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Paper fire forces evacuation of Joe West Hall

By Kyle Szymanski
& Leonard Lai
Staff Writers

A piece of paper that was deliberately lit on fire by a student forced the evacuation of Joe West Hall on Tuesday, a university housing official said.

Shortly after 11:15 a.m., a housing maintenance employee found a piece of paper that had been deliberately set on fire by a student on the 11th floor, community relations coordinator Kevin Brown said.

"I wasn't sure if it was a false alarm," said Deanne Campos, a freshman liberal studies major and resident of Joe West Hall. "I was trying to sleep."

A maintenance worker pulled the fire alarm, which led to the evacuation of the building, Brown said.

She said there were no injuries.

Smoke from the burning piece of paper circulated throughout the building through the ventilation system, Brown said.

She said the San Jose Fire Department responded within minutes of the call, searched the building, and determined that there was no further risk to students.

Students were allowed back

into the building at 12:30 p.m., when the minor fire was put out and minimal damage occurred, Brown said.

A fire had previously broken out in Joe West Hall during the summer, Brown said.

Wes Roberson, a freshman business administration major, said he was out eating when the incident took place.

"When I came back, all this was going on," Roberson said.

Students were notified of the incident via the intercom, located in all SJSU classrooms.

Freshman biology major Awet Tekle, who said she lives on the fifth floor of Joe West Hall, said he slept through the fire alarm and didn't hear about the incident until he woke up at 3 p.m.

He said he felt the alarm should be louder in the hallways of Joe West Hall.

"It wasn't just me who fell asleep, my roommate fell asleep through it as well," Tekle said. "I think having an R.A. come to the door would help, because the alarm was not loud enough."

Ben Vargas, a sophomore justice studies major who said he lives on the eighth floor of Joe West Hall, said he was in class when he heard the alarm.

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[Chad Ziemendorf / Spartan Daily]

San Jose firefighters leave after investigating a fire in Joe West Hall on Tuesday.



[Kirsten Aguilar / Spartan Daily]

The Vietnamese Student Association organized a protest in an attempt to increase awareness of suspected police brutality in front of San Jose City Hall on Tuesday.

Students protest suspected police brutality

By Angela Marino
Staff Writer

"Killer cops in every town. We won't forget. We won't back down," said a group of students at a police brutality protest in front of San Jose City Hall.

About 50 students gathered in front of San Jose City Hall on Tuesday to protest against

suspected police misconduct against San Jose residents.

Steven Do, a community service chair for the Vietnamese Student Association at SJSU, said the association wanted to show its support for police brutality as a national issue.

"We came out today to support Phung Ho, the SJSU international student who was Tased

by San Jose police, but also to show how serious this issue is outside of the Vietnamese community," Do said. "It happens everywhere."

Ho was beaten with a baton and was shocked with a Taser gun by four San Jose police officers, according to the Oct. 28

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Students scoff at flu shots

By Ryan Fernandez
& Leonard Lai
Staff Writers

The H1N1 virus is not a concern for some students, who say they have chosen not to be vaccinated for the virus.

"I really don't think I need it," freshman pre-nursing major Son Nguyen said. "If you're strong and healthy, then what's the point?"

H1N1 is the most common influenza virus in humans, according to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' Influenza Research Database.

Roger Elrod, Student Health Center director, said students should get vaccinated to protect themselves and the people around them against the flu.

He said the vaccinations serve two purposes — to boost the immune system of individual recipients, and to reduce the transmission rate of the virus through a concept called "herd immunity."

Elrod said "herd immunity" involves vaccinating a given population to prevent the spread of a virus such as H1N1.

The virus cannot infect people

who have already been immunized, and people who are immune cannot infect people who have not been vaccinated, he said.

"The more people that are immunized, the fewer number of people the virus can jump through to spread," Elrod said. "We're trying to isolate the swine flu physically by having people wash their hands and keep their distance from the sick, and isolate it medically by immunizing people with the vaccine."

Maggie Leung, a senior inter-

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Provost candidate says she can make a difference

By Leonard Lai
Staff Writer

The provost search continued with the second candidate's hearing at 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

More than 130 people gathered in the Engineering auditorium to listen to Zulma Toro-Ramos talk about why she would be the right person for the job.

Toro-Ramos, dean of the College of Engineering at Wichita State University, said her pas-

sion is students and service to society.

"I think I can bring something to the table," she said. "I can make a difference, and that's what drives me. Transforming lives is my drive, and I think I can do it as a provost."

She said she has more than nine years of experience as a dean at more than three colleges.

Judith Lessow-Hurley, a professor of elementary education, said the provost is one of the most important positions on

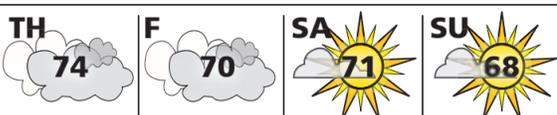
campus. "What better way is there than this to meet with a possible provost candidate and ask them questions?" she said.

Toro-Ramos started taking questions from the audience after she introduced herself.

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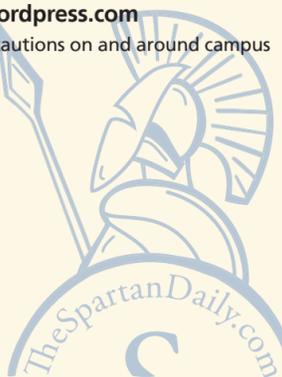
Toro-Ramos said she is part

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Correction

Registration for winter session begins Saturday, not Dec. 18 as previously reported in the article "Winter session offers 12 days for three credits," which appeared in Tuesday's paper.

Tense students can fight stress with free massage chair

By Dominique Dumadaug
Staff Writer

Pictures of leaves and waterfalls decorate the walls of room 205 of the Health building, and a mini water fountain sits on a table next to a leather massage chair.

The Health building staff is calling the chair the "wellness massage chair," and it is available to any student in need of some relaxation, stated Melinda Chu-Yang, wellness and health promotion coordinator, in an e-mail.

"Students should expect to feel relaxed and relieved while using the massage chair," she stated in an e-mail. "The 'wellness massage chair' will massage and stretch a person's body."

Chu-Yang said in an interview that the idea of the "wellness massage chair" was brought about as a way to help students relieve their stress.

She stated in an e-mail other universities have also purchased their own massage chairs to help their students relieve some tension.

