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PROTESTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

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John Patrick Bedell, the Pentagon shooter who was killed Thursday, had bipolar disorder, according to the Associated Press.

"I would be hard-pressed to think this was a result of someone having bipolar disorder," said Wiggly Sverstern, professor in counseling services, in response to some theories on his motive.

In Thursday's Pentagon shooting may have been bipolar.

Sverstern said she thought there were other important factors that motivated Bedell.

"People have this rage, this boiling lots of resentment against the government," she said.

Sverstern said it appears as if he was struggling with serious psychological issues other than bipolar disorder.

People with bipolar disorder are not more likely to commit crimes than others, but they are as capable of committing a crime as those who don't suffer from the disorder sometimes feel high and intense while, at other times, low and depressed.

During his time at OSU, Bedell showed no signs to peers and professors he would commit such a crime, said Pat Lopez Harris, director of media relations for OSU.

"People who knew him saw one side — his academic side," she said. "If he had another side, as many of us do, people didn't see it, based on the professor's I've talked to." 

Sverstern said bipolar disorder is characterized by highs and lows, meaning people who suffer from the disorder sometimes feel high and intense while, at other times, low and depressed.

"People in these situations shouldn't be marginalized by their classmates," Harris said. "Mental illness is a complicated thing and we haven't found answers yet.

Junior art major Sean Dwyer said the suspect most likely wasn't in his right mind when he committed the act.

Dwyer, who said he's not familiar with bipolar disorder, said he thinks people who suffer from the disorder have a split personality.

Sverstern said people with schizophrenia sometimes have what is referred to as a split personality.

She said that bipolar disorder should not be confused with schizophrenia.

"People with bipolar disorder don't flip back and forth between personalities," she said. "Bipolar people need medications to help level out the mood of these kinds of things," she said.

Bipolar disorder may not have affected Bedell's behavior.

Sverstern said that bipolar disorder is not curable, which means people will need medications.

Medication helps level out the mood of people with bipolar disorder so they don't experience the extreme highs and lows, she said.

Harris said she didn't want people to remember Bedell for the Pentagon shooting.

"By all indications, he was an excellent student during his time here," Harris said. "He was bright, thoughtful and well liked. That's how we'll remember him."
Students learn about Indian culture

The Global Technology Initiative Study Tour passes in front of the Taj Mahal during one of the groups outings in India. (Photo courtesy of San Francisco Dream."

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CSU’s seek more Latino participation in college

Jasmine Durate
Staff Writer

California State University, along with Univision Communications, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, launched the campaign "La Emocion" (the Moment is Now), according to a CSU news release on Feb. 23. The three-week effort will focus on creating a college-going milieu within the Latino community and setting expectations for an inspired Latino high school graduation rate and Latino participation in college. Erik Fallis, CSU’s director of Chicano/a Affairs, said, during an e-mail interview that the fastest-growing minority group in the U.S. is gaining access to higher education than ever before but still suffers from a lack of representation in higher education.

"A great education is not an honor or privilege—it’s a fundamental civil right," stated Melinda Gates, co-founder of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, in a CSU news release. "The partnership with Chicano/a students will not only inspire Hispanic students and their parents and community to aspire to a college education, a college education will give Latinos access to the information and tools they need to transform their dreams," said Gates.

"We can’t think of a better partner to work with on "La Emocion" than Univision, which shares this belief in the power of education," stated CSU Presidentu.

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Cards may help seniors graduate on time

Eric Austin
Staff Writer

Academic Advising and Retention Services has implemented a new tool this semester to help graduating seniors who have applied for graduation to get on time, said the director of Academic Advising and Retention Services, Cynthia Kato.

"The cards verify that a student is a graduating senior," said Kato.

The cards are not required as a graduation requirement, but will give the student an advantage in getting into classes, Kato said.

"If a class is full, it’s full," he said.

Overall, the cards have been successful and will be used again next semester, Kato said.

"We plan to keep doing it for the future because we found that people are very pleased with it," she said.

The director of Academic Advising and Retention Services, Christopher Davis said he plans to continue using the cards for next semester.

"The cards do not ensure that a person will get into a class, Kato said.

"They do not guarantee anything—this is just follow-up and will get into classes," he said.

"I think the cards are a great tool to help graduating seniors on time," Kato said.

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CSU students got an opportunity to learn about Indian culture and business culture during a trip to India.

The trip, which was organized by the Global Technology Initiative Study Tour, was a unique opportunity for students to experience life in India and learn about its culture and business practices.

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The new “Alice in Wonderland” remake, directed by Tim Burton, is an entertaining family film that made me feel like I fell down the rabbit hole and entered a strange new world.

The film stars Mia Wasikowska as Alice, a 19th century Londoner, 13 years after the original story. Alice came from a wealthy family, and her mother took her to a party for an arranged engagement to a man whom she is not interested in.

