harris stated. "Before we can do this, we need to discuss the entire situation with our Alert-SJSU vendor."

Belcastro said meetings will occur to discuss this possible change in policy.

"There's a lot of factors to be weighed and we need to hear all sides," he said.

The students' concerns will be included in those discussions, he said.

"We will listen to what the students say," Belcastro said. "We take everything that we hear seriously. We are sensitive to the needs of the community."

Other plans of action are being discussed, he said.

"The next step that we personally will

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## Nobel Prize winner discusses economic crisis

Report: More than 1,000 register to attend Stiglitz lecture

**Salman Haqqi**  
*Staff Writer*

A Nobel Prize-winning economist spoke about the state of the American financial system, and the steps that led to the crisis Americans are currently facing.

Joseph Stiglitz said it was partly a result of a "distortion of values, a culture of corporate greed for material rewards."

He visited SJSU to discuss his book, "Free Fall: America, Free Markets, and the Sinking of the World Economy" at the Morris Dailey Auditorium on Tuesday.

Jeff Gaines, the event coordinator and business lecturer, said more than 1,000 people registered to attend the event, and an overflow of guests were redirected to the Engineering building, where they could watch a live Webcast of the event.

Stiglitz, a professor of finance and economics at Columbia University, started by speaking about the conditions that led to the financial crisis in 2008.

"The conventional wisdom at the time was that the more you borrow, the richer you're going to be," Stiglitz said. "That resulted in a bubble economy and the bubble enabled us to live beyond our means."

A former chief economist at the World Bank Advisers, Stiglitz said his book was about a battle of ideas about the conditions before the crisis and about what should be done after it.

"There's plenty of blame to go around — at the center is the failure of the financial markets," Stiglitz said.

He said the organizational incentives part of our financial system encouraged risk taking, which resulted in the banks becoming too big to fail.

"It was a problem of corporate governance, where bank

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Nobel Prize winner Joseph Stiglitz signs a copy of his book for Tu Le, one of the attendees of his lecture.

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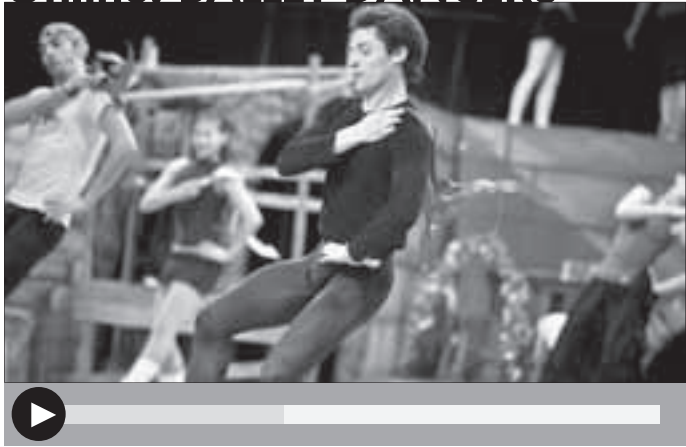
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## Professors wine and dine at Corinthian club

**Eric Bennett**  
Staff Writer

After the onset of furloughs, SJSU faculty and staff scoured for an opportunity to unite their community, one professor said. A local private club owner delivered, providing a venue for the school's employees and a chance to rebuild.

The Corinthian club was conceived when the chance surfaced, and an organization aimed to

a sense of community and wellness without being surrounded by students," she said. "We have an opportunity here to get to know each other outside of work."

The interim solution was for the club to move two blocks away from campus to the event center, which is equipped with a ballroom and meeting rooms for the faculty and staff to utilize, Sullivan said.

Current club President Sophia Santos said she wanted to make sure the faculty and staff still had access to an organization such as this to socialize.

"Many other universities have a faculty club," she said. "We wanted to make sure that we still kept that here for SJSU."

Sullivan said the organization is a nonprofit that operates out of its membership fees, and that the club was able to relocate to a new site because of a past investment.

"We sold the house we had at Eighth and San Salvador to a sorority," she said. "We made investments that were able to provide free membership to faculty and staff in the Corinthian Event Center."

Frances DeLeon, a senior international business major, said the club is a good idea to help faculty and staff become familiar with each other.

"I agree with it," she said. "Any way to foster communication within the community is a good idea."

Sullivan said the faculty and staff club wants to start its own book and wine clubs some day as board meetings are held for faculty and staff to voice their desires.

Campbell said it was the right demographic for his club to entertain.

"We had a handful of faculty working out downstairs, so we learned about the fact that their faculty club had closed," he said. "It made sense to have the club here, we appeal to a 30-plus population. It was the right group for us."

## Law could aid undocumented students

**Eric Austin**  
Staff Writer

A new law currently being debated in Congress will, if enacted, allow college students who are illegal immigrants the ability to attain citizenship upon completion of a degree, an SJSU director said.