"The 'wellness massage chair' gives students a 15-minute massage and a choice of four different massages," Chu-Yang stated. "Students just need to sit back and relax, and the chair will massage you."

Students have the choice between a Shiatsu, Swedish, deep massage and stretch massage, Chu-Yang stated.

Some students, such as Lisa Carlson, a senior environmental studies major, said they had not heard about the "wellness massage chair."

"I don't really go to extra things," she said. "I just go to my classes and then do my homework and then leave, usually."

Carlson said she is skeptical about using it.

"I'm not big on sitting in massage chairs," she said.

According to the "wellness massage chair" flyer, students should bring towels and clean socks when using the massage chair.



[Dave Cabebe / Spartan Daily]

The "wellness massage chair" sits in Room 205 of the Health building.

Chu-Yang stated in an e-mail that it is because of sanitary reasons, but to also keep the chair in good condition, so the Wellness and Health Promotion Center can continue to offer the service for a long time.

With the flu season nearing, Chu-Yang stated that keeping everything sanitary is important.

"We ask students to use the hand sanitizer that is in the 'wellness massage chair' room prior to getting their massage," Chu-Yang stated. "We are using cleaning wipes to wipe down the massage chair at the beginning and end of every day. The wipes are also in the room if students would like to wipe the chair down before they use it."

To use the wellness massage chair, students must make an appointment at Health building 209, Chu-Yang stated.

Appointments for the massage chair are available Monday

through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., she stated.

"We would like students to utilize this free service that is excellent in helping relieve stress during a stressful semester," Chu-Yang stated. "A student can walk in and make an appointment immediately if there are open slots. Students are only allowed to make one appointment per week."

Carl Ihenacho, a defensive end for the SJSU football team and senior psychology major, said the massage chair can be beneficial for all students.

"I think that could be something, especially around the time of finals, that can be useful for students who have a little break time and feel stressed," he said.

Some students have enjoyed the massage chair so much that they have returned for repeat appointments, Chu-Yang said in an interview.

Elrod said other possible side effects include allergic reactions, because the vaccines are manufactured using chicken eggs, and a condition called "syncope," which is a medical term for fainting.

"For whatever reason, whether it's stress or just the experience of getting the shot, some people faint," he said.

Elrod said a small number of people might faint 10 to 20 minutes after receiving an injection, which is why injectees are now asked to wait for that period of time before leaving.

"They don't want people to walk away or drive and then faint," he said.

Tan Tran, a sophomore business accounting major, said he would consider being vaccinated if the university made vaccines available.

He said there is little incentive for him to get vaccinated, be-

cause he was not directly affected by the flu.

"It's not the first thing that pops into my head," he said. "I'd probably get a shot if there were a big epidemic."

Elrod said the health center placed an order for vaccines but it has not yet arrived, and said students should look for opportunities to get the vaccine off campus.

"Students should be actively looking for a source and get it soon," he said. "The sooner you get the vaccine in your system, the sooner it can start helping your immunity."

Elrod said the Santa Clara County Public Health Department is holding a series of vaccination clinics around Santa Clara County on Saturday.

He said there would be about 4,000 to 5,000 vaccine doses per clinic.

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of an institution, and she gives her heart and soul to the goals of an institution and moves forward with it.

"The most important thing to me is the people, student, faculty and staff," she said.

If she comes to SJSU, she said she will give the best of herself, knowledge, experience and abilities to serve.

How do you plan on building the bridges between departments as a whole?

Toro-Ramos said a goal any university should have is a strong institution.

"I want a participative process, in which it will allow the faculty, students and staff to be a part of the deliberations and decision making process," she said.

What is the difference between the job of provost and president?

The provost deals with internal issues, the president mainly deals with external issues, Toro-Ramos said.

"The provost should have the skills, and capabilities, and be part of a team that will advance the academic mission of the institution, and cooperate with the president in also moving forward," she said.

What is her relationship with student affairs on campus?

Toro-Ramos said "relation-



[Kirsten Aguilar / Spartan Daily]

Provost candidate Zulma Toro-Ramos holds a question and answer session in the Engineering building Tuesday.

ship" was a colorful word, and there would have to be a collaborative approach to recruiting students.

"We have retention problems in the College of Engineering, but we have a partnership with the office of multicultural affairs," she said. "I believe the most effective way of moving a college of higher institution is to move forward collaboratively."

Interim Provost Gerry Selter said he believes the hearing

went well. Some of the questions were challenging, he said.

"She handled them quite well," Selter said. "She was very candid, open and quite honest."

He said that if there was more time, more questions would have been asked.

"It's very difficult to bring someone in for one day, when they will be busy talking with many different departments," he said.

A.S. Child Care Center finds funding to continue serving families

By Samantha Rivera
Staff Writer

Care remains the same as funding changes at the A.S. Child Care Center.

Senior nursing major Mylah Viray has been bringing her 3-year-old son to the A.S. Child Care Center since he was a one-and-a-half year old.

As of this year, she can no longer bring him on Fridays.

"I don't know if budget's part of it, but because government pays for it (the center) all, I'm not allowed to bring him in on Fridays, so now it's just Monday through Thursday," Viray said. "My husband doesn't work, and I work very little so we're subsidized. But, care is still the same. We still get everything."

Frances Roth, director of the A.S. Child Care Center, said about 56 percent of the low-income families at the center are subsidized by the California Department of Education as of this semester.

As of this year, two families have dropped Fridays from their child care schedule because of furlough days, Roth said.

A furlough day is a required day off without pay, according to the SJSU Furlough Web site.

Roth said SJSU used to help fund the center, but as of late last

year, representatives from SJSU's division of student affairs let the center know that it would cease funding, causing a \$30,000 a year decrease in funds.

Now, the center has to depend on the California Department of Education, which provides \$300,000 a year for the subsidized families who pay between nothing and \$20 per day, depending on criteria based on monthly income and family size.

Other funding sources include Associated Students, whose tuition fees help fund the center and federal grants that provide \$205,000 a year and also help the low-income families, Roth said.

"It used to be that about only 50 percent of families were subsidized, but the number increased, because some lost their jobs," she said. "So, our income is less, because the government does not support the cost to care for a child."

Three hours of care are provided per unit for students' children, whose ages range from 6 months to 6 years old, during the hours of 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the center, Roth said.

She said she does not anticipate any drastic changes for Spring 2010, and that the center solely plans to cut back on supplies such as paper and ink.

The center already has a lot

of equipment for the children, so funding would not affect that, she said.

