Temp teachers could fail to make the cut

By Jennifer Hatley Staff Writer

As SJSU faces further budget cuts, students could find fewer part-time teachers next year.

An estimated 200 people attended the event, Castagna said. “From my perspective, I think that tonight was so important for us, as Christians, to come together and to really be reminded that we need to be aware of the hurting people at our school, in the community, and that’s such an important issue,” said Amy Breydy, a junior anthropology major and member of SJSU Campus Crusade for Christ.

Jenni Kneen, a junior creative arts major and micro- photos controller for the night, said, “This is when all of the fellowships on campus come together, because we are one in Christ.”

United In Christ is an umbrella group for the Christian ministries of SJSU to come together, Castagna said.

UIC is not just one group that works to make all of the groups come together — it’s all the groups working together, he said. “All of the groups together make UIC,” Castagna said. The group comprises the leaders of SJSU campus ministries.

The members of United In Christ meet once a month, and this is the first year it is recognized as a student group.

“Jesus is doctrinal and theological differences, but one thing that I really enjoy about this event is that people put their axes aside for the greater good,” said Robby Valderrama, a senior business finance major and former coordinator for United In Christ.

Kneen, who is also a member of Pulse Club, said, “It’s a common contract employee. I know that when I signed the agreement.”

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Late physics professor known for giant stature and humor

By Amber Simmons

The physics and astronomy department lost one of its most popular professors, Franklin Muehrcke, who died unexpectedly on Dec. 1 at the age of 73.

Muehrcke, who taught physics and astronomy at SJSU for nearly 50 years, was known for his eccentricities and love of science.

"He always carried the quote of things that he learned from watching the stars," said Lewis, who was recruited into the science program at the University of Minnesota, and entered the campus and once one is recognized on campus.

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According to the Dining Commons, there are three different ways to purchase meals, through optional meal plans and gold points.

Joanna King, nutritional coordinator for Nutrition Education Action Team, said a vegan diet can be healthy if you are diligent about the sources of food you eat, such as getting protein from beans rather than meat products.

Availabilty of Vegan Items

Junior nutrition major Yadira Valdez said she is a vegan because of her food allergies, and she believes that rather than feeding animals grain, society should give the grain to malnourished people.

“It is hard to find items on campus that are vegan,” Valdez said. “I usually bring items from home. Sometimes I feel like getting soy milk that is fortified with calcium,” King said.

“At the Big Tuna, which is a major killer in the United States,” King said.

Nutrients in a Vegan Diet

The fat in a vegan diet is free of cholesterol and is found in oil, nut butters, seed butters, avocado and coconut, according to the Vegetarian Resource Group Web site.

“Zinc and iron are important to integrate into a vegan diet for overall health,” Cahill said.

“Omega-3 fatty acids, which are usually found in fish, can be found in fl axseed oil, canola oil and walnuts, according to the Vegetarian Resource Group Web site.”

“Nuts and oils are a great alternative source to get the healthy omega-3 fatty acids into a vegan diet,” Cahill said.

Jennifer Waldrop, a nutritionist at the Student Health Center, said the vegan diet can lower the risk of many diseases, such as obesity, hypertension and digestive disorders when compared with a diet high in meat.

“It is important to understand that balance is key to a healthy vegan diet, because it can at times be masked by an eating disorder,” Waldrop said. “As long as the diet is planned and combined with proper information on essential nutrients, the diet will have positive effects on overall health.”

Waldrop said it is important to develop a vegan diet that consists of the right foods in order to be healthy.

“Sometimes, vegan diets can consist of doughnuts, ice cream, because flour and fat are vegan — so there is a big range of quality in a vegan diet,” Waldrop said. “A healthy vegan diet depends on the individual and how combined they are to being healthy and planning their meals.”

Sophomore pre-nursing major Kurt Schmidt fills his plate at “The Big Tuna” counter inside the Dining Commons on Tuesday.

Vegan student Yadira Valdez, a Junior nutrition major, volunteered to help guide a food tour given by the Nutrition Education Action Team on Wednesday.
**Poverty and greed go from South Africa to San Jose Rep**

By Angela Marino
Staff Writer

“Groundswell” is a beautiful play about the collision of two unfortunate tragic events and glamorous dreams of wealth — full of excitement and drama.

The San Jose Repertory Theatre was a full house Friday, during the opening night of “Groundswell.” The play begins with Thami, played by Dwight Huntsman in his San Jose Repertory debut, according the “Groundswell” pamphlet.

Thami, the black caretaker of a South African lodge, is an honest man who wished to give his family what he never had — a bright future. The wealthy investment banker, Smith, is nicely accepting of the two men, who have intentions of taking advantage of Smith’s innocence.