"Currently trapped in a legal paradox, undocumented students in the United States have the right to a primary and secondary school education, but then face uncertainty upon graduation from high school," according to a publication by the College Board titled "Young Lives on Hold: The College Dreams of Undocumented Students."

Dennis Lopez, SJSU's Educational Opportunity Program director, who has been involved in education equity programs for more than thirty years, said he believes that the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act, or the DREAM Act, needs to be passed.

"Undocumented students represent a tremendous human resource for this economy, for this state, and for our country, and both the state university system and this campus can benefit from undocumented students being educated in the CSU system and graduating as citizens," he said.

The DREAM Act will provide a conditional path to citizenship in exchange for completion of either a college degree or two years of military service to students that can demonstrate good moral character, according to the act's official Web site.

An estimated 26,000 undocumented youth in California will benefit from the DREAM Act, according to a Pew Foundation study.

Andy Phan, a junior sociology major, said he believes undocumented students should not be allowed to apply or attend California State Universities.

"It is already bad enough that most of us who are citizens can't even get into school," he said. "I just don't think it is fair."

The CSU system is in favor of the legislation, said Erik Fallis, CSU media relations specialist.

"The CSU continues to work with several higher education organizations in support of the DREAM Act, as we have been in the past, and as is consistent with California law," he said.

A summit was held in Sacramento on Feb. 4, in which advocates came to speak in support of the legislation and some came to share their stories about being an undocumented student in California, Lopez said.

One of these speakers was a 20-year-old undocumented local community college student from South Korea, introduced by his first name, Ju.

Ju identified himself as the current student body president of a community college in the Bay Area.

"After high school, I was worried that I couldn't go to college," Ju said during his speech at the summit. "It was a very depressing moment."

Even though there are many obstacles in his path to a higher education, he said he will be vigilant in his academic pursuits.

"Despite all my challenges and the odds, I have never given up hopes of achieving a higher education," he said.

If the legislation is passed, it will be life changing, Ju said, for himself and for thousands of other undocumented students trying to make a life for themselves in the United States.

Passing the legislation would be difficult, as the majority of Republican representatives are planning on voting against the legislation, according to the DREAM Act's Web site — and it was defeated in 2007 when it was first voted in Congress.

There are 54 Representatives, six from California, who

are planning on voting against the legislation, according to the act's official Web site.

Laura Ruddy, a freshman kinesiology major, said she does not believe the legislation should be passed.

"I think it's good that they get the opportunity to educate themselves here, but I don't think that should give them access to citizenship," she said.

Undocumented college students should go through the same channels to attain citizenship as everyone else, she said.

The DREAM Act follows a long history of legal battles for

institutional funding including Cal Grants, Lopez said.

Six years later, David Bradford, a UC employee in the registrars office, sued the UC system, claiming that he was forced to quit for not following the Leticia A. order and won an injunction forcing all newly enrolled students to be classified as nonresidents, the news release stated.

This prevented any undocumented immigrants from receiving Cal Grants or other institutional financial aid, Lopez said.

Advocacy groups continued to fight for immigration rights to higher education and had a major victory in 2001, when Gov. Gray Davis signed into law the Assembly Bill 540, he said.

AB 540 was the first ruling since the 1985 Leticia A. case that makes college more attainable by allowing undocumented students to pay in-state fees, which are up to one-third the price of out-of-state fees, Lopez said.

"While this relief does not classify undocumented students as residents, the out-of-state tuition exemption has the practical effect of making a higher education more accessible financially," stated Liz Guillen, Poverty Advocate for Public Advocates Inc., in a news release.

Undocumented students today are attending college under the umbrella of AB 540, Lopez said.

"This many years after the 1984 Leticia A. ruling, the AB 540 students are the next generation," he said.

While AB 540 students are allowed to attend college, they still won't be US citizens once they graduate and start looking for jobs in the real world, he said.

The DREAM Act is important as it provides these students a pathway to attain citizenship and become valuable contributors to society, Lopez said.

**“We have an opportunity here to get to know each other outside of work.”**

**Kate Sullivan**  
Hospitality and recreation professor

bring all of the campus' staff together, said Kate Sullivan, a hospitality, recreation and tour management professor.

"We feel like they need something like this," said Sullivan, the club's treasurer. "It's been a bad furlough year for us. This is something we can give back to the faculty and staff. They have been beaten up, so we think this is something special for them."

The organization, put together two months ago, meets in downtown San Jose's Corinthian's Event Center. Owner Gene Campbell said he jumped at the chance to help a neighbor.

"We're Spartan fans, this is a tight-knit community," he said. "This town revolves around that. We thought that if there is any group we want to make a special deal for, this is the group."

The faculty has had a club on campus since the 1960s, but recently decided to relocate as it awaits the new Student Union, which should be completed in five years, Sullivan said.