Another help in funding comes from the parents' and center's fundraising, Roth said.

Erika Garcia, a sophomore biological sciences major, said she brought her 9-month-old son to the center for the first time this semester.

Garcia said she is part of the low-income program and pays nothing for child care at the center.

"It's such a great program for parents to go back to school or finish school," she said. "Since I qualify for the program, it's a big help. I love it here."

Along with Garcia, Yvette Sanchez, a third year undeclared major, said she gets her child care for free through a subsidy.

"I'm happy," Sanchez said. "I didn't realize I could get that. If I had known about the low-income family program, I would have brought my child in sooner."

There are 11 full-time teachers, two program coordinators, two office assistants, one director and about 40 part-time student aides who work at the center, and while they don't have to worry about losing their jobs, they have to accept that no raises will be given until further notice, Roth said.

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rior design major, said she didn't think getting either flu vaccine is necessary, and said she experienced a side effect after a previous flu vaccination.

"I got a cold after, but I was fine," she said. "If I get the flu once, then I'll be immune to it."

Elrod said adverse reactions are a concern with vaccines, but said the number of people who would experience a reaction is small compared with the number of people the vaccine would help.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site, potential side effects from H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines include soreness or redness at the injection site, a low-grade fever, aches and nausea.



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A day in the life

of a parking enforcement officer

13,000. About the number of parking citations given out last academic year at SJSU.

1,200. About the number of citations given out in a month.

13. The number of parking enforcement officers working on campus.

By My Nguyen
Staff Writer

Parking regulations at SJSU are enforced 24 hours a day, seven days a week, said a University Police Department representative.

"If enforcement does not occur consistently, people tend to get lax and commit violations, because they think that there is no enforcement during that specific time period, and they get mad when they get a ticket," UPD Sgt. John Laws said.

Junior business major Jennifer Sablan said she disputed a parking citation and ended up not paying for it, but said it was a long process for something trivial.

"I was in a rush getting to class," she said. "I found parking, and ran to buy a permit. I tossed it on the dashboard and when I came back to my car, I got a ticket because my permit fell and wasn't showing."

Laws said there are five full-time parking enforcement officers that work on campus, as well as eight student assistant parking officers.

"Parking enforcement officers are trained by a senior PEO, using a department manual as a guide," he said. "There is a formal UPD training program manual for parking enforcement."

Junior kinesiology major Brian Ukpabi said that when he had a problem with purchasing a daily parking permit, the parking enforcement officer who assisted him was helpful.

"This one time, the machine

took my money, but didn't give me a permit," he said. "I found a parking officer and explained to him what had happened, and he wrote me out an all-day parking permit. My day could have started badly, but the parking officer made it better."

Laws said parking enforcement officers are assigned specific areas as their primary responsibility.

Most assignments are based on needs and time of day, he said.

A Day in the Life

Ngoc Nguyen, the lead parking enforcement officer, said he's been working at SJSU for seven years.

He said his duties involve pro-

"Parking personnel are usually the first line of people that people come in contact with ..."

- Ngoc Nguyen
Lead Parking Enforcement Officer

viding information to the public, to the community and to the visitors, regarding the campus and parking.

"Parking personnel are usually the first line of people that people come in contact with, because people park in the garages and in the lots," he said. "So, we'd be the first people they come up to and ask questions."

He said another part duty of his is to enforce parking regulations.

"(I) go out and enforce illegal parking — people who park in restricted areas, people who double park, or park in red zones, or loading zones, and people who misuse disabled placards and other permits," he said.

Nguyen said as lead parking enforcement officer, he provides support for his team.

"If they have any questions out in the field or they are unsure what to do, I'm the first person that they contact," he said. "If I know

the answer, I will provide them the answer. But if I don't know it, I'll try to find the answer for them, so that we're on the same page, and we can do our jobs well."

He said parking enforcement officers also provide vehicle assistance to people who lock their keys in the car, need a jump start or a tire change.

"A lot of students and faculty don't realize we provide these services, but we do a lot of that," he said.

Nguyen said his enforcement team frequently checks parking permits.

"We don't have a set routine," he said. "We go where it needs to be checked. This has been working pretty effectively for us, because when we do it like that people are less likely to guess our routine and try to get away with not paying for parking."

Nguyen said the most common citation given out is "no valid parking permit."

He said on a typical day, he gives out 10 to 15 citations.

"Before, we used to give more (citations)," he said. "Now, people are generally complying, and we're glad to see that improvement."

Nguyen said the change is partly because people have more options when buying permits, including the fact that pay stations now accept credit cards as well as cash.

"Also, more parking enforcement officers are checking for permits, so people are more inclined to purchase parking permits," he said.

Nguyen said there is a stereotype about parking enforcement officers — they're out to get people.



[Photos by Michelle Gachet / Spartan Daily]

Parking enforcement officer Ngoc Nguyen checks to ensure that parking permits are not falsified or reported lost at the Seventh Street garage Monday.

"The stereotypes are always there," he said. "It's not just for parking officers, but anyone in public safety."

He said some people are concerned with his authority and what he does, but he said he and his team are trained to be proficient.

"We are trained to be courteous and professional on the field," he said. "By being professional, we are being tactful and courteous, but at the same time, we're being firm and confident ... because we know what we're doing."

Nguyen said the best part of his job is being able to help others.

"Believe it or not, my job is to assist the campus community and

the general public," he said. "(I am) here to serve the majority."

He said people who don't pay for parking are taking up the parking spaces others have paid for.

"I take pride in being able to help by diligently enforcing parking," he said. "By doing this, I am able to keep the (parking) spaces open for the people who need it."

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What do you think about getting the flu shot?

Damarlynn Wright
Junior, Mechanical Engineering



"I think that getting the flu shot's a good idea. I, personally, have asthma, so I know it can affect me a little more worse than other people. So I think it's a really good idea to get the flu shot, because there's different strands of the flu."

Johnathan Hscu
Freshman, Music



"I think if you can, and it's free, it would be cool. I checked the clinic and they ran out, so that's not good for people who need it. But if you can get it, it would be a good thing."

Scott Brown
Senior, Business Management



"I've never got one. I wouldn't mind getting one though. It's better to be safe than sorry."

Jessica Alvarez
Junior, Psychology



"I think it's something that everyone should get done. I personally haven't done it, just because I'm too lazy to get it done, but definitely, do get it, just because you don't want to go around getting everyone sick."