Smith found himself in a situation that thrilled and frightened him as the evening progressed with more intensity from each of the characters.

Peter Van Norden, who played Smith, marked his 10th appearance at San Jose Repertory Theatre, according to the “Groundswell” pamphlet. Van Norden, a native to New York City, has worked alongside many famous actors on film and TV, such as “Jungle of Cities” and “The Listening” with Al Pacino and “Harlem” with Kevin Kline.

The tension between the three characters was filled with passion and fire as they violently yelled at each other. “Groundswell” was a play that encouraged drama and dialogue that captivated my attention for the entire play, because each act confronted the serious topic of poverty and the desperate feeling that wealth is just a paycheck away.

Ian Bruce, the director of “Groundswell,” said Thami and Johan resemble how the politi- cal struggle to build wealth has overcome the ideological issues in South Africa.

The play showed Johan and Thami as poor men obsessed with wealth and the more that is re- moved, the more they become distracted with what they still lack.

The immediate talent of the acting and directing of “Groundswell” made it a dramatic perfor- mance that was educational and eye- opening experience about a much negli- gated topic.

Darkness falls on yet another electro-pop mess that attempts to out of this world

By Hussein Sumra
Staff Writer

LIGHTS debut album, "The Convincing," is a song through the universe of synthesized music.

When you listen, you can say for the first time in your life, the world is beautiful. The Canadian artist said she makes "intergalactic-electro mu- sic," and the title is exactly that. She is trying to find that sounds could be plucked from the richest, or highest, or lowest.

This sounds as if it’s done as it should be, but they are different.

Lyrically, the majority of the songs are standard pop stuff that wants to light the world on fire. Most of the songs deal with love and the troubles of relationships. Although the lyrics are con- cepts and they work, they don’t do much to any.

In a way, it’s similar to comic candy, in that it’s sweet to taste and it’s good while it lasts, but ultimately leaves you unfulfilled.

The title song is a much more balanced affair, as it combines the ethereal feel of "Scarce" and "Re- set" with the methodical build-up of "Drive My Soul." It’s also a start to the more traditional instruments that will surround the rest of the songs in the album.

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"February Air," a more traditional pop song, it sounds like an eerily similar, yet different, version of Evanescence’s "Fall on Me" with Al Pacino and "Harlem" with Kevin Kline.

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Although LIGHTS doesn’t reach the "unearthly heights" she may be hoping for, she does deliver well enough to land on this moon, and those enough potent- ial to be worth looking out for in the future.
Women’s volleyball team wins first game

Five-set thriller ends with Spartan victory over Louisiana Tech on Saturday night

By Angela Marino
Staff Writer

The SJSU women’s volleyball team won its first game of the season against Louisiana Tech on Saturday at Spartan Gym.

Freshman setter Caitlin Andrade said the team has waited 16 games for a win, and it feels great to finally have it.

“We worked really hard and worked together, even through the tough times that we had throughout the game — but we worked really well together and we never gave up,” Andrade said.

The Spartans lost the first set 25-23, but came back in the second set with a 25-21 victory. During the second set, Taylor Japhet spiked the ball into Bulldog Jennifer Goodwin’s face, scoring a point for the Spartans.

Head coach Oscar Crespo said outside hitter Taylor Japhet, who tied for the team lead in kills with 16, has grown this year.

She made errors early in the match, but came back aggressive and strong, he said.

In the third set, the Spartans defeated Louisiana Tech 25-19. During the fourth set, Kyla Minardi tipped the ball over the net and set that left them two points behind Louisiana Tech, 15-12. But the Bulldogs won the final two points to win the fourth set.

Spartans won the fifth set, 15-12, enabling it to sweep the Bulldogs.

Andrade led the Spartans with 54 assists. Louisiana Tech’s Bianca Bin led her team with 26 assists.

Crespo said the win was well deserved.

“We have gotten a lot better at understanding what is going on across the net and picking that up,” he said.

Crespo said the win helped the Spartans believe that all the work they have done has been worth it.

“We are doing a better job offensively and defensively,” he said. “They have definitely developed and grown.”

Minardi also led the team with 16 kills, while Krista Miller, outside hitter and middle back, had a season-best 12 kills.

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SJSU Louisana Tech

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Hockey club undisciplined in loss

By Jennifer Hadley

The SJSU hockey club was defeated by the Denver Pioneers 7-1 Saturday night.

The Spartans started off strong in the first period with a 3-0 lead, but one too many penalties ultimately led to their loss.

Andy Dickerson, SJSU hockey club coach, said the team played well in the first period, but in the second period the team got sloppy.