"Faculty and staff need a place to go where they can enjoy

**“It is already bad enough that most of us who are citizens can't even get into school.”**

**Andy Phan**  
Junior sociology major

equal rights for undocumented students in California, Lopez said.

In 1985, undocumented immigrants won the class-action lawsuit Leticia A. v. the UC Regents and CSU Board of Trustees.

The case ruling allowed undocumented students to attend UC and CSU colleges as long as they could provide evidence that they have been residents of California for a year and a day, according to a College Board Advocacy group news release in April 2009.

This ruling allowed undocumented students to be classified as state citizens, meaning they could pay in-state tuition fees, and provided them access to

## Snow Day and Winter Carnival postponed



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Snow Day and Winter Carnival was postponed until March 11 because of weather. The event was supposed to start Thursday.

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# Mosquitoes in SC County sprayed away

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Staff Writer

Santa Clara County’s Vector Control District (VCD) applied a spray over the country to prevent the surfacing of the Aedes squamiger mosquito on Feb. 17, according to a VCD news release.

Since the spray has been completed, the mosquito no longer places a threat to SJSU or Santa Clara County, said Jeffrey Honda, a biological science professor and entomologist at SJSU.

The Aedes squamiger, also known as the California salt marsh mosquito, is not only an aggressive biter, but is one of the few types of mosquito that bites people during the day versus in the evening, Honda said.

When the mosquitoes hatch, mostly in March and April, they have the ability to travel up to 20 miles from their homes and breeding grounds and vigorously bite people and other animals, Honda said.

“That’s really freaky,” said Desiree Thomas, a freshman health science major. “These insects can fly so far and specifically target humans.”

A helicopter treatment that covered about 400 acres, which used environmentally safe

chemicals and affected no residences or business, was used, according to the news release.

This specific type of mosquito has not been linked to West Nile virus, although their bite might cause discomfort, Honda said.

“This specific mosquito’s mechanism is ineffective and unsuccessful to transfer West Nile virus, but it’s one of the most aggressive biters of people,” he said.

Since the salt water marsh is not linked to West Nile virus, the reason for the spray is more of a pest control and providing comfort for people in Santa Clara County, according to the news release.

“This spray is more of a comfort factor rather than a disease factor,” said Victor Romano, VCD operations supervisor.

The spray was a success, and Santa Clara County should be in the clear, Romano said.

“We don’t have to worry too much, because (the county) is spraying, but if they were not spraying then we would have a problem”, Honda said. “Usually people get worried when the country does not do these sprays on an area.”

The salt marsh mosquito lays its eggs in moist soil, which then hatch in spring and summer time. The eggs can survive

for years through weather conditions, such as high tides and seasonal rains, according to the news release.

Michael Stafferson, a junior communications major, said what bothers him about the salt water marsh mosquito is that, unlike most mosquitoes, it is not nocturnal.

“It’s bad enough during the summer nights (that) mosquitoes are a big pain, but now there are these ones that bite in the day,” he said.

A salt water marsh, where the mosquito gets part of its name, is a place where fresh water runs into the bays, Honda said.

“A mixture of fresh and salt water is a perfect environment for them,” he said.

Honda said that, though people of Santa Clara County prefer this spray, he has concerns in regard to what this treatment could potentially do for the ecosystem, he said.

Even though the spray is intended to target this specific mosquito, it will kill other mosquitoes and flies. With that, other animals might have fewer insects to eat, Honda said.

“Wouldn’t the spray mess the way other animals eat?” Stafferson said. “Then people wonder why some species go extinct.”

# Alumni fund athletic learning center

Melissa Sabile  
Staff Writer

When SJSU alumni Stan and Marilyn Gadway lost their son, Scott, they said they decided to honor his memory by turning the weight room in the Simpkins Stadium Center into an academic center for student athletes.

“We thought of funding a scholarship or doing something else,” Marilyn Gadway said. “But realizing that there was no academic center — that was brought up — and we thought it would be advantageous to all the students who came through.”

The Scott Gadway Academic Center, located in South Cwampus, is open to all students, but was built to help student athletes achieve and maintain good grades, Stan Gadway said.

“It’s definitely a big help,” said Spartan linebacker Duke Ihenacho. “I think there are a lot of people like me, where the last thing we’re thinking about is academics. Coming to the Gadway forces you to sit down and focus on your studies.”

Liz Jarnigan, director of Student Success Services, said she believed the academic center is helping the student athletes.

“One thing we’re very proud of for this semester, we have seven of our teams above a 3.0 for the cumulative semester GPA,” she said. “Our goal is to have all of our teams average a 3.0 GPA, so we’re making progress.”

The academic center is just one of the contributions the Gadways have made to Spartan athletics.

Stan Gadway, who is chairman of the Spartan Foundation this year, said he and Marilyn work hard to help gain funding for athletic scholarships.

The Spartan Foundation Drive, which funds the athletic scholarships, starts in April and



Melissa Sabile / Spartan Daily  
Stan and Marilyn Gadway learn about Spartan gymnastics from undergraduate assistant coach Katelyn Van Eck.

goes through May, he said.