Sam Mandev
Junior, Electrical Engineering



"Well, I'm not sure it's safe. I hear rumors saying that they could make you sicker in some ways. I try to avoid any unnecessary contact in restrooms, or people who I see in the restrooms not washing their hands."

Chris Isaacs
Senior, Psychology



"I think it's good to get the normal flu shot, but in terms of the H1N1, I don't really trust that one, because they put it together really fast, and it's kind of sketchy, so I've heard."



[Photos by Chad Ziemendorf / Spartan Daily]

Wes Roberson (right), a freshman business administration major, and freshman nursing major Jennifer Warrick sit across the street from Joe West Hall as firefighters investigate a fire.

FIRE

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"My first thought was, 'Man that sucks,'" Vargas said.

He said he felt that he couldn't do anything if a fire broke out on his floor while he was away.

"If my stuff burns in a fire, oh well," Vargas said.

He said he felt the fire drills were enough preparation to get out of the building safely in

case of a fire.

"You got to be pretty stupid to not know how to go down stairs with a giant sign with that says 'Exit,'" he said.

Loni Kung, a freshman pre-nursing major who said she lives on the eighth floor of Joe West Hall, said she was only able to hear the alarm after leaving her dorm room.

"You couldn't hear it at all in the dorm," Kung said. "If I didn't go to the bathroom, I wouldn't have heard it."

Chad Ziemendorf contributed to this story.



A firefighter drags a hose toward Joe West Hall, though it wasn't needed for the fire.

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Hector Hollywood, a 10-year-old red-tailed boa constrictor from Argentina, slithers around Tower Lawn on Tuesday with his owner nearby.

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First feature animation completed on campus

By Husain Sumra
Staff Writer

Students from various departments got together two years ago and created a feature-length animated movie called "Bye-Bye Bin Laden," that was nationally released in September, said an associate scriptwriting professor.

Scott Sublett said this is the first feature-length animated movie to be made at a university.

"This is not Hollywood filmmaking," he said. "This is indie filmmaking."

Sublett said he gathered students from animation and acting backgrounds to start making the film, which was originally a play written by him.

He said he talked to theater students about the project when production started in 2007.

"I realized we had all the resources needed to make an animated independent feature," he said.

The film is a satire about war, TV and religious excess, according to the "Bye-Bye Bin Laden" Web site.

"Scott had sort of pitched this idea of doing a feature-length animated film to our BFA class," said Zachary Knoles, a former animation/illustration major.

Undeclared freshman Andrew Nguyen said the idea of an animated film made by students was interesting.

"I think it's kind of impressive," he said. "I am curious how good it is."

Knoles said the film took one and a half years to animate.

"Other than the script, we had to start from scratch," he said.

He said the film was made using Adobe Flash, an animation program, and that few feature films are made using Flash.

He said most are produced using a 3-D modeling program.

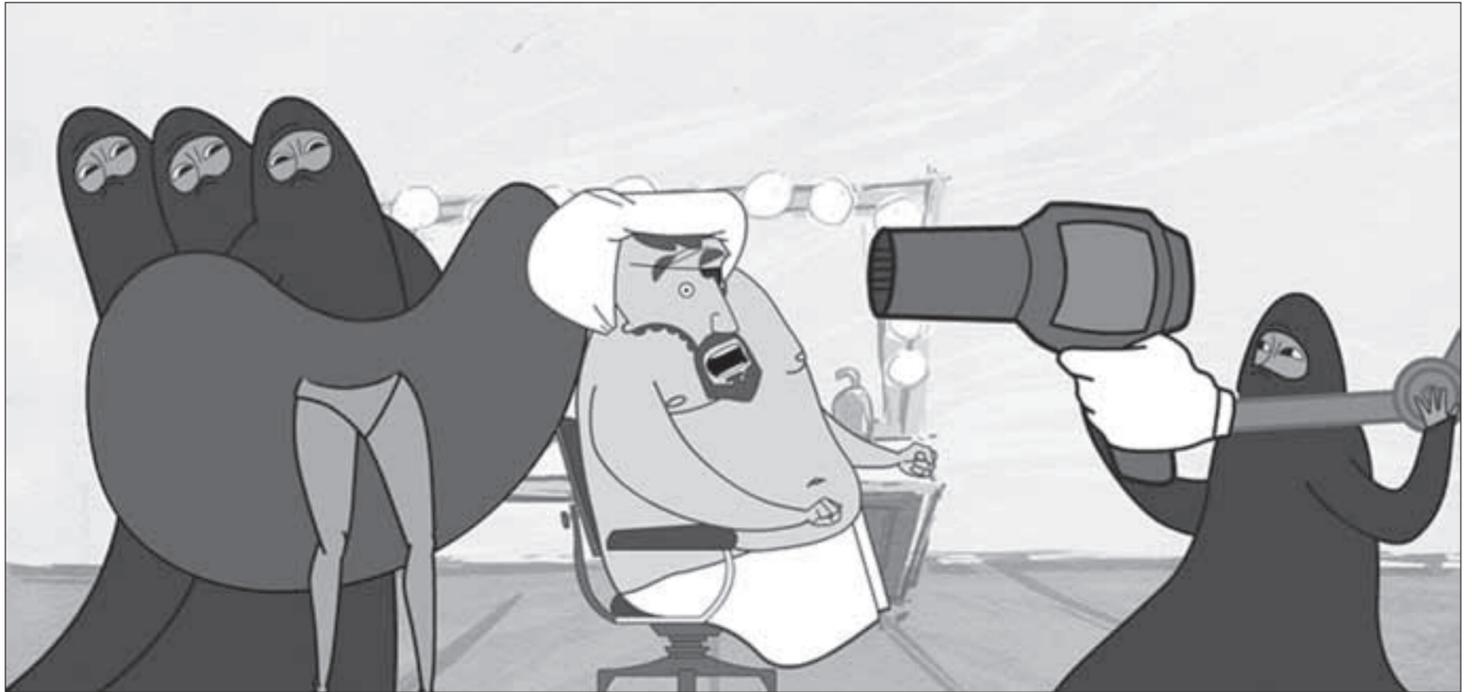
He said that, for an animated feature film, the film took a short amount of time to complete. He said animated features usually take about three and a half years, but that the production team didn't have any idea how large the scope of the film would be.

"We went in with the faith that it would all come together," he said.

Jennifer Corker, a former animation/illustration major, said she enjoyed making the film.