“We were five on five when we’ve been very solid,” Glaser said. “I think we can play any body, but penalty killing is really our Achilles heel.”

Other penalties against the Spartans included holding and tripping.

Spartan forward and defender Jeff Krajewski said the team needs to work on playing well even when they are penalized.

“We were five on five (where) you will have to compare,” Krajewski said. “I think that’s something we need to work on if we’re going to be a championship team.”

Forward Jeff Malave said the team needs to focus when the team isn’t in its favor.

“Everybody gets really negative,” Malave said. “A lot of chirping, a lot of people try to act like they’re the toughest guy on the team, we start self-judging and trying to fight somebody, trying to be somebody else, and it definitely takes a toll on the team.”

Assistant coach Ian Fazi said the team played well in the first period, but in the second period the team got sloppy.

“The second period, we started to expose our weaknesses,” Fazi said. “We were running around, not playing our positions, and it ended up costing us on the score board.”

With 17 seconds left in the third period, forward Kyle Dutra scored a goal assisted by forward Luftian Logan, but it wasn’t enough for the Spartans to win the game.

“We worked hard to get a couple goals back in there, and we never gave up,” Dutra said.

Coach Glaser said the team is working on penalty killing in preparation for the game the next day in Long Beach and San Diego.

“Unfortunately, we have a number of players who have been the minions,” Glaser said. “One biggest concern is getting guys healthy for this weekend. It’s tough working on the penalty kill when half the team is sick.”

Grad student Caleb Murray said he wanted more energy and effort from the crowd.

“We need the crowd to be in this one rather than just when goals go in ... this isn’t a golf game.”

Murray said.

The Spartans next game is on the road against Long Beach State on Thursday.

SPORTS

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Spartan Daily
Hey girl. I see you tagged me in a photo on Facebook, you always have this big grin in all your pictures, but this one was different.

Someone took a picture of the program from your funeral. And then you were, happy as if you’ve won been, a photographic image on the cover of a folded piece of paper that oversimplified your 27 years of life.

I only got to see you once at a year at best, so I understood when you found out about your death through Facebook.

One status update led to another, until my feed was flooded with one-truth-to-your-life tributes. I know I wasn’t a close enough friend to warrant a phone call. I didn’t even have your number.

So instead of being upset by the immodest nature of it all, I allied by this collective grief to grieve. I can see strangers write about you in their own words. Each time I’m thinking what accident in their lives prevented them to post a simple “Thank you” or “Love you.”

It hurt a lot to see such a truly beautiful character suffer. Just to know you were as happy at peace as the only comfort we’ve got all in this.

Remember that first time you found me! It was a warm in spring 2002. You shared your poetry, I played piano, we talked about the mysteries of life and all that agpy tough lady stuff. I always to think about anything.

I don’t think you marred my life, you had your last ad in 2002. They told you they in July 2002 that you had melanoma — cancer of the skin — and by May 2003 it had spread to your eye. It con

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of the projects being introduced on United In Christ Night was a clothing drive for victims of the typhoons that struck the Philippines during October.

United In Christ will be accepting donations all week, she said.

Valderrama, a member of Campus Crusade, introduced the worship team. 

“This band is a microcosm of the people attending UIC Night,” said Valderrama, who also sang and played electric guitar at the event.

Some students stood, some waved their arms, others bowed their heads, as the six band members played throughout the night — the lyrics were projected above their heads onto a black screen.

“The worship part was great, especially after the prayer and sermon,” Kwan said. “It really tied everything together and gave everyone a chance to sing their hearts out.”

Keivan Tehrani, a pastor for Compassion Bridges ministry, urged attendees to “break their hearts” to learn compassion for the people they seek to serve.

“I really enjoyed hearing Keivan speak,” said Gina Herd, a senior radio, television and film major and member of Campus Crusade. “And his bringing to light the issue that we need more compassion in the world. It’s important.”

Castagna said Tehrani has worked with SJSU Campus Crusade for Christ in the past, and Tehrani’s ministry helped fund United In Christ Night through advertising in the United In Christ Yellow Books.

“This place is more welcoming, more informal, less intimidating than walking into a church — students lead this group and it’s powerful to see students lead themselves,” Tehrani said.

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Richard Hayes, a senior mechanical engineering major, enjoys a relaxing session of contact juggling outside of Dwight Bentel Hall on Thursday.

“I commute from San Francisco, and this is a way for me to clear my head in between classes when I’m finished with my work,” Hayes said.

He said contact juggling involves the manipulation and motion of an object, such as a ball, without it ever leaving the surface of the juggler’s body.