“We have about 50 volunteers and of course the Spartan Foundation staff,” he said. “We raise approximately a million dollars a year.”

Marilyn Gadway said it cost about \$3.5 million to fund the athletic scholarships this year.

All the money comes from ticket sales and about 12,000 individual contributors, she said.

The Gadways said it was their love for Spartan athletics that brought them together more than 50 years ago, and is why they continue to support SJSU sports.

“Neither one of us were in fraternities or sororities, so we didn’t have that connection,” Stan Gadway said. “This was a natural kind of a family. We’ve met so many nice people, with all the donors and the workers and the athletic department.”

It’s the success of the student athletes that keeps them going year after year, he said.

“With a lot of these kids, their only way to college was through athletics,” Marilyn Gadway said. “They come and they all think

they are going to be professional athletes, but it’s rare. Now they may never go professional, but they do have a college degree in their pocket.”

Stan Gadway said they chose to help fund the athletic department because there’s so much diversity between the athletes and their academic goals.

“A lot of people say, ‘We won’t give money to athletic scholarships, but we’ll give to the business department,’” he said. “In reality, every student that goes through the athletic program has a major. They have high requirements in that major, they not only have to do well in school to keep their scholarship, but they have practice and have to attend meets and games as well.”

Overall, we just want to do what they can to give back to SJSU, Marilyn Gadway said.

“We’ve been so blessed in so many ways, so it’s time to give back,” Stan Gadway said. “We love San Jose State and we love being around the kids. It makes us both feel good to be able to do what we’re doing.”

# Campus athletic organization encourages student fitness

Eric Bennett  
Staff Writer

Invoking excitement about exercising to the ever-laboring college student is no easy feat, yet it’s a challenge the Spartan Athletic Training Organization is suited up for and ready to tackle head on, according to the club’s president.

Steven Williams, the semester-old organization’s president, said what started as a desire to raise awareness of athletic training and sports medicine professions blossomed into an opportunity to help serve the community.

“All the motivation from the students in the athletic training program led to a chance to get out there and help others learn about the importance of what we try to do, which is preventing injuries,” he said.

Senior kinesiology major Natalie Stull said she joined to help others learn about what athletic training is all about and work alongside others in her field.

“While spreading the word about athletic training, we also want to promote a healthy lifestyle,” said Stull, the club’s secretary. “I have been able to

meet some great people here.”

Williams said the profession of being a trainer can require a lot of time before a big payoff, such as working with an injured athlete to get them back into the game.

“It’s like you’re part of a time,” Williams said. “The whole team atmosphere doesn’t just exist among the players. Being able to help my team succeed is really unique.”

Athletic trainers are not to be mistaken for personal trainers, a misconception group member Phillip Teachout said he wants to put to rest.

“I think this group can help the public understand that these two professions have very different skill sets,” he said.

Despite the fact that the organization is under a year old, the members have been active on and off campus in informing people about the importance of preventative care, said Holly Brown, a kinesiology lecturer and the group’s adviser.

“Generally, people think we are highly involved with the strength training part of athletic training,” she said. “But in actuality, we deal with more the prevention and rehabilitation of injuries.”

The organization has done volunteer work to help events, such as marathons, run smoothly, and it is putting together its own charity event this April — the Spartan Run/Walk 5K, Stull said.

The club brings in speakers from, for athletic trainers, non-traditional backgrounds, such as trainers in industrial careers like FedEx Corp., or performing arts for shows in Las Vegas, Brown said.

“Athletic trainers have a wide variety of settings they can work in,” she said. “We are trying to help students gain that knowledge for what they can do with athletic training but also help them understand the steps they need to take to get where they want to be.”

Brown said that, like most businesses, sometimes it comes down to networking when searching for a job.

“They are not only learning about what they can do with their credentials when they have them but are building a network, which is so important in these jobs,” she said. “If you want a top job in the NFL, sometimes it’s about building relationships to help facilitate that.”

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# Club aims to empower women

**Matthew Santolla**  
*Staff Writer*

A new club at SJSU is reaching out to young women in the San Jose community to help teach awareness about serious issues such as domestic violence and sexual health, the club's vice president said.

Jennifer Nichols said the Public Health Nursing Club is working this semester to create a Young Women's Club at Broadway High School in San Jose.

Nichols, a senior nursing major, said the club is focused on several different issues that are affecting the greater San Jose community.

"Issues like domestic violence and sexual health awareness are problems that face young teenage women today," Nichols said. "We are all about empowering young women and stopping domestic violence."

Nichols, who attended Broadway High, said that the club's goal in creating the Young Women's Club is to raise awareness on important problems plaguing teenage women.

"I know what it is like being at that school," Nichols said. "Many women sometimes feel hopeless."

Nichols said she hopes to empower young women and let them know they have control of

their lives.