"You just feel like a family with the people you work on a film with," she said.

Freshman microbiology ma-



[Photos courtesy of "Bye-Bye Bin Laden" official Web site]

(Above) An animated still from "Bye-Bye Bin Laden" of character Mullah Omar with make-up artists.

(Right) A still of President George W. Bush with an ensemble of crossmen.

ior Tammy Tran said it's good to know that students are accomplishing things outside of the university and that students can make films at the university.

"It means that the school is broadening what we're doing," she said.

Sophomore biology major Jagdeep Sidhu said it's good that students can use experiences such as making movies to get jobs.

"You can submit it outside (the university) that you've made a movie and its been seen by this many people," he said.

Corker said that after college, she went on to work for Indus-

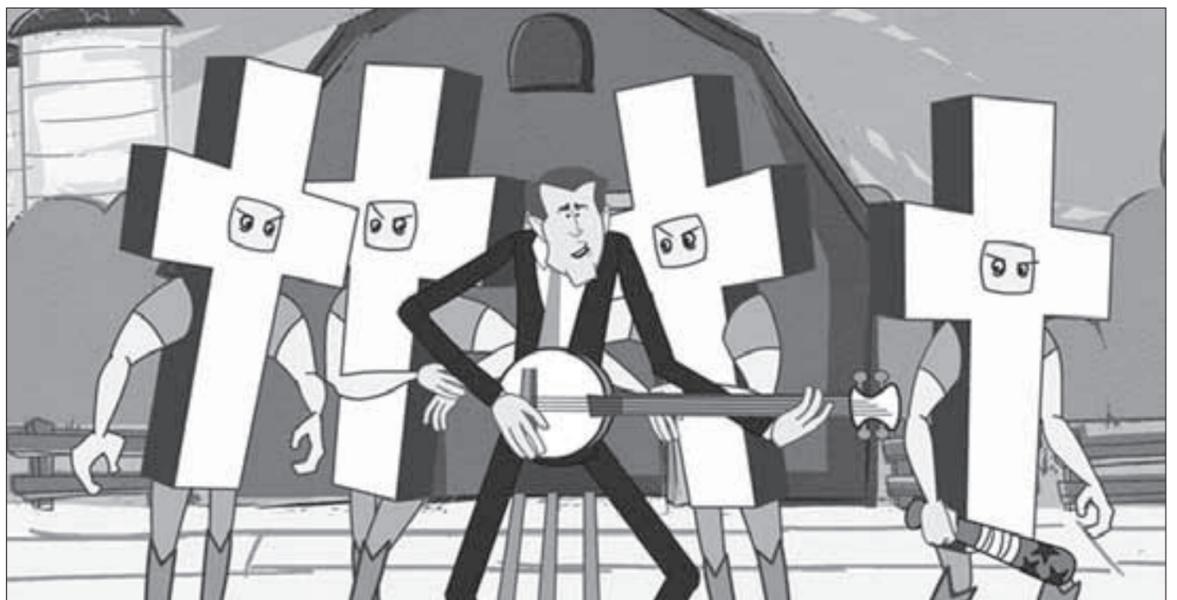
"I realized we had all the resources needed to make an animated independent feature."

- Scott Sublett
Associate Scriptwriting Professor

trial Light Magic, the production team behind the special effects of movies such as "Star Wars."

She said she left a short time later and went into teaching, because she preferred independent filmmaking, which she said is a fun challenge.

"It's close knit," she said. "You have to do more with less."



Knoles said the experience hasn't translated into more job opportunities for him.

"It's a very independent, low-budget project," he said. "The skills don't directly translate."

Sublett said around 100 students worked on the project.

"We had animators," he said. "We had actors. We had sound technicians."

He said that some students are still working on the marketing of the project, but that most have left SJSU.

"Many of the students who began work on this two years ago have subsequently graduated," he said.

The film is available for purchase through Cinequest and may be rented through Netflix.

Photo slideshow aims to offer an understanding of mixed races

By Ben Cadena
Staff Writer

A multimedia display of photos depicting students and staff of mixed race and ethnicity, celebrating different heritages, opened Monday at the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center in the Student Union.

"The main purpose of the show and week was to create awareness for mixed race people," said Heather Lou, coordinator and senior public relations major.

The show started with series of PowerPoint slides displaying the definitions of different racial terms.

"I thought it was an interesting way to showcase a rainbow of races and introduce us to different mixes in our community," junior microbiology major Hafsa Sayyeda said.

"Race" was defined as a social construct.

"Mono-racial" was defined as an identity consisting of one racial group.

The last definition was "biracial," a first-generation mixed-race person who is the product of an interracial relationship.

"Names were purposely left out, but put back in later, in the sense that they were seen as people with different ethnicities, but essentially human beings," Lou said. "That is the point of the mul-

timedia project — to look at our similarities and celebrate our differences."

Ariel Gonzalez, a senior health sciences major, said she always checks "Other" on institutional forms.

"I don't want to identify by just one of my backgrounds, because that doesn't represent what I am," Gonzalez said. "I see and dance in the colors of the world."

Junior photography major Edgar Ramirez said, "I know some of the people in the project and didn't know they had so many races in their blood. We too quickly stereotype people from the color of their eyes or classify them in a group from their type of clothing."

Lou said, "In the 2000 census, we see the first-time use of the 'other' classification and that now there are 7 million mixed race people in the U.S., with 4 million being children.

"We don't have to hide or feel embarrassed about our mixtures. People realize they live in a multicultural society. As a result of the show, people now have a more positive view and can talk about stuff they usually don't bring up unless it's in a directed classroom discussion."

The photo slideshow will be on display through Thursday.

The center will be holding one-woman mixed race performance in the Morris Dailey Auditorium today at 5 p.m.

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edition of the Spartan Daily.

Police reports described Ho as violently kicking and refusing orders, but Ho's roommate captured the arrest on video, according to the Oct. 28 edition of the Spartan Daily.

The videotape revealed 14 baton strikes and the use of a Taser gun, with no violent kicking from Ho, according to the Oct. 28 edition of the Spartan Daily.

The Vietnamese Student Association is a nonprofit organization that was founded to encourage students to be involved in the Vietnamese community, according to the Vietnamese Student Association Web site.

Across the nation, between April 2009 and September 2009, there have been 2,658 victims of suspected police misconduct, according to the Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center Web site.

During the past six months, 215 fatalities were reported nationwide, with reports of suspected misconduct, according to the Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center Web site.

Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center is a organization that is committed to distributing media to promote social and economic justice.

Sophomore pre-nursing major Jenny Nguyen said she came to the protest because police misconduct shouldn't happen in this county.

"I have friends who had their family members beaten and arrested and Tased with handcuffs on," she said. "How are you supposed to defend yourself if you are handcuffed?"

Thanh Pham, a graduate student in music, said the incident with Phung Ho should not be tolerated.

Brian Helmle, a volunteer for De-Bug, said he came to the protest to support people he has worked with De-Bug who have been arrested wrongfully.

"I don't think (police brutality) is an accident," he said. "It will go on until police are held accountable."

De-Bug is an organization and publication that attempts to give a voice to those who would otherwise not be heard in the San Jose community, Helmle said.

Ellen Lin, a psychologist at SJSU counseling services, said that it was great to see students come out and support their community.

"The protest will bring a much-needed awareness to police brutality that is often not discussed," she said.

Smriti Rana, a San Jose Police and Justice Center worker, said she came to the protest to support the people in the community who have experienced police brutality.

"There is excessive force being used by the San Jose Police Department that needs to be addressed, and there really needs to be community accountability for what the police are doing," she said.

A May 10 police misconduct case involved Daniel Pham, who was shot and killed by two San Jose police officers after reportedly refusing officers' demands and lunging at them with a knife, according to the San Francisco Examiner Web site.

Rana said a solution to this problem would be to give more authority to the independent police auditor, who could then do something about the numerous police complaints the position handles.

An independent police auditor provides an objective review of police complaints through police misconduct investigations, according to the City of San Jose Web site.

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Today

Maya Lilly's "Mixed: A One-Woman Show"
5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Morris Dailey Auditorium. For more information, contact Mosaic at (408) 924-6255.

Tomorrow

Brown Bag Lunch with Coach Tomey
12:30 p.m. at the Student Union Amphitheater. For more information, contact Lisa Vlay at lisa.vlay@sjsu.edu.

Game Development Club Meeting
featuring guest speaker Zynga at 7 p.m. in the Almaden Room in the Student Union. For more information, contact Marek Kapolka at (831) 229-5128.

7 Saturday

"A Woman Among Warriors: A talk by Malalai Joya"
3:45 p.m. at the Engineering Auditorium. Join the Student Association for Middle East Students at a discussion with a member of Afghanistan Parliament.

9 Monday

"The Reality of Healthy Relationships: Addressing Myths, Taboos, and Misinformation"
12:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at counseling services, Administration Building Room 201. The Relationship Workshop Series is every Monday. For more information, contact Linda Sattler at Linda.Sattler@sjsu.edu.

10 Tuesday

Assert Yourself!
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Spartan run defense will be tested against Nevada

By Ryan Buchan
Senior Staff Writer

This season, every opponent the Spartans have faced has had a rushing offense ranked in the top half of the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision, and the team has not done much to stop those runners.

Only Western Kentucky University and Eastern Michigan University have been worse at stopping the run than the Spartans in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision this season. SJSU has given up an average of 242 rushing yards per game.

The Spartans do not catch a break this week, as they go against the best rushing attack in the nation.

The Nevada Wolf Pack, led by quarterback Colin Kaepernick and running back Vai Tava, average 319 yards per game on the ground.

A major contributor to Nevada's rushing attack is Kaepernick, who averages 100 rushing yards a game. His rushing total is the 24th best among all ball carriers in the FBS.

"It is very difficult to prepare for Nevada, because they are a two-headed monster," said Adonis Davis, SJSU senior defensive tackle. "Kaepernick is an awesome player. We have to defend him as much as we have to defend their running back."

Tava has averaged 105 yards a game this season, ranking 18th in the nation.

Two weeks ago, against Idaho, the Wolf Pack put up 70 points and ran for 484 yards.

In the first half of the game against Boise State last week, the Spartans showed that they improved their rushing defense, allowing eight yards on 18 carries. But, Boise State ran for 132 yards in the second half.

Against Boise State, senior linebacker Justin Cole was held out of the starting lineup in favor of Pompey Festejo, who Tomey said was playing better.

Tomey said he was unsure if Cole would start this week.

With less than a minute left in the half, the Spartans trailed Boise State 10-7.

In the final 44 seconds, the Broncos scored two touchdowns to go into the half with a 24-7 lead.

"With a minute left in the half, it was a great football game and it was hard to tell the difference in the two teams," Tomey said. "We busted a coverage or two, and fumbled the ball and did things that stole all the momentum."

Since starting the season 0-3, Nevada has bounced back with five straight wins and is now one victory away from bowl eligibility.

SJSU started off similarly to Nevada, losing its first three games of the season before getting a win against Cal Poly. But

unlike Nevada, which went on a winning streak, the Spartans have lost every game since and stand at 1-6.

"Somebody asked me, 'Are you frustrated?'" Tomey said. "I said, 'Damn right I am, and hope everybody is.' But you just got to keep fighting."

The game against Nevada will be nationally televised on ESPN and will be played Sunday night at Spartan Stadium.

"We can use an extra day looking at these guys," Tomey said. "It will make more of an impact next week going to Utah State."

The Spartans strength so far this season has been forcing fumbles, since they have recovered a fumble in all seven games this season.

The Spartans lead the Western Athletic Conference in fumble recoveries with 11.

The Wolf Pack have had trouble holding onto the ball, losing 13 fumbles, the second most in the conference.

Last season, SJSU lost to Nevada 41-17 in Reno as Kaepernick and Tava ran for a combined 272 yards.

The last time the Wolf Pack came to San Jose in 2007, the Spartans defeated Nevada 27-24.



Pompey Festejo hits Fresno State quarterback Ryan Colburn during SJSU's 41-21 loss. Festejo played last week against Boise State in place of Justin Cole.