Alice saw a rabbit, which she abruptly left the party to follow, and subsequently fell down the rabbit hole.

Once Alice arrived in Wonderland, the movie changed into a computer-animated 3-D adventure that was surprisingly enjoyable.

Wonderland was full of multicolored mushrooms and vibrant flowers, blanketed by a dark gray sky.

Alice felt she was just in another dream, but she quickly found out she was not dreaming and had a purpose for being in Wonderland.

The plot focused on Alice finding a way to defeat the evil Red Queen.

Johnny Depp’s insane portrayal of the Mad Hatter was another terrific performance. Depp and Burton found a way to make the character strange and hilarious.

With bright green eyes, a pale white face and bright orange hair, I completely forgot Depp was playing him.

The Mad Hatter befriended Alice and helped her on her quest to defeat the Red Queen.

Helena Bonham Carter’s performance as the Red Queen particularly stood out in the movie. She appeared on-screen, she was abrasive, loud, rude and the perfect villain.

She had an oversized head that pops out of the screen, and every time she yelled “off with their head,” my ears hurt.

Anne Hathaway’s White Queen was the one character I did not like. She was just too strange.

Hathaway was dressed in white with white hair, but black lipstick and eye shadow. It made her look like a film negative.

I felt Alice’s calm attitude during the film contrasted well with the zany characters in Wonderland. It brought a level of reality to an unreal world.

The 3-D special effects were predictable. Branches or bugs were constantly poking audience members in their faces while Alice was being chased through Wonderland by giant animals.

At times, I felt the 3-D effects were too much. My eyes had to refocus on a new object that jumped onto the screen every five minutes.

This is not to say the effects were not good, or that a 3-D Wonderland was not awesome, but there was too much going on for one brain to process.

I feel what makes Burton’s films better than others is that he can take a PG-rated movie and make it enjoyable for older people.

The subject matter is for children, but an average movie fan can enjoy the strange colors, costumes and characters that make the film interesting.

I felt “Alice in Wonderland” was worth the $9.25 price of admission.

It was a fun, entertaining and imaginative film.
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Water polo nets third straight victory

Staff Writer

By Daniel Herberholz

A day after needing a comeback to win, sophomore Dani Marren made sure the SJSU women’s water polo team stepped out to an early lead against No. 15 UC Irvine on Sunday.

With a minute gone against Irvine (7-5), Marren lowered the ball in from eight meters out, and the Spartans hit the rest of the way, winning 7-4.

For the second time this season, Curran and Vogt both stepped up from a scoring standpoint,” SJSU head coach Lou Tully said. “Today they both really stepped up from a scoring standpoint, and goalkeeper Meagan Minson blocked 12 shots for the entire game,” junior Adriana Curran said.

The Spartans outscored Irvine 3-1 in the first quarter. Before their final performance at home Friday, SJSU gymnastics seniors Jessica Khoshnood, Gabrielle Targosz and Tiffany Louis knew it was going to be memorable for them.

But by night’s end, the final performance became memorable for the entire team. The SJSU women’s gymnastics team scored its season best with a 195.075 Friday night in the team’s final meet of the season in the Spartan Gym.

Competing against Stanford and Cal, the record score was good enough to put the Spartans in second place overall behind Stanford (195.080) and ahead of Cal (190.775.)

“Tonight’s meet was probably the best of the year,” Vogt said. “I want us to continue to keep improving. We had a really rough start to the season and I’m really excited to see where we can go from this.”

The final team score of 195.075 was also the seventh highest score in school history. SJSU started first with a 48.525 on the vault. Junior Lily Swann led the team followed by junior Shamu Howard, junior Katie Merritt, sophomore Aubrey Lee, sophomore Katie Valleau and Thomas Wright.

On second rotation at the uneven bars, Wallace led the team followed by senior Tiffany Louis, Khoshnood, Swann, freshman Katie Lindsey and Kathie Wallis.

During third rotation, Wallace led the Spartan balance beam team toward the team’s season-best score of 48.775. Lee followed with a 9.800, Targosz at 9.750, Merritt and Swann at 9.700 and Khoshnood at 9.700. The Spartans finished the meet with floor exercise and scored the fourth-highest score in school history at 49.300. The fourth rotation was led by Wallace and Louis who each scored a 9.750. Valleau came in second followed by Khoshnood, Swann, Merritt, Lee and Targosz.

The final rotation provided Louis and Valleau their career-high scores on floor exercise followed by Khoshnood, Swann, Lee and Targosz.

Kathie Wallis led the team with a score of 195.075. Andrew Villa / Spartan Daily

The gymnastics team will be competing at the Western Athletic Conference Championships on March 27 in Fullerton, Calif. before attempting to gain entry into the National Collegiate Athletic Association Regionals in April.

The gymnastics team continues competition Friday night at Utah State followed by a meet at Boise State on March 19.