"Sometimes it can be hard to navigate through life," Nichols said. "People who are their peers can relate much better. Sometimes when people are being lectured from older people they just don't listen."

Abbie Berhane, a senior nursing major, said teaching young women about prevention and education is important to the club.

"We are learning to be nurses in the community," Berhane said. "We want to teach everything we know to people and make a difference."

Berhane said she feels the Young Women's Club will be effective because it can teach teenagers about the warning signs of domestic violence.

Elise Martinez, a senior nursing major, said the Public Health Nursing Club is different, because it is focusing on issues in a way that no other nursing clubs do.

"I thought this was an opportunity to take what we have learned in our nursing classes and apply it to the community," Martinez said. "Issues like domestic violence and prevention are all things that we all care about."

The Public Health Nursing Club allows both students and faculty a place to come together to discuss how health issues

impact women and other social groups in the area, Nicole Parker, club president and senior nursing major, said.

Parker, a senior nursing major, said the club's general mission is to involve the SJSU community in healthier ways of living.

"We want to raise awareness on important issues," Parker said. "It is about getting people involved."

Parker said the goal is for club members to work together to identify the various perceptions of illness and understand the factors inhibiting individuals from achieving optimal health.

The club members are looking for ways to encourage individuals to incorporate preventative health measures into their everyday lives, Parker said.

"This month is February, heart health awareness month," Parker said. "Cardiovascular disease is something that can be prevented, and we hope to educate people about taking care of themselves."

Students do not have to be a nursing major to join the club, Parker said.

"This club is open for anybody who wants to join and make difference," Parker said. "Right now we want to grow the club."

# CAMPUSIMAGE



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Senior marketing major Tony Buccino heads toward the Boccardo Business Complex to attend a Tuesday night class. Wind and rain left puddles and debris scattered throughout the campus.

# NOBEL

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managers didn't act in the interest of shareholders or for the good of greater society," Stiglitz said. "Instead of allocating available capital into more secure investments, we allocated it to the poor to buy houses they couldn't afford."

Stiglitz, chairman of President Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers, said the measures taken by the previous administration were inadequate.

"All the measures were too small and too short sighted," he said. "Those shaping the policy were irrationally exuberant — they didn't want to face how bad things really were."

Tomasz Kolodziejak, Associated Students director of intercultural affairs, said Stiglitz's comments about the stimulus stood out for him.

"I thought the idea of the stimulus and more spending was interesting," said Kolodziejak, a junior international business major.

Given the current economic climate, Stiglitz said a second stimulus was necessary and that the government should use federal money to satisfy each states' budget short falls, which are negatively effecting schools and universities.

"We ought to fill in the tax revenue deficits of the states," he said. "That would enable states to adequately fund essential public programs and services."

SJSU President Jon Whit-

more attended the event and said he found Stiglitz's talk clear and provocative.

"I've never heard things pointed out so succinctly," Whitmore said. "His point about the memory effect of the financial crisis was especially important because it affects students' prospects of getting jobs."

Sohrab Madani, a junior political science major, said he liked the level-headedness of the talk.

"It was very measured and stimulating in parts about how the stimulus delivered the goods," Madani said.

Buisness lecturer Richard Sessions said all political parties should pay attention to what Stiglitz has to say.

"Republicans, Democrats and Obama should listen to this man," he said.

# ALERT

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be exploring for campus is an outdoor notification system," he said. "There'd be speakers outside that we could broadcast messages throughout the campus. We'd like it to be segment-

ed where we'd be able to send out individual messages, and we'd like to be able to do it via cell phone or some device when we're out on patrol."

Alert-SJSU is already segmented, he said.

"We have now started to put subgroups within it," Belcastro said. "We can break it up now. We have a separate group just for the library. We're creating a

group just for housing residents. We can send messages to particular groups, too, depending on the circumstances."

This is all part of the plan to customize messages in Alert-SJSU, Belcastro said.

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Sophomore Heather Denman (Left) and the swim team practice in the Aquatic Center pool

# Swim team splashes toward end of season

Team is 12-3 heading into eight-team meet in Texas

Kristen Pearson  
Staff Writer

Entering the WAC Championships tonight, head coach Sage Hopkins said the team has never been as prepared as they are this year.

“The heavy training is behind us and we’re working on refining skills now,” Hopkins said. “This is the best-prepared team since I’ve been here.”

The swim team will race in the Western Athletic Conference Championship in San Antonio, Texas, tonight through Saturday.

Kirsten Trammell, one of the three captains of the swim team, said she is excited about the meet.

“I think our team is going to do well,” Trammell said. “The team is swimming better this year than they have before.”

The team is 12-3. Trammell said she has been swimming for eight years and this is her third year in the WAC.

Rudie Guerrero, a junior on the swim team, said they’re preparing for the meet by doing what their coach tells says

“We’ve not been going out to eat — we’re eating healthy, we’re sleeping a lot and just relaxing as much as possible,” she said.