[Joe Proudman / Spartan Daily]

Key Players

Nevada	
QB Colin Kaepernick	Has run for 805 yards and has completed 61.3 percent of his passes
DE Kevin Basped	Leads team in sacks with six
SJSU	
QB Jordan La Secla	Has completed 61 percent of his passes and thrown for 1136 yards
DE Carl Ithenacho	Tied for team lead in tackles for loss and leads in fumbles recovered

WAC Football standings

Team	WAC record	Overall record
Boise State	3-0	8-0
Idaho	4-1	7-2
Nevada	4-0	5-3
Fresno State	4-1	5-3
Louisiana Tech	2-3	3-5
New Mexico State	1-3	3-6
Utah State	1-3	2-6
Hawaii	0-5	2-6
SJSU	0-3	1-6

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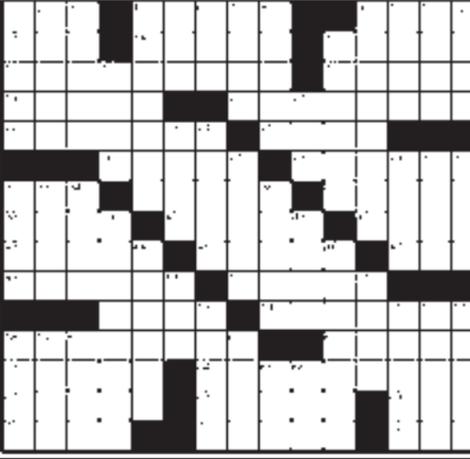
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Customers show poor restaurant etiquette



Angela Marino
Staff Writer

I used to work in a restaurant. The restaurant was rather popular where I lived, so there was a vast array of customers who entered the restaurant. I am usually a nice person — well, at least I try to be, but for some reason, as soon as I entered the restaurant I instantly became cynical of my surroundings. I worked the morning shift

on the weekends, and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. there was a line out the door. People were oblivious to the fact that the staff was running around in a constant panic for seven hours, as they were served their food. I had numerous people complain about how I was neglecting their table, and they felt that I was a disappointment, as I car-

ried a pile of 15 plates to the kitchen. It wasn't just me who they were complaining about. Staff members were also known for their poor service. Customers had a hard time understanding that when they went out for a meal, there was an entire restaurant full of other people who needed their food as well. These nit-picky customers should have cooked for themselves instead of making my shift miserable. To top off the exciting day, at the end of the shift, when tips

were split, it was almost embarrassing to grab the wad of empty gum wrappers and quarters from the tip jar. **It wasn't just me who they were complaining about. Staff members were also known for their poor service.** One time, a homeless man found his way into the restaurant restroom, where he defecated onto the stall floor, completely missing the porcelain target. As the man left the restroom, the intense smell of his accident

on the stall floor did not agree with his stomach, and he threw up all over the hallway that lead to the restroom. Unfortunately, none of the staff noticed what had happened until a man holding his sandals in his hand approached with a particular angry look on his face. The man demanded that we pay for his meal and a new pair of sandals, because he had walked directly into the vomit that was splattered on the floor. The owner of the restaurant paid for his meal, but not his sandals.

I never saw the man again. Now that I no longer work at a restaurant, I will always understand the flustered waiter with flushed cheeks and a shaking hand, writing orders down. Food service industry workers do not receive enough respect from customers whose stomachs are growling and whose urge to knock back alcohol is growing by the second. It is important to remember that members of food staff are trying their hardest to get food to the table in a timely fashion. Just give them some slack the next time you sit down at a restaurant.

Letters to the Editor

This letter is in response to "Would you watch your friend get gang raped?" that was published on Oct. 28.

After the recent Richmond gang rape I really got to thinking to myself, "How could this happen in this day and age? How are people willing to sit by and let something so horrific happen to an individual and stand by and do nothing about it?" Everyone will say that if they were there they would of been the one acting on the action, but I find myself feeling this is actually false. Would those 10 individuals who stood by and let it happen of said the same thing if asked prior to the incident, I believe they would of. Perhaps the girl was dressed improper, perhaps she was "asking for it," but regardless of all of this, what happened to the girl should not be tolerated.

Evan Bader, SJSU senior, Public Relations major

This letter is in response to "Transgender students finds support at SJSU" that was published on Oct. 28.

The article called "Transgender students finds support at SJSU" simply struck me. That is the first time in my entire life that I see an article about this subject taking such a great importance in a newspaper (notably by the fact that it makes the front page). Of course, this is a sign of open-mindedness, but I also perceive it as a political act. This shows to the students how people can be different and how they can be happy when this difference is understood and accepted. This is a matter of general understanding and acceptance, it is a way to teach university's students and staff that they have to be more sensitive to people's differences. They have to learn how to get rid of stereotypes and perceive these so-called differences as being simply another way to live; this other way to live is not better or worse than any other one. This is just what they are, what we are.

By deciding to give this importance to this article, the Spartan Daily has allowed people to think about a "silent" subject, and about diversity on campus. This is how you can go further into the issue of diversity, and this should be done by every newspapers.

Hugo Fonseca, SJSU French exchange student

The growing pains of being biracial



Dominique Dumadaug
Staff Writer

It all starts after people are comfortable talking to me. They ask me the questions I dread. "If you don't mind me asking, what is your ethnic background?" Well, I'm biracial — I am Filipino and Mexican. "Oh, that's cool," the person usually says. "Because you look like you could be both, you look mixed." And then the other question is asked, "So which nationality do you consider yourself most?" Good Lord, I hate that question. How can I consider myself more of one ethnicity than another? That's when the smart ass in me comes out. "I consider myself American," I tell them. That usually confuses them. I can always see the confused look on their faces. "What? Why? I don't get it," they say. "Which side of your family are you closer to? What does your group of friends look like?" That's when I can feel my face

getting red with frustration. And the lengthy explanation begins. I am biracial, so that means I am equal parts Filipino and Mexican. Hence, I do not identify myself as more of one race than another. I consider myself American, because I was born and raised here in America. My mother was born here, and my father emigrated here from the Philippines when he was 8 years old. They met here, got married here and raised a family here. My mother doesn't speak Spanish, because my grandparents wanted their children's first language to be English, and my father never forced me to learn Tagalog, a Filipino dialect, probably because he didn't feel I needed it. Now, as I have gotten older, and can see how speaking another language can be beneficial to employment, I wish I did take the time to learn Spanish and Tagalog. At work, people always come up and ask me questions in an-

other language. All they get from me is a deer-in-the-headlights look and an apology for not being able to help them out. I never felt any favoritism between either side of my family. I love both sides of my family, because they are my family. Both sides are very tight-knit, and I feel a strong and close connection to all of my grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Plenty of time with both sides of the family has been spent on holidays, birthdays, barbecues and weddings throughout my life. It's just like asking people which child is their favorite. It's insulting. As for my friends, I have friends of all ethnicities as well. I have friends that are Filipino, Vietnamese, Mexican, white, black, Peruvian, Indian, Chinese and Puerto Rican. I don't hang out with just one group of people, because there isn't just one group of people here in America, in California, in San Jose. That's the beauty of growing up in such a diverse country, state and city, such as where we live — there are so many cultures, religions and ethnicities that it is outdated to lump people into one group.

Baby blues: the right age to bear children



Allie Figures
Figures It Out

I have not seen my best friend in months, but I can wait. If at all possible, I would try to wait another couple of years before going to visit her, because she has what I consider to be my worst fear — a baby. Call me cold. Or, call me heartless. But there is nothing more weird and frightening to me than babies and small children. They cry, and smell and require lots of attention. No thanks. For some reason, I was born with no maternal instincts and a broken biological clock, because I have no desire to have children — or even tolerate them. When children come into the grocery store where I work, I cringe just a tad. A little girl came through my line at the store sitting in the cart with three fingers in her mouth, babbling about something. She kept talking and drooling and looked at me for a response, but I don't speak baby. I looked at her father for an interpretation, and he seemed offended that I had no idea what his alien daughter was saying. I guess my biggest problem with children this age is communication and responsibility. I have a hard enough time communicating with my peers, let alone an incomprehensible being that relies on you for

survival. How am I supposed to decipher certain cries, each meaning hunger, exhaustion or irritation? This is one game that I do not want to play. Children come with all of these requirements and accessories and unclear directions — worse than Paris Hilton in an IKEA store. At my best friend's baby shower, she received all of these tricks and tools disguised as gifts, while I sat there confused as to their purpose. Even touching her burgeoning belly to feel the baby kick spurred no sense of awe at the formation of human life within her. Something must be wrong with me. Every day, my Facebook homepage is filled with people I went to high school with posting pictures of their homes and babies, and here I am, uploading pictures from last night's party. Clearly, I missed the train to parenthood, and I have no plans to buy a ticket for the next departure. My grandmother worries that she won't be here when I finally come around to the idea of starting my own family and blessing her with more great grandchildren — and I joke and tell her I plan on adopting a 17-and-a-half year old.

But one day, my joke turned into a real possibility when I met a teenage foster child living with an abusive family. He told me about his life challenges, hopes and dreams. He was able to communicate with me in a way I could understand and relate. There are tons more out there just like him — young people yearning for a home and family who care and understand what they have been through. This child did nothing wrong to lose his parents and become lost within a weak and unforgiving system that usually only finds families that want to adopt babies. And suddenly, I felt I wanted to do everything to help him. Immediately my heart bled for him — or maybe it was my maternal instinct kicking in. My parental call of duty in life became clear, and a wave of relief washed over me. I know that I am meant to give older children a chance at some stability and support before going out into the big world to fend entirely for themselves. I now know that there is nothing wrong with me, because I do not want to be pregnant, deliver and raise a baby. Phew. So no baby showers gifts of onesies, diapers and rash cream. When the time finally comes, I will appreciate deodorant, Proactiv and energy drinks, because I am taking on the teens. Allie Figures is the Spartan Daily features editor. "Figures It Out" appears every Wednesday.

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Amelia Johnson, a sophomore vocal performance major, prays Tuesday inside Spartan Memorial during the "48 Hours of Prayer."

Students congregate on campus for '48 Hours of Prayer'

By Mauricio Garcia
Production Editor

Bold lines curve into the shape of a heart, filled with whorls of black and white twisting about each other.

This was one of the images drawn on a poster meant as a form of creative worship for students attending "48 Hours of Prayer" in Spartan Memorial.

"When I look at the figure of a heart, it tends to be pure," said Sean Whitmore, a third-year kinesiology major who illustrated the heart. "The swirls represent temptation, jealousy and hate — the complications of the heart."

"48 Hours of Prayer" was an opportunity for the Christian body of SJSU to pray any time in Spartan Memorial within a 48-hour timeframe, beginning Monday morning at 9 a.m. and continuing until 9 a.m. today, said Tim Castagna coordinator of United In Christ.

"It's really open to anyone," said Castagna, who brought a sleeping bag Tuesday evening to see the event to its finish. "Because we're praying and worshipping, it is catered toward the Christian community, but it's open to anyone who needs prayer and wants to learn more about us."

Greg Tang, a senior health science major, said the event was for Christians to come together to pray as a whole instead of as individuals.

"Most people come here with burdens and things weighing their heart," he said. "I hope when they leave here, they will feel like their prayers have been answered."

Anthony Gallucci, a sophomore business management major, said he led worship from 11 p.m. Monday night until 2 a.m. Tuesday morning, and ended up spending the night in Spartan Memorial.

"A homeless man walked by and asked for prayer and healing. He was very thankful and very loved, he said," according to Gallucci.

Castagna said United In Christ holds the event once or twice a year, and that this was the first year it was done for 48 continuous hours.

"Anyone who wants prayer, needs prayer, can come here to pray for the entire time," said Carol Chen, a sophomore social work major. "People come between classes, at night. Some even sleep over."

On a table at the entrance of Spartan Memorial was a prayer request poster, written upon it were dozens of prayers written by students.

"If you have something on your heart, you can write it down for other people to pray for," Tang said.

Whitmore wrote, "May we all learn to forgive."



A group of students lead worship during "48 Hours of Prayer."

Gallucci said there were also prayer request posters in Joe West Hall and the Dining Commons, as a way to reach out to the campus.

He said he would be praying for a better revelation of his purpose in life, along with his grades and for his cousin, who is in the military.

Whitmore said he was praying for his family, his fraternity and for people who are often forgotten in prayers.

"The homeless, the hungry, the raped and the rapists, the thieves and the people they steal from — it's easy to feel sympathy for those who were abused, but we often forget the abusers," he said. "They need prayers, too."

Students could sign up for slots as either prayer or worship leaders throughout the event, said Jasmine Kwan, a junior creative arts major.

"Basically, there is a worship leader and a prayer leader," she said. "People start praying, and when they stop, the worship leader starts up."

She said worship leaders might play guitar or drums, and sometimes the worship leaders also sing in prayer.

Kwan, who also was a prayer leader at the event, said she felt she was called by God to sign up as a leader.

"Originally, I was just going to come in and participate," she said. "I signed up to step up as a leader. What I wanted to do most was honor and glorify God."



David Johnson, a sophomore aerospace engineering major, takes time to participate in the "48 Hours of Prayer" on Tuesday in Spartan Memorial.

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