Ismael Del Toro, a U.S. Air Force technical sergeant, said he has overcome intense adversity in the five years and 120 surgeries since he and his team were ambushed by the Taliban in the mountains of Afghanistan.

An elite joint tactical air controller, Del Toro spoke to a group of 60 SJSU Air Force ROTC cadets Thursday at the Boccardo Business Center, recalling his experiences as a member of the U.S. Air Force and the challenges he faced since he was wounded.

Joint tactical air controllers are Air Force personnel assigned to Army units on patrol or on the attack, Del Toro said. When under fire, the Army relies on these units to call in air support and direct fire onto enemy positions.

Del Toro said he and his team were acting on intelligence they received about a high-value target when their Humvee hit an improvised explosive device in December 2005.

“When I got out, I noticed I was on fire from head to toe. I felt like I was going to die, and I’m never going to see my son again,” Del Toro said. He sustained from an improvised explosive device explosion while serving in Afghanistan.

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Del Toro said the blast left him with 80 percent of his body, and he was in a coma for four months until he woke up in March 2006.

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Club celebrates Indian holiday

Hannah Keirns / Staff Writer

SJSU students, alumni and colleagues partner came together Thursday evening to discuss the current public health crises.

More than 150 people attended the fourth annual Nyawer Lecture and presented by John P. Allegrante, deputy provost at Columbia University, discusses health care at the "Evidence, Equity and Economics in Open Society" event Thursday.

"Evidence, equity and economics in open society" was presented by John P. Allegrante, deputy provost at Columbia University, according to the Columbia University Web site.

The lecture began with the speaker discussing the importance of all people deeming to be shaped the work of public health education in the 21st century.

"The problem we have faced since 9/11 has been the crisis, the impact the 9/11 crisis has on our health and then with this crisis comes the idea of the dilemma of American democracy," Allegrante said of the first trend, the crisis in America.

Allegrante said an estimated 30 billion dollars has been spent over the past year to get people back to work, where, in terms of per capita spending, it is estimated that workers were expected to lose the same amount in 2008.

"We have seen that the system works well for those people who have health care, but now that there is no one to take care of those who can't pay for it or who can pay high deductibles but don't work for well enough to pay for that, we are limited across the nation," he said.

In his second trend, the impact of the development of evidence, especially after 9/11, Allegrante said the devolution began around 9/11 with the Bush administration's ideology in interest in deregulating many public health measures.

"We have seen the impact of that beginning to fail to turn in terms of what it would call all the things that the American government is working on," Allegrante said of the second problem in the public health world, the legislation and the public health infrastructure and the systems of the United States.

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Zombies scare in crazy remake

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The latest string of horror movies has included a very different sort of film: Earth vs. Zombies, which was first published in 2002, is both mindless and captivating. The murder of 14-year-old Susie Salmon leads into 372 pages of her family coping with murder and murder. The book is suspenseful and haunting, taking readers on an emotional roller-coaster of my interest in television crime dramas. For Susie, heaven is about the small things she’s thought and dreamt about on earth, but she mostly uses heaven as a way to watch family, seeing vantage point to narrate the story of her death. Although the plot was compelling, the storyline jumped from person to person and was sometimes difficult to follow. I sympathized with the characters and attempted to help her family reconcile her death.

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Sports In Brief

Swim team makes program history

The SJSU swimming and diving team finished third at the Western Athletic Conference Championships last weekend. The third place finish was the best finish for the team in its history. Heath Hareman finished second in the 100 backstroke, and SJSU’s 400 freestyle relay team finished second.

Softball team wins four in Texas

The Spartans went 4-2 at the UTEP Invitational over the weekend. SJSU began the tournament with a 1-0 loss to the University of Arizona on Tuesday. The Spartans responded with a 4-0 victory over Weber State and a 6-0 victory over New Mexico on Friday. The Spartans stumbled in a 2-0 loss to New Mexico on Saturday before defeating Northern Colorado 11-6 on Sunday. SJSU finished the tournament Sunday with a 10-0 victory over Weber State.

Water polo team defeats Michigan

The SJSU women’s water polo team finished seventh at the UC Invitational this weekend. The SJSU men’s water polo team defeated the fifth-ranked UCLA 10-9 in the first match of the tournament on Sunday. Megan Minson stopped 12 shots and Adriana Vogt and Dani Curnan had three goals in the victory over Michigan.

JSU head coach George Nessman said he was proud of the Spartans’ effort, but there is always room for improvement.
"As a coach, you’re never really happy," Nessman said. "We definitely brought a hard effort into the game. We have a younger team this year, but we have a chance to be really good." Christian said the Spartans are off to a solid start and that they have good team chemistry.

SJSU’s defense stifles Fresno State in win

Matt Sonntroll Self View

SJSU senior guard Robert Oakes said it was nice to see the game against Fresno State on the road.
"This is a feeling that I will never forget," Owens said. "It is something I will tell my kids and grandkids about.

The win clinched a spot for the Spartans in the Mountain West Conference Tournament which will be held March 11-13 in Reno.

JSU head coach Steve Cleveland.

Owens owns senior night as Spartans crush rivals

The Spartans were down by one in the bottom of the seventh inning on Sunday during the third and decisive game of the series against UCSB.

Head coach Tom P notification into the dugout for a player to go in and hit for Bry- son Rahier and new freshman Tyler Christian.

As Christian stepped up to the plate, only his third at- bat in program history, he compos- sed himself and then signaled he was ready for the pitch.

SJSU starting pitcher Nick Caputsi capped the ball to- ward the plate and Christian swung, sending the ball flying over the wall in left field for a go-ahead three-run home run, giving the Spartans a 4-2 lead.

"It was my first hit," Chris- tian said. "It was great to just get the hit we needed. It was a great game."

The Gauchos responded in the third inning when Beck Wheeler scored on a ground ball to third baseman from Tommy Gale.

The Gauchos tied the score in the ninth inning when Spartan relief pitcher Zach Jones induced a double play from UCSB’s Marty Mullins to tie the score at 3.

"We lost two really heart- breaking games this week. It is the reality of college basket- ball. You are going to lose some tough games and it is about your resiliency and what you make of it," Nessman said.

Fresno State had a below- average night shooting the ball, missing 2 of its 21 shots. Fresno State’s 15-15 shooting field goals and 4-7 from the three-point line.

"We were just totally swept offensively," said Fresno State head coach Steve Cleveland. "I don’t feel we had the intensity or aggression level you need to compete."