Guerrero said she has been swimming for about 16 years and this is her third year in the

WAC.

Marisa DeWames, a freshman on the swim team, said she has trained the hardest she’s ever trained before during this part of the year.

“It’s all about team spirit and support, and it’s been a great experience,” DeWam-

is pleased with the team this season, they have lots of nerves and it’s a matter of keeping them calm and focused.

The team has finished fourth every year in the WAC for the past four seasons that Hopkins has been coaching them.

DeWames said it’s the biggest meet of the year, and she’s really confident in the team.

“We’re preparing with visualization, physical and mental rehearsals and getting to bed early,” DeWames said.

Guerrero said the team is doing well, but she feels like it took longer to get together this year.

“We try to hang out a lot, try to include everyone in conversations, have some one-on-one time and make friends with our teammates,” Guerrero said.

Trammell said the team is cohesive.

## Swim Leaders

Event	Name
50 Freestyle	Meghan McCurley
100 Backstroke	Heather Denman
100 Breastroke	Caitlin Macky
100 Butterfly	Heather Denman
200 Individual	Kirsten Trammell
1 Meter Diving	Amy Kiby

said.

DeWames said she has been swimming since she was a freshman in high school and this is her first year going to the WAC Championships.

The swim coach, Sage Hopkins, said the team is excited and that there is a lot of anticipation and expectation this year.

Hopkins said that while he

“We have meetings, hang out, support each other during races and when you’re having a bad or good day, your friends are there for you,” Trammell said.

DeWames said everyone feels like this is the best team they’ve ever had and that they’re all taking care of themselves.

“We have team dinners and talk about excitements,” DeWames said. “It’s always nice to know what’s going on in your teammates’ lives.”

Hopkins said the unity of the team is all about the recruitment process.

“I recruit people by how I believe they’ll function in a team environment,” Hopkins said.

The team left for the meet on Monday to face off against eight teams, hoping to be in the top three, said Doga Gur, an SJSU sports information assistant.



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Sophomore Heather Denman swims during practice

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# T.O.M.: otherwise known as that time of the month

OK, so I know this isn't the most lady-like thing I will do in my lifetime, but it is something on my mind.

Every girl goes through it, and this monumental bodily change welcomes sweet, innocent, little girls into the adult world of womanhood.

I was 11 when I got my period, and was I mortified.

I noticed this little curse when I went to my grandmother's house after school one day and tried to ignore it, but it was inevitable. I knew what was going on and didn't want it to be happening.

Hell, years before sex education in fifth grade, I thought it was the worst thing that could ever happen — well, at the time. Remember, I was young and didn't know the ways of the world.

After school that day, two of my friends and I were in my front yard, talking about family members we knew that got it at the ages of 10, 13, 16, 18 and so on.

We kept telling one another how we wished we got it when we were 16 or so, because then we could still enjoy life.



**Ashley Finden**  
Staff Writer

To us, it froze the ability to enjoy our lives and freedom.

So when I went to the bathroom that one day at my grandma's, I knew my childhood was over.

My mother, grandmother, sister and stepmother all talked to me about menstruation when they found out, but that embarrassed me, since I didn't want anyone to know.

And now, 10 years later, I am publishing this in a newspaper for the world to read.

I now appreciate the fact I have my period, and am much more knowledgeable about my period, but it is still a time of the month I do not enjoy.

I mean, yeah, I get over it and go on with my day, but having a period is truly an uncomfortable situation that men will never know or experience.

The start of my menstrual cycle can come at any time of the day, morning, noon or night. Goody.

“What is so bad about that?” some may ask. Well, think about it people, if I start at night, I

wouldn't know because I am asleep, things start to leak ... flippin'-A.

So after that, I have to wash everything, including my sheets, and clean up.

Eww.  
If I start in the morning it isn't too bad, but still takes up a bit more time and preparation for the day.

Afternoon can't be that bad then, right? Wrong.

I am either in class, working or somewhere preventing me from taking care of the situation at hand. And there are times I do not have my backup tampons or pads to save me, so I am screwed and have to substitute until I get the proper equipment.

Ugh, and the sitting and walking with my pad on when I'm not wearing a tampon, words don't even describe how gross I feel.

Sometimes I don't wear tampons because my period isn't heavy enough, which kind of hurts, to be honest.

Oh, and imagine working out or being in a physical education class and being on your period. Every girl here has had that experience, and it sucks.

One time, I was in my volleyball class here at SJSU and was on my period, but I had no tam-

pons to wear, so I was stuck with pads. Well, for me it seems that my menstruation flows faster if I am working out, which ordinarily isn't an issue, but is when you're stuck wearing a diaper.

Blah.  
And sitting around in a pad full of you know what, oh my goodness is that disgusting or what people?

Oh and those cramps, oh man, those cramps can be murder.

I usually don't get cramps, but I have had my fair share of painful cramps resulting from good ol' Aunt Flow.

One morning, in the summer (the worse time of the year for a period), I was getting ready for work and all of a sudden got this incredibly sharp and almost gut-wrenching cramp in my lower abdomen. It was so bad that I had to sit down and crawl to get my car keys. I don't know what happened, but the pain subsided and it was gone.

You know, men always make fun of women for having their period, but it isn't like we enjoy it all that much, so thanks, jerks.

Oh and by the way, next time you mock us and say stupid things like, “You know something isn't human when it can bleed for seven days,” think about who the hell gave birth to you and who you are always trying to impress and swoon.

## Letters to the Editor

### This letter is a response to ‘Acknowledging Adrian’ that appeared Jan. 28.

SJSU guard Adrian Oliver deserved his recognition on Jan. 28. I am glad that Adrian is finally getting acknowledged for his hard work and dedication to his team and his unwavering craft that he has almost perfected. He is definitely deserving of this national award.

Adrian has done big things for SJSU men's basketball team since he transferred here from Washington University about two years ago, and the team would not be where they are without him.

The same week that he received this award, he also scored his career all-time high, with 39 points.

Thank you for letting Adrian have his moment to shine.

Chanell Schamber

### This letter is a response to ‘Look of the week’ that appeared Feb. 10

I have noticed the “Look of the Week” is a new addition to the Spartan Daily, added this semester.

I think that it is a good change and is an interest of many readers. I specifically enjoyed the look of the week interview with Ming Leung — it is refreshing to see a male highlighted for being fashion forward.

I look forward to see the different looks every week I am happy to see that fashionable people are becoming recognized on our campus.

Jennifer Giles

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# God save McQueen

Being so busy and stuck in classes sometimes, I forget to keep up with the headlines as the day goes by. But on Feb. 11, I received a text message from a friend.

“McQueen is dead.”  
I stopped dead in my tracks and could not believe what I had read.

At first, I thought it was a crude joke. I thought to myself, “How could someone as amazing, talented and to say the least, one of the best fashion designers of all time be dead at age 40?”

I rushed to class to get to a computer to find out more information about his death and when I found out he had hung himself, I felt pressure on my own neck.

Alexander McQueen was more than a fashion designer, he was an artist. His designs were more than clothes, they were art. Down to the hair and makeup he would choose for his shows, there never will be another McQueen.

His fashion shows were more than another runway with pretty models and pretty clothes — he would put together fashion performances. He had these out-of-this-world ideas, such as robotic camera arms and gothic carousels he used on the runway.

Though I never met him, I respect him and admire him deeply and miss him and his art.

Days before his suicide, McQueen’s mother had died and he was in a dark place.

It was reported on his Twitter that he had tweeted how sad and upset he was with the death of his mum. But hours later, he replaced his status with, “I just need to get over it.”

As an admirer and lover of fashion, it pains me to know he killed himself. McQueen’s death reminded me that other people tend to not know or forget the darker side of the fashion industry.

Many think that this world



Jasmine Duarte  
Staff Writer

of Fashion Week and all its glitz and glamour is nothing but beautiful people and lavish gatherings. While at times it is truly that, there is an element people forget to see.

There is the expression: With great tragedy comes great art.

I think the same could be said about fashion.

Having been in the industry first hand, I can tell you it’s cut-throat and competitive — you never know who you can trust.

The death of McQueen has, to a degree, made me worried about whether I am cut out to be the fashion journalist I want to be.

This life, this industry is not all fabulous and glamorous. I hope McQueen’s unfortunate death will show people that just because you are one of the most demanded designers does not mean you are happy.

To quote the legendary Anna Wintour, editor-in-chief of Vogue magazine, “People laugh and make fun of the fashion industry because they either fear it or don’t understand it, and when people don’t understand something, they make fun of it or choose not to take it seriously.”

The other unfortunate part about McQueen’s suicide is that it was on the eve of London Fashion Week. Which again proves that, though you think someone lives the glamorous life, you could be quite wrong.

# Putting the sing in embarrassing

Not even halfway through this season of “American Idol,” I find myself done with the show.

Yes, because there are no more auditions and no more Hollywood Week performances, meaning, all that’s left is talent, and the fun has been replaced by a serious tone.

I know Simon Cowell can be as much of a smart-ass in the later stages of the competition as he is during the auditions and Hollywood Week, but the difference is he won’t have as many opportunities to show that side of himself now that he is dealing with talented people.

I have watched a full season of “American Idol” from the beginning to the end once, which I regret.

I don’t want to watch talented people get scooped up by a reality show from somewhere in America and dropped off in Hollywood, where some of them, such as Carrie Underwood and Kelly Clarkson, go on to find great success.

I don’t care. I would never listen to the artists that come out of “American Idol” anyway, because I strongly dislike pop music.

So, what’s in it for me? The answer is nothing.

Some of the auditions and some of the performances during Hollywood Week,

on the other hand, actually do something for me — they make me laugh.

I’m sorry — well, actually I’m not, it just looks good on paper to say that — but people making complete fools out of themselves is funny.

I’m not talking about those genuinely sweet people who try real hard but still don’t make it to Hollywood.

I do have a heart and want nothing more than for them to be spared from unnecessary insults.

What I’m talking about are the people who enter the auditioning room with a bad attitude and too much self-confidence, insisting that Cowell is wrong after he tells them they didn’t make it to the next round.

These are the people who, after their auditions, yell profanity at the cameraman while still insisting they are “the next ‘American Idol.’”

As cruel as it may sound, I revel in their failure, because they are too dumb to deserve my sympathy.



Anna-Maria Kostovska  
Staff Writer

Meeting overtly narcissistic people in real life is not entertaining — it’s annoying — but when such people go on national TV and get their egos hurt, it suddenly becomes amusing.

Unfortunately, I think that statement could be applied to most reality shows.

I normally can’t stand reality shows, but somehow I have developed a tolerance, perhaps even a soft spot, for “American Idol.”

It’s something about people thinking they’re amazing singers when they are not that makes this show worthwhile.

But there is none of that left now. The losers of the auditions and Hollywood Week have stepped aside — not necessarily voluntarily, but they are out of the picture — to make way for the talented top 24.

Let’s face it, watching the ones who made it into top 24 is, with a few exceptions, as much fun as going to karaoke night at a local bar and watching an incredible singer take the stage, scaring away all the horrible yet highly entertaining drunk singers.

In other words, it’s no fun at all.  
Goodbye season nine, it was good while it lasted.

## Letter to the Editor

**This letter is a response to ‘SJSU UPD investigating parking garage robbery’ that appeared Feb. 4.**

Safety comes first.  
You come to school feeling safe and that you will get to class then get out of here.  
It doesn’t happen in most cases.  
I totally feel that if you publish this article, more schools will be more aware with security being patrolled around school more.  
From past experience, I was almost mugged at school. It was late at night and there was no security to be seen. Luckily I was fast enough to run and get away to safety.  
In order to keep safety in school garages, more security will be appropriate at night time.  
I know more people will think twice about harassing students.  
So with this letter being published, I believe more students will be aware of their surroundings and securities will take their job more seriously.

Paul Han

# Hold the clothes and pass the cash to Haiti

It’s been 43 days since a 7.0 earthquake leveled Haiti’s capital, Port-au-Prince. Since then, an outpour of donations from generous folks has totaled to more than \$600 million to the country through charities and government help.

Along with cash donations, well-intentioned organizers are collecting clothes, shoes and many other household items to be shipped over to Haiti.

I can’t help but be concerned about the environmental impact of having a colossal mound of band T-shirts and sneakers being shipped over to Haiti when the country already has the means of producing the goods.

It’s a bit redundant.  
The area is already a logistical disaster, and to keep dropping off truck after truck of used clothing seems to add more to the work that needs to be done.

Another example of a well-meaning act is a lo-

cal organization in Santa Clara collecting toys and stuffed animals to send over to Haiti. Though thoughtful and sweet, a Barbie doll can’t be used to give the children in Haiti the proper medicine and surgeries they would need to stay alive.

Dollar donations give volunteers and aid workers more flexibility on when and where to use the money. It doesn’t take ships and cargo planes to bring money over to the area either.

And sometimes, the items we deem unwanted and expendable are the same for Haitians and don’t serve the intended purpose.

A volunteer who recently came back from Haiti told me that she saw a group of people use toothbrushes as cleaning devices because they didn’t



Minh Pham  
Obligatory Space Filler

have toothpaste to use.

The best way I could see clothes donations as being efficient and affective is if someone who was already going to Haiti brought it. That way, it is more likely the clothes would go directly to those who needed it.

Donating money not only serves those who need it but also helps stimulate Haiti’s economy when people are able to purchase locally.

But I can see why some people would be hesitant to donate money, especially large sums of it. We’ve all heard stories about the misuse of donations from hundreds of nonprofit companies.

To think the donation of our hard-earned money for much needed aid was spent on a CEO’s trav-

el expenses is shocking and difficult to swallow.

To think our unwanted sweatshirts are laying around the dirt somewhere is a little easier to swallow.

Unrestricted donated money means charities do not have to use it for Haiti right away. They can spend the money on other causes they support. But is that so bad? Many charities and foundations have bottlenecks on the amount of money spent for a disaster anyway, so why not use the money to immediately serve other needy causes around the world?

If you still have reservations, put a little more work into your donation.

Do your research on what charity is collecting the money, where it is going and who is regulating it all. Clothing is dandy but money is quicker.

“Obligatory Space Filler,” appears biweekly on Wednesdays.  
Minh Pham is a Spartan Daily A&E editor